

FISH FACTS 2010

Results from fishery surveys conducted during the summer of 2010 are shown on the following pages. Fish capture techniques are dependent upon the objectives of the survey and may include gill nets or downhaul trap nets. Fish sizes are typically reported by weight (g) for gill nets and length (cm) for trap nets.

If you have any questions on survey methods or equipment, or if you have concerns about the health of a specific fishery, please contact the Ministry of Environment fisheries biologist nearest you: La Ronge 425-4247; Meadow Lake 236-7674; Prince Albert 953-3242; and Saskatoon: 933-7943.

Waterbody and Location	Species Caught (Weight/Length) and Population Status	Date Tested/Survey Gear/Remarks
Anderson Lake 55°30' 106°10' NW of Besnard Lake	Pike: (79 – 1674g) Moderate	May 10-11/ Gill nets. Formerly stocked with rainbow trout. Very rough abandoned logging road from Besnard Lake. Four wheel drive recommended.
Barker Lake 55°40' 104°48' Part of Churchill River system	Walleye: (40 – 1400g) Fair Pike: (39 – 8300g) Fair Sauger: (320 & 400g) Sparse Perch: (90 – 410g) Fair Also 27 whitefish, 3 ciscos, 1 longnose sucker, 64 shorthead redhorse suckers, 56 white suckers.	June 5-7/ Gill nets. Rapids between Devil Lake and Barker were navigable in 2010 with small boat and outboard. In some years, rapids cannot be navigated. On popular Churchill River canoe route.
Barrier Lake 53° 32' 103°47' 41 – 12, 13 14 W2 SE of Tisdale	Walleye: (38 – 1150 g) Fair Northern Pike: (5560 g) Sparse Perch: (30 – 54 g) Poor	June 16 / Gill nets. Angling reported to be fair for pike and walleye at time of testing. Stocked annually with one million walleye fry.
Big Sandy Lake 54° 27' 104° 06' 62, 63 - 14, 15 W2 KM 150 Hanson Lake Road	Walleye: (86g) Sparse Northern Pike: (192-2540g) Moderate Perch: (26 - 52g) Poor Whitefish: (684 - 2865g) Fair	August 10-11/ Gill nets. No report of angling success at time of testing.
Buffalo Pound Trout Pond Buffalo Pound Provincial Park	Rainbow Trout: Nil catch	August 26-27/ Gill net.
Caddis Lake 54° 39' 104° 54' 30" 26- 65-20 W2	Brown Trout: (950 – 1470g) Moderate	June 7/ Gill nets. Angling success was reported to be fair at time of testing. Special regulations apply - trout limit of two; only one may exceed 55 cm and barbless hooks.
Cora Lake 54° 15' 104° 34' 14-61-18 W2 SE Little Bear Lake	Rainbow Trout: (130-230g) Fair	July 7/ Gill net. Stocked annually with 2,000 rainbow trout.

