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Attached is the 2003 Comprehensive Fisheries Survey Report for Scattered Rice Lake in Forest County.

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# Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources <br> Comprehensive Fisheries Survey Report 

## Scattered Rice Lake, Forest County

2003


## Lake and Location:

Scattered Rice Lake, Forest County, T36N-R14E-Sec 25 (WBIC 555200)

## Physical/Chemical Attributes:

Morphometry: 486 acres, maximum depth 10 feet
Lake Type: Impoundment (two inlets, Birch Creek and Rat River; one outlet to Rat River)
Basic Water Chemistry: Mod. hard water - alkalinity $68 \mathrm{mg} / \mathrm{l}$, conductance 157 umhos
Littoral substrate: 100\% muck. Stumps and woody cover in about $40 \%$ of basin
Aquatic vegetation: Moderate to heavy coverage throughout the lake basin
Shoreline character: 80\% upland, 20\% wetland; adjacent to Village of Laona
Level of shoreline development: Low (avg. 1 structure about every 1400 feet of shoreline)
Winterkill: None reported
Other features: Lumber mill and dam at outlet with 6 ft . head
Purpose of Survey: Assess status of gamefish, panfish and non-game species. Develop management recommendations.

Dates of Field Work: April 24, 2003 to September 22, 2003
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## I. SUMMARY

Scattered Rice Lake was surveyed in 2003 with a variety of sampling gear to assess the status of all major fish communities. Sampling began with early spring fyke netting and electroshocking, targeted at adult gamefish abundance, and concluded with fall electroshocking for gamefish young-of-year recruitment. Included between those periods was late spring electroshocking for adult bass, late spring fyke netting targeted at panfish, and summer mini-fyke netting for panfish and non-game species.

A fish community consisting of 3 gamefish, 5 panfish, 2 bullhead, 1 sucker and 1 minnow species was sampled during the survey period (Figure1). Northern pike was the most commonly encountered gamefish, followed by largemouth bass (LMB) and a small number of muskellunge. Among the panfish, yellow perch were collected in relatively greater abundance than bluegill, pumpkinseed, black crappie or rock bass. All species encountered are maintained by natural reproduction, with the possible exception of muskellunge.

Largemouth bass were numerous, had a good size structure, and were growing at slightly above average rates. Muskellunge were very few in number and ranged in size from 23.3 to 46.5 inches in length. While no musky stocking has occurred in Scattered Rice Lake since 1979, muskies do have access to the lake from Wabicon Lake, 3.5 miles upstream on the Rat River. Northern pike were quite numerous (estimated at 9.8 adults per acre), with a poor size structure, and growing at average rates.

Among the panfish, a naturally reproducing population of black crappies with a good size structure and near average growth rates was found in Scattered Rice Lake. Bluegills, pumpkinseeds, and yellow perch were naturally reproducing, had fair to marginal size structures, and were growing at slightly above average rates. Rockbass were quite scarce. The somewhat small size structure of most panfish species, in spite of decent growth rates, is possibly related to high angling pressure on larger sizes.

Management recommendations are as follows:
Largemouth Bass - No active management of largemouth bass is recommended at this time. The current regulation of 5 daily bag, 14 inches minimum length is appropriate.

Muskellunge - No active management of muskellunge in Scattered Rice Lake is recommended at this time. The current regulation of 1 daily bag, 34 inches minimum length is appropriate.

Northern Pike - No active management of northern pike is recommended at this time. The current regulation of 5 bag , no minimum size is appropriate.

Black Crappie, Bluegill, Pumpkinseed, Yellow Perch - No active management of these panfish species is recommended at this time. Future work should be directed at assessing the need for, and potential success of a reduced panfish daily bag limit and/or minimum size limits for panfish.

General Lake Condition and Habitat - There is an abundance of habitat in the form of stumps and logs. There is no need for habitat enhancements or additions in Scattered Rice Lake.

Public Access - The current level of public access is adequate.

## II. PAST MANAGEMENT AND SURVEYS

## Known Stocking History

LM Bass - fingerlings, 1946-53
Muskellunge - fingerlings, 1965-79

## Past Surveys and Findings

There is no record of any management surveys ever being conducted in Scattered Rice Lake.

| Dates | Gear Type | Sampling Effort | Primary Objective | Other Objectives |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| April 24-28, 2003 | Fyke Nets | 6-4 Foot, 27 Lifts | Gamefish Population Estimates (Marking). Yp and BC, LF and Age Data. | Collect Gamefish; Lengths Mark, and Aging Data. Gamefish and Nongamefish. CPE. |
| April 30, 2003 | Electrofishing | 4.6 Miles | Gamefish Population Estimates ( $1^{\text {st }}$ Run) Recapture Run | Collect Gamefish; Lengths, Mark, and Aging Data. |
| May 19, 2003 | Electrofishing | 4.6 Miles | Gamefish Population Estimates ( ${ }^{\text {nd }}$ Run) | Collect Gamefish; Lengths, Mark, and Aging Data. |
| May 27, 2003 | Electrofishing | 4.6 Miles | Gamefish Population Estimates (3 ${ }^{\text {rd }}$ Run) | Collect Gamefish; Lengths, Mark, and Aging Data. CPE by Station. |
| June 3-6, 2003 | Fyke Nets | 4-4 Foot, 16 Lifts | Panfish Survey, CPE | Collect Panfish Aging Data. Gamefish Lengths. |
| July 30, 2003 | Minifyke | 6 Nets, 6 Lifts | Young of year and Nongame Species | Lengths and CPE |
| September 22, 2003 | Electrofishing | 4.0 Miles | 2 Index and 2 Gamefish Stations | Lengths and CPE |

## IV. SURVEY RESULTS

Results are summarized below. Corresponding data tables are in the Appendix.

## CATCH SUMMARY

A fish community consisting of 3 gamefish, 5 panfish, 2 bullhead, 1 sucker and 1 minnow species was samples during the survey period (Figure1). Northern pike was the most commonly encountered gamefish, followed by largemouth bass (LMB) and a small number of muskellunge. Among the panfish, yellow perch were collected in relatively greater abundance than bluegill, pumpkinseed, black crappie or rock bass.

Figure 1.


## GAMEFISH RELATIVE ABUNDANCE

Early and late spring fyke netting yielded relatively more northern pike than bass and muskies (Figure 2). Spring electroshocking (first 3 runs combined) collected good numbers of largemouth bass, compared to northern pike and muskies (Figure 3). Fall electroshocking yielded good numbers of both largemouth bass and northern pike, with pike being relatively more common.

Figure 2.

|  | Scattered Rice Lake, Forest County <br> Gamefish Catch Per Effort - All Sizes <br> Netting - 2003 Comp Survey | $\square$ Early Spring <br> $\square$ Late Spring |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |

Figure 3.


## LARGEMOUTH BASS

## Size Structure

A total of 419 largemouth bass (LMB) were measured for total length (TL) during the survey period (Figure 4). For the 116 LMB larger than 8.0 inches TL, the modal (most common) size was 14 inches, and the average was 13.6 inches TL. We found good numbers of LMB above the legal minimum size of 14 inches.

Figure 4.


## Growth

A total of 82 largemouth bass (LMB) were aged by examining scales. Growth, as inferred from length at age, was generally above the average for similar north central Wisconsin lakes (Figure 5).

Figure 5.


## Abundance

A mark/recapture, Chapman-modified, Schnabel sampling method used to calculate abundance estimated the adult LMB population at 1405 fish, or 2.9 per acre. Only 2 marked bass were subsequently recaptured. Based on $95 \%$ confidence intervals, the actual numbers could range from 391 to 14,041 fish, or 0.8 to 28.9 fish per acre. Due to the low number of recaptures, the coefficient of variation for the estimate was $71 \%$, far beyond the acceptable maximum of $40 \%$.

## MUSKELLUNGE

## Size Structure and Abundance

A total of 12 muskies were captured during the survey period, ranging in size from 23.3 to 46.5 inches TL.

## Growth

A total of 10 muskies were aged by examining scales. Growth, as inferred from length at age, was near the average for similar north central Wisconsin lakes (Figure 6).