Crooked Lake 19-5,6 W2 South of Melville	Walleye: (100 – 2510g) Good Pike: (310 – 9700g) Good Perch: (50 – 295g) Moderate	June 14-15/ Gill nets. An abundant population of walleye is present, with good representation from many size classes. Pike populations have increased in abundance over earlier surveys.
Elaine Lake 54° 27' 106° 22' 63 - 3 W3 West of Weyakwin	Perch: (14 – 110g) Poor Whitefish: (150 - 1380g) Sparse	August 5/ Gill nets. No angler reports.
First Mustus Lake 54° 26' 108° 49'	Walleye: (39-65cm) Poor Pike: (24-61cm) Good Perch: Forage	June 28-29/ Gill nets. Walleye - Good percentage of quality angling size fish caught. Poor angling success reported. Pike - Small percentage of quality angling size fish caught, with few trophy size fish. Angling success reported as fair. Low oxygen values in summer at depths greater than 7 metres. Old bridge crossing closed.
Goodspirit Lake 29-3-5 W2 SW of Canora	Walleye: (105 - 1140g) Moderate Pike: (650 - 980g) Poor	August 4 -5/ Gill nets. Filamentous algae due to poor water quality (as a result of severe flooding) made gill nets ineffective. Results are not indicative of the population status of fish, and test netting will be done again under normal water quality conditions.
Harris Reservoir 7-10-26 W3 South of Maple Creek	Nil catch	May 26-27/ Gill nets. Fish kill reported in early April 2010. The reservoir is subject to severe draw down, which can impact fish. It was restocked with perch in July 2010.
Heritage Lake 53° 56' 105° 09' 13, 14, 23-57-22 W2 NE of Candle Lake	Walleye: (52 – 1950g) Good Northern Pike: (400 – 1554g) Good	August 6/ Gill nets. Angling for pike and walleye reported to be fair at time of testing.
Ispuchaw Lake 54° 00' 104° 41' 12, 13-58-19 W2 Narrow Hills Provincial Park	Walleye: (48 – 1300g) Good Northern Pike: (186 – 3070g) Poor Perch: (92 – 142g) Poor	June 9/ Gill nets. Stocked with 200,000 walleye fry every second year. Angling reported to be fair at time of testing.
Jackfish Lake 47-17 W3 N of North Battleford	Walleye: 320 - 1995g) Poor Pike: (580 – 2000g) Moderate Perch: (15 – 95g) Fair Whitefish: (40 - 2030g) Moderate	July 19-23/ Gill nets. Whitefish population appears to be recovering. Walleye populations were slightly more abundant than in the previous survey.
Kimball Lake 54° 25' 108° 49'	Walleye: (22-53cm) Moderate Northern Pike: (33-92cm) Poor Perch: (16cm) Forage	June 21-22/ Gill nets. Walleye - Abundant year classes, limited number of trophy size fish. Pike - Small percentage of trophy size fish caught.
Kipabiskau Lake 52° 34' 104° 09' 41, 42 – 15, 16 W2 SW of Tisdale	Walleye: (56 – 2658g) Fair Northern Pike: (610 – 2748g) Poor Perch: (30 – 494g) Moderate	June 15/ Gill nets. Stocked annually with one million walleye fry. Angling reported to be fair for walleye and pike at time of testing.

Larsen Lake 53° 16' 107° 22'	Walleye: (36-52cm) Moderate Northern Pike: (34-56cm) Good	August 3-4/ Gill nets. Walleye -Trophy size fish limited. Good angling reported. Catch numbers at an all time high. Pike - Small percentage of angling size fish - no trophy size fish caught. Lake subject to periodic winter kills. Low oxygen values in summer at depths greater than 4 metres.
Last Mountain Lake NW of Regina	Walleye: (40 – 5300g) Moderate Pike: 136 – 6810g) Poor Perch: (32 – 356g) Fair Whitefish: (325 – 2200g) Poor Burbot: (175 – 2500g)	June 21-24/ Gill nets. Angling reported as good for pike in shallow water. Gill nets were not effective in sampling the pike population. All game fish showed good size range variation.
Lower Fishing Lake 54° 02' 104° 38' 27, 34 – 58 – 18 W2 Narrow Hills Provincial Park	Walleye: (160 – 2835g) Moderate Northern Pike: (350 – 4850g) Poor Whitefish: (320 – 1680g) Good	August 26/ Gill nets. No reports of angling success at time of testing.
Matheson Lake 54°25' 108°56'	Pike: (38-59cm) Good	June 22-23/ Gill nets. Pike - Good angling success reported. Numerous year classes with no trophy sized fish caught in sample. Catch rates second highest recorded in all survey years.
McComb Lake 55° 32' 104°50' West of Km 71, Hwy 102	Lake trout: (491 – 4111g) Sparse Pike: (999 – 5939g) Sparse Also 91 whitefish, 15 white suckers.	May 12-13/ Gill nets. Formerly popular for winter angling for lake trout. Difficult summer access via wet portage, small lake, and a second portage.
Mistohay Lake 54° 27' 109° 05'	Walleye: (19-59cm) Fair Pike: (23-80cm) Good Perch: (15-23cm) Fair	May 31-June 2/ Gill nets. Walleye - Good percentage of quality angling size fish caught. Fair to good angling success reported. Population increase compared to recent surveys. Pike - Small percentage of good angling size fish in sample, sparse trophy size fish caught. Good angling success reported. Perch - Fair percentage of angling size fish. Improved boat launch access.
Mosher Lake 54°42' 102°04' Hwy 167 near Amisk Lake.	Walleye: (70 – 3200g) Fair Pike: (200 – 5480g) Fair Perch: (40 – 100g) Sparse Also 7 whitefish and 22 white suckers.	August 16-17/ Gill nets. Moderate angling activity. Only one perch was over 18 cm.
Mountain Lake 55°29' 104°30' Stanley Mission at the end of Hwy 915	Walleye: (40 – 1450g) Fair Pike: (90 – 3800g) Fair Sauger: (90 – 550g) Fair Perch: (70 – 430g) Poor Also 5 burbot, 38 whitefish, 154 ciscos, 104 white suckers, 11 shorthead redhorse suckers.	July 5-9 & 19-22/ Gill nets. Known for good angling. Shallow - rocks at boat launch. Most reefs marked, but caution needed when boating. Location of oldest building in Saskatchewan - Holy Trinity Anglican Church, a National and Provincial Historic Site.