Figure 6.


## NORTHERN PIKE

## Size Structure

A total of 561 northern pike (NP) were measured for total length (TL) during the survey period (Figure 7). The modal size was 13 inches, and the average was 15.3 inches TL. Although we found good numbers of pike, few were of quality size.

Figure 7.


## Growth

A total of 289 northern pike were aged by examining scales. Growth, as inferred from length at age, was near the average for similar north central Wisconsin lakes up to age 5, but above average for older ages (Figure 8).

Figure 8.


## Abundance

A mark/recapture, Chapman-modified, Schnabel sampling method used to calculate abundance estimated the adult NP population at 4779 fish, or 9.8 per acre. Based on $95 \%$ confidence intervals, the actual numbers could range from 3167 to 7618 fish, or 6.5 to 15.7 fish per acre. The coefficient of variation for the estimate was $21.3 \%$, well below the acceptable maximum of $40 \%$.

## PANFISH RELATIVE ABUNDANCE

Yellow perch were relatively much more numerous than the other panfish in the early spring nets, which were targeted at percids and esocids (Figure 9). Late spring netting, which targeted centrarchid panfish, yielded relatively more pumpkinseed than the other panfish, including bluegill. Bluegills were relatively greater in abundance than the other panfish during summer netting for young-of- year panfish.

Figure 9.


## BLACK CRAPPIE

## Size Structure

A total of 311 crappies were measured for TL in spring fyke nets. Average size was 8.7 inches, while the maximum was 13.2 inches (Figure 10). Black crappie size quality as determined by proportional and relative stock indices revealed $62 \%$ were larger than a "quality" size of 8 inches, and $32 \%$ larger than a "preferred" size of 10 inches (Figure 11).

Figure 10.


Figure 11.


## Growth

A total of 145 black crappies were aged by examining scales. Growth, as inferred from length at age, was somewhat below average for crappies to age 3, and about average for older fish when compared to similar north central Wisconsin lakes (Figure 12).

Figure 12.


## BLUEGILL

## Size Structure

A total of 232 bluegills were measured for TL in late spring fyke nets. Modal size was 6.7 inches, while the maximum was 9.7 inches (Figure 13). Bluegill size quality as determined by proportional and relative stock indices revealed $96 \%$ were larger than a "quality" size of 6 inches, but only $7 \%$ larger than a "preferred" size of 8 inches (Figure 11).

Figure 13.


## Growth

A total of 64 bluegills were aged by examining scales. Growth, as inferred from length at age, was generally above the average for similar north central Wisconsin lakes (Figure 14).

Figure 14.


## PUMPKINSEED

## Size Structure

A total of 281 pumpkinseed sunfish were measured for TL in late spring fyke nets (Figure 15). Those that appeared to be bluegill x pumpkinseed hybrids were counted as pumpkinseeds. Modal size was 6.0-6.4 inches, while the maximum was 8.4 inches. Pumpkinseed size quality as determined by proportional and relative stock indices revealed $61 \%$ were larger than a "quality" size of 6 inches, but only $0.4 \%$ larger than a "preferred" size of 8 inches (Figure 11).

Figure 15.


## Growth

A total of 75 pumpkinseeds were aged by examining scales. Growth, as inferred from length at age, was average to slightly above the average for similar north central Wisconsin lakes (Figure 16).

Figure 16.


## ROCKBASS

## Size Structure

A total of 16 rockbass were measured for TL in late spring fyke nets, ranging in size from 3.5 to 9.4 inches. Modal size was 6.0-6.4 inches.

## Growth

Fifteen rockbass were aged by examining scales. Growth, as inferred from length at age, was above the average for similar north central Wisconsin lakes (Figure 17).

Figure 17.


## YELLOW PERCH

## Size Structure

A total of 315 yellow perch were measured for TL in spring fyke nets (Figure 18). Modal size was 6.5-6.9 inches, while the maximum was 12.4 inches. Yellow perch size quality as determined by proportional and relative stock indices revealed $37 \%$ were larger than a "quality" size of 8 inches, but only $7 \%$ larger than a "preferred" size of 10 inches (Figure 11).

Figure 18.


## Growth

A total of 126 yellow perch were aged by examining scales. Growth, as inferred from length at age, was slightly above the average for similar north central Wisconsin lakes (Figure 19).

Figure 19.


## V. DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

## GAMEFISH

Largemouth Bass - A naturally reproducing population with good size structure and above average growth rates is presently in Scattered Rice Lake. Although the population estimate was poor due to the small numbers of recaptures, it appears LMB are quite numerous. Habitat in the form of woody cover is extensive, and likely is a major factor in the quality bass population of Scattered Rice Lake.

Recommendation: No active management of largemouth bass in Pine Lake is recommended at this time. The current regulation of 5 daily bag, 14 inches minimum length is appropriate.

Muskellunge - Few muskies were captured, and little can be said with certainty about the status of their population. No muskies have been stocked into Scattered Rice Lake since 1979, which would suggest all the muskies captured during this survey were naturally reproduced. However, Wabicon Lake is regularly stocked with muskie fingerlings, and is about 3.5 miles upstream from Scattered Rice Lake on the Rat River. Muskies will probably continue to be present in low numbers in Scattered Rice Lake, either by natural reproduction or migration from Wabicon Lake.

Recommendation: No active management of muskellunge in Scattered Rice Lake is recommended at this time. The current regulation of 1 daily bag, 34 inches minimum length is appropriate.

Northern Pike - A naturally reproducing, large population with poor size structure and average growth rates is presently in Scattered Rice Lake. Few pike are growing to quality sizes.

Recommendation: No active management of northern pike in Pine Lake is recommended at this time. The current regulation of 5 bag, no minimum size is appropriate.

## PANFISH

Black Crappie- A naturally reproducing population of black crappies with a good size structure and average growth rates is presently in Scattered Rice Lake. Catch rates of black crappies in spring nets were fairly high, suggesting a sizable population.

Bluegill and Pumpkinseed - Naturally reproducing populations of bluegills and pumpkinseeds with fair to marginal size structures and slightly above average growth rates is presently in Scattered Rice Lake. The combined catch rate for both species in late spring nets was good, suggesting sizable populations. We found relatively few fish of either species over 8 inches in length, in spite of decent growth rates, which could be a result of angler harvest. While creel data are not available, we observed many anglers on Scattered Rice Lake in early summer 2003, most likely targeting centrarchid panfish.

Yellow Perch - A naturally reproducing population of yellow perch with a fair size structure and slightly above average growth rates is presently in Scattered Rice Lake. As with the centrarchid panfish, we found relatively few perch over a "preferred" size, in spite of decent growth rates. Angler harvest of larger individuals may also be a significant factor in structuring the sizes of the perch population.

Recommendation: No active management of black crappie, bluegill, pumpkinseed or yellow perch in Scattered Rice Lake is recommended at this time. The appropriateness of a reduced panfish daily bag limit and/or minimum size limits for panfish should be evaluated following a creel survey.

Other Panfish - Rockbass were relatively very low in abundance compared to the other panfish. No management recommendations for this species are needed at this time.

## GENERAL LAKE CONDITION and HABITAT

As mentioned above, woody cover in the form of stumps and logs is very abundant in Scattered Rice Lake (Figure 20). On a seasonal basis, a significant portion of the lake basin also supports a dense growth of wild rice. The great amount of cover provides much habitat and also limits angler access, especially for largemouth bass and black crappies. There is no need for habitat enhancements or additions in Scattered Rice Lake.

Figure 20.


## PUBLIC ACCESS

The current boat access just upstream of the railroad bridge is adequate for the amount of use.

## APPENDIX

## Appendix Table numbering corresponds with Figures in the SURVEY RESULTS section.

Table 1. Scattered Rice Lake, Forest County 2003 Comprehensive Fisheries Survey Catch Summary

| Fish Species |  | Nettin Catch | Early S and El MinSize | trofishing MaxSize | Catch Catch | (and Siz Late Sp <br> Netting | Range in ng | Catch | s) by Sa <br> Summ <br> Nettin | mpling Pe <br> MaxSize | Catch | Fall Electrofis MinSize |  | Total Catch |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Black Bullhead | Ictalurus melas | 162 | ND | ND | 93 | 5.0 | 12.3 | 4 | 1.1 | 1.9 | 6 | 6.6 | 9.9 | 265 | 1.1 | 12.3 |
| Black Crappie | Pomoxis nigromaculatus | 380 | 5.0 | 13.4 | 60 | 4.9 | 13.2 | 36 | 1.2 | 2.0 | 46 | 3.1 | 12.8 | 522 | 1.2 | 13.4 |
| Bluegill | Lepomis macrochirus | 340 | ND | ND | 232 | 3.4 | 9.7 | 118 | 1.1 | 3.5 | 204 | 1.3 | 8.4 | 894 | 1.1 | 9.7 |
| Common Shiner | Notropis cornutus |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1 | 3.7 | 3.7 | 1 | 3.7 | 3.7 |
| Largemouth Bass | Micropterus salmoides | 105 | 4.5 | 20.1 | 10 | 6.1 | 8.4 | 272 | 1.4 | 4 | 34 | 8 | 21.1 | 421 | 1.4 | 21.1 |
| Muskellunge | Esox masquinongy | 12 | 23.3 | 46.5 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 12 | 23.3 | 46.5 |
| Northern Pike | Esox lucius | 556 | 8.0 | 33.2 | 24 | 11.5 | 21.2 |  |  |  | 40 | 7.6 | 26.9 | 620 | 7.6 | 33.2 |
| Pumpkinseed | Lopomis gibbosus | 338 | ND | ND | 281 | 3.6 | 8.0 | 71 | 2.1 | 3.4 | 19 | 2.9 | 6.9 | 709 | 2.1 | 8.0 |
| Rock Bass | Ambloplites rupestris | 93 | ND | ND | 17 | 3.5 | 9.1 |  |  |  | 1 | 8.8 | 8.8 | 111 | 3.5 | 9.1 |
| White Sucker | Catostomus commersoni | 21 | ND | ND | 2 | 16.5 | 20.3 |  |  |  | 8 | 13.1 | 19 | 31 | 13.1 | 20.3 |
| Yellow Bullhead | Ictalurus natalis | 1665 | ND | ND | 389 | 4.4 | 12.2 | 2 | 1.8 | 6.4 | 33 | 5.8 | 11.8 | 2089 | 1.8 | 12.2 |
| Yellow Perch | Perca flavescens | 1550 | 8 | 12.4 | 23 | 5.9 | 11 | 24 | 1.6 | 2.5 | 18 | 3.9 | 10 | 1615 | 1.6 | 12.4 |

ND = No Data

Table 2. Gamefish CPE's - Netting - Scattered Rice L

| 2003 | Early | Late |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | ---: |
|  | Spring | Spring |  |
| Largemouth Bass | 1.41 |  | 0.63 |
| Muskellunge | 0.33 |  |  |
| Northern Pike | 19.00 | 1.81 |  |


| Table 3. Gamefish CPE's - Shocking - Scattered Rice L |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| 2003 |  |  |
|  | Spring (combined) | Fall |
| Largemouth Bass | 4.86 | 8.50 |
| Muskellunge | 0.22 |  |
| Northern Pike | 3.12 | 10.00 |

Table 4. LMB Scattered Rice Lake 2003 Length Frequency

|  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| unmarked fish only |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| INCH |  |  |  |  |
| GROUP | 04/24-06/06/03 | 7/29-30/03 | 9/22/03 | Totals |
| <8.0 | 31 | 272 |  | 303 |
| 8 | 3 |  | 2 | 5 |
| 9 | 2 |  | 8 | 10 |
| 10 | 4 |  | 4 | 8 |
| 11 | 2 |  | 2 | 4 |
| 12 | 8 |  | 3 | 11 |
| 13 | 15 |  | 1 | 16 |
| 14 | 15 |  | 5 | 20 |
| 15 | 15 |  | 1 | 16 |
| 16 | 4 |  | 3 | 7 |
| 17 | 4 |  |  | 4 |
| 18 | 5 |  | 1 | 6 |
| 19 | 4 |  | 2 | 6 |
| 20 | 1 |  | 1 | 2 |
| 21 | 0 |  | 1 | 1 |
| 22 | 0 |  |  | 0 |
| 23 | 0 |  |  | 0 |
| 24 | 0 |  |  | 0 |
| 25+ | 0 |  |  | 0 |
|  |  |  |  | 0 |
| TOTAL | 113 | 272 | 34 | 419 |

Table 5. Largemouth Bass length at age (inches)

|  |  |  |
| ---: | ---: | ---: |
|  | Scattered Rice Lake 2003 | NC Wis avg. (drainage) |
| age | survey avg length | length |
| 1 |  | 3.2 |
| 2 | 6.9 | 7.2 |
| 3 | 9.6 | 10.3 |
| 4 | 12.5 | 11.3 |
| 5 | 13.8 | 12.9 |
| 6 | 15.6 | 14.4 |
| 7 | 16.2 | 15.3 |
| 8 | 15.3 | 16.7 |
| 9 | 19.1 |  |
| 10 | 19.5 |  |


| Table 6. Muskellunge length at age (inches) |  |  |
| ---: | ---: | ---: |
|  |  |  |
|  | Scattered Rice Lake 2003 |  |
| age | Nurvey avg length | leng. (drainage) |
| 1 |  | 11.6 |
| 2 |  | 17.0 |
| 3 | 23.3 | 21.7 |
| 4 |  | 25.4 |
| 5 | 29.6 | 30.0 |
| 6 | 32.0 | 32.2 |
| 7 |  | 35.5 |
| 8 | 38.5 | 38.1 |
| 9 | 38.8 | 40.0 |
| 10 | 44.0 | 45.3 |


| Table 7. NP Scattered Rice Lake 2003 Length Frequenc |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |
| unmarked fish only |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |
| INCH |  |  |  |
| GROUP | 04/23-06/05/03 | 9/22/03 | totals |
| <8.0 |  | 1 | 1 |
| 8 |  |  | 0 |
| 9 | 3 | 2 | 5 |
| 10 | 6 | 1 | 7 |
| 11 | 28 |  | 28 |
| 12 | 75 | 4 | 79 |
| 13 | 82 | 7 | 89 |
| 14 | 58 | 6 | 64 |
| 15 | 46 | 3 | 49 |
| 16 | 34 |  | 34 |
| 17 | 42 | 5 | 47 |
| 18 | 25 | 4 | 29 |
| 19 | 33 | 2 | 35 |
| 20 | 24 | 2 | 26 |
| 21 | 18 | 2 | 20 |
| 22 | 16 |  | 16 |
| 23 | 6 |  | 6 |
| 24 | 5 |  | 5 |
| 25 | 8 |  | 8 |
| 26 | 2 | 1 | 3 |
| 27 | 3 |  | 3 |
| 28 | 1 |  | 1 |
| 29 | 4 |  | 4 |
| 30 | 1 |  | 1 |
| 31 | 0 |  | 0 |
| 32 | 0 |  | 0 |
| 33 | 1 |  | 1 |
|  |  |  |  |
| TOTALS | 521 | 40 | 561 |


| Table 8. Northern pike length at age (inches) |  |  |
| ---: | ---: | ---: |
|  |  |  |
|  | Scattered Rice Lake 2003 |  |
| age Wis avg. (drainage) |  |  |
| 1 | survey avg length | length |
| 1 | 9.6 | 9.2 |
| 2 | 13.3 | 14.1 |
| 3 | 16.7 | 17.1 |
| 4 | 19.6 | 19.8 |
| 5 | 22.2 | 21.8 |
| 6 | 27.6 | 25 |
| 7 | 28.4 | 25.9 |
| 8 |  | 27.4 |


| Table 9. Scattered Rice Lake Panfish CPE -2003 |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | ---: |
| Nets | Larly | Late |  |
|  | Spring | Spring | Summer |
| Black Crappie | 14.11 | 3.75 | 6.00 |
| Bluegill | 12.59 | 14.69 | 19.67 |
| Pumpkinseed | 12.52 | 30.56 | 11.83 |
| Rock Bass | 3.26 | 1.06 |  |
| Yellow Perch | 57.41 | 1.44 | 4.00 |


| Table 10. Black Crappie LF Scattered Rice Lake 200 |  |
| :--- | ---: |
| fyke nets early and late spring |  |
|  |  |
| Size Range | number BC |
| $4.5-4.9$ | 3 |
| $5.0-5.4$ | 13 |
| $5.5-5.9$ | 4 |
| $6.0-6.4$ | 16 |
| $6.5-6.9$ | 41 |
| $7.0-7.4$ | 36 |
| $7.5-7.9$ | 6 |
| $8.0-8.4$ | 5 |
| $8.5-8.9$ | 27 |
| $9.0-9.4$ | 34 |
| $9.5-9.9$ | 28 |
| $10.0-10.4$ | 46 |
| $10.5-10.9$ | 23 |
| $11.0-11.4$ | 8 |
| $11.5-11.9$ | 4 |
| $12.0-12.4$ | 7 |
| $12.5-12.9$ | 8 |
| $13.0-13.4$ | 2 |
| Total | 311 |


| Table 11. Scat | tered Rice Lake Panfish Propo | tional and | Relative St | Densities |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | number >= | number >= | number >= |  |  |  |
|  |  | min pref | min quality | min stock |  |  |  |
| species | sample | length * | length * | length | RSD("preferred") | PSD("quality") | No. of Fish |
| Black Crappie | early and late spring fyke nets | 98 | 192 | 308 | 32 | 62 | 311 |
| Bluegill | late spr fykes | 17 | 223 | 232 | 7 | 96 | 232 |
| Pumpkinseed | late spr fykes | 1 | 171 | 281 | 0.4 | 61 | 281 |
| Yellow Perch | early and late spring fyke nets | 22 | 115 | 315 | - 7 | 37 | 315 |

* Bluegill \& Pumpkinseed PSD6" RSD8"
* Black Crappie \& Perch PSD8" RSD10"

| Table 12. Black Crappie length at age (inches) |  |  |  |  |  |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Scattered Rice Lake 2003 | NC Wis avg. (drainage) |  |  |  |
| age | survey avg length | length |  |  |  |
| 1 | 5.1 | 5.9 |  |  |  |
| 2 | 6.9 | 8 |  |  |  |
| 3 | 8.9 | 9.4 |  |  |  |
| 4 | 10.5 | 10.6 |  |  |  |
| 5 | 11.8 | 11.3 |  |  |  |
| 6 | 12.4 | 12.3 |  |  |  |
| 7 | 13.2 | 13.0 |  |  |  |


| Table 14. Bluegill length at age (inches) |  |  |
| ---: | ---: | ---: |
|  |  |  |
|  | Scattered Rice Lake 2003 | NC Wis avg. (drainage) |
| age | survey avg length | length |
| 2 | 3.7 | 3.6 |
| 3 | 5.3 | 5.3 |
| 4 | 6.6 | 6.4 |
| 5 | 7.7 | 7 |
| 6 | 8.4 | 7.8 |
| 7 | 9.6 | 8.4 |

Table 13. Bluegill LF Scattered Rice Lake 2003 fyke netsJune 3-6

|  |  |
| :--- | ---: |
| Size Range | number BG |
| $<2$ |  |
| $2.0-2.4$ |  |
| $2.5-2.9$ | 1 |
| $3.0-3.4$ | 1 |
| $3.5-3.9$ | 2 |
| $4.0-4.4$ | 5 |
| $4.5-4.9$ | 35 |
| $5.0-5.4$ | 77 |
| $5.5-5.9$ | 66 |
| $6.0-6.4$ | 28 |
| $6.5-6.9$ | 8 |
| $7.0-7.4$ | 3 |
| $7.5-7.9$ | 4 |
| $8.0-8.4$ | 2 |
| $8.5-8.9$ | 232 |
| $9.0-9.4$ |  |
| $9.5-9.9$ |  |
| Totals |  |


| Table 15. Pumpkinseed LF |  |
| :--- | ---: |
| fyke netsJune 3-6 |  |
|  |  |
| Size Range | number PS |
| $<2$ |  |
| $2.0-2.4$ |  |
| $2.5-2.9$ | 2 |
| $3.0-3.4$ | 13 |
| $3.5-3.9$ | 28 |
| $4.0-4.4$ | 22 |
| $4.5-4.9$ | 45 |
| $5.0-5.4$ | 103 |
| $5.5-5.9$ | 43 |
| $6.0-6.4$ | 4 |
| $6.5-6.9$ | 1 |
| $7.0-7.4$ |  |
| $7.5-7.9$ | 281 |
| $8.0-8.4$ |  |
| $8.5-8.9$ |  |
| $9.0-9.4$ |  |
| $9.5-9.9$ |  |
| Totals |  |


| Table 16. Pumpkinseed length at age (inches) |  |  |
| ---: | ---: | ---: |
|  |  |  |
|  | Scattered Rice Lake 2003 | NC Wis avg. (drainage) |
| age | survey avg length | length |
| 2 |  |  |
| 3 | 4.7 | 3.6 |
| 4 | 6.1 | 4.8 |
| 5 | 7.2 | 6.0 |
| 6 | 7.5 | 6.8 |
| 7 |  | 7.0 |

Table 17. Rockbass length at age (inches)

|  |  |  |
| ---: | ---: | ---: |
|  | Scattered Rice Lake 2003 | NC Wis avg. (drainage) |
| age | survey avg length | length |
| 2 | 4.4 | 3.7 |
| 3 | 6.2 | 5.2 |
| 4 | 6.4 | 6.4 |
| 5 | 8.6 | 7.3 |
| 6 |  | 7.9 |
| 7 |  | 8.5 |
| 8 | 9.1 | 9.0 |


| Table 18. Yelow Perch LF Scattered Rice Lake 2003 |  | Table 19. Yellow perch length at age (inches) |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| fyke nets early and late spring |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | Scattered Rice Lake 2003 | NC Wis avg. (drainage) |
| Size Range | number YP | age | survey avg length | length |
| $\leq 2$ |  | 2 |  | 4.3 |
| 2.0-2.4 |  | 3 | 5.6 | 5.8 |
| 2.5-2.9 |  | 4 | 7.0 | 7.1 |
| 3.0-3.4 |  | 5 | 8.5 | 8.1 |
| 3.5-3.9 |  | 6 | 9.5 | 9.1 |
| 4.0-4.4 |  | 7 | 10.3 | 9.8 |
| 4.5-4.9 |  | 8 | 12.0 | 11.3 |
| 5.0-5.4 | 8 | 9 | 12.0 |  |
| 5.5-5.9 | 22 |  |  |  |
| 6.0-6.4 | 37 |  |  |  |
| 6.5-6.9 | 47 |  |  |  |
| 7.0-7.4 | 44 |  |  |  |
| 7.5-7.9 | 42 |  |  |  |
| 8.0-8.4 | 32 |  |  |  |
| 8.5-8.9 | 26 |  |  |  |
| 9.0-9.4 | 14 |  |  |  |
| 9.5-9.9 | 21 |  |  |  |
| 10.0-10.4 | 9 |  |  |  |
| 10.5-10.9 | 9 |  |  |  |
| 11.0-11.4 | 2 |  |  |  |
| 11.5-11.9 |  |  |  |  |
| 12.0-12.4 | 2 |  |  |  |
| 12.5-12.9 |  |  |  |  |
| 13.0-13.4 |  |  |  |  |
| Total | 315 |  |  |  |

## SAMPLE LOCATIONS





## SAMPLE LOCATION COORDINATES

Scattered Rice Lake, Forest County
2003 Comp Survey
STATIONS

Station Locations
Map Datum WGS84

| Latitude | Latitude <br> Degrees | Longitude | Longitude |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 45 N | 34.385 | 88 W | 41.474 |
| 45 N | 34.102 | 88 W | 41.298 |
| 45 N | 33.906 | 88 W | 40.920 |
| 45 N | 34.458 | 88 W | 40.888 |