Murray Lake 47-16 - W3 North of North Battleford	Walleye: (260 – 2790g) Moderate Pike: (370 – 5370g) Fair Whitefish: (40 – 2015g) Moderate	July 21-22/ Gill nets. A sparse perch population was noted. Good angling for walleye has been reported.
Ness Lake 53°53' 106°47'	Walleye: (22-59cm) Fair Pike: (40-56cm) Poor Perch: Forage Whitefish: (45-60cm) Good	August 11-12/ Gill nets. Walleye - Small percentage is of quality angling size. Pike - Small percentage is of quality angling size. Whitefish - Abundant numbers of “jumbo” size fish in sample, present in previous surveys.
Nesslin Lake 53°57' 106°47'	Walleye: (26-70cm) Poor Pike: (36-95cm) Poor Whitefish: (18-52cm) Good Lake Trout: None caught	August 9-11/ Gill nets. Walleye - Good percentage of walleye are of quality angling size. Good angling success reported. Pike - Small percentage of pike are of quality angling size, although trophy size fish do exist.
Pickrel Bay of Lac La Ronge 55°08' 104°27'	Walleye: 37.4 – 76 cm total length Pike: 37.2 – 95.9 cm total length	May 18-28/ Trap nets. Spring post-spawning investigations. Live release of all fish. Boat access from La Ronge townsite.
Round Lake 18-3 -W2 SW of Esterhazy	Walleye: (185 – 2155g) Good Pike: (80 – 1915g) Moderate Perch: (75 – 465g) Excellent Whitefish: (1290 – 1640g) Poor	August 9-10/ Gill nets. An excellent perch population is present, with many large-sized perch captured in the gill nets.
Round Lake 53°20' 106° 02' 24 – 50 – 1 W3 NW of Prince Albert	Perch: (54 – 396g) Poor Northern Pike: (424 – 820g) Good	June 3/ Gill nets. No reports of angling success at time of testing.
Rusty Lake 54° 02' 109° 13'	Walleye: (35-66cm) Poor Pike: (31-55cm) Moderate Perch: (13-32cm) Fair	August 16-17/ Gill nets. Walleye - Good percentage is of quality angling size. Pike - Small percentage is of quality angling size. Fair angling success reported. Perch - Good numbers of medium to large fish in sample, up to 495 g or 1+ pound. Good angling success reported.
Second Mustus Lake 54° 26' 108° 52'	Walleye: (33-64cm) Fair Pike: (25-63cm) Good Perch: (14-33cm) Poor	July 26-28/ Gill nets. Walleye - Good percentage of quality angling size fish caught. Pike - Small percentage of quality angling size fish caught. Good angling success reported. Perch - Up to 475 g (1+ pound) in sample-fair angling success reported. Low oxygen values in summer at depths greater than 5 metres.
Sled Lake 54° 27' 107° 25'	Walleye: None caught Pike: (23-83cm) Good Perch: (13-28cm) Poor-mostly forage size caught in sample	May 10-17/ Trap nets. May 25-27/ Gill net. Pike - Small percentage are of quality angling size, although a few trophy size fish were caught in sample. Perch - Mostly forage size fish caught in sample, with a small percentage of quality angling size.

<p>Summit Lake 54° 09' 104° 44' 12 - 60 - 19 W2 Narrow Hills Provincial Park</p>	<p>Walleye: (106 – 1792g) Good Northern Pike: (680 – 4490g) Poor Perch: (36 – 92g) Moderate Whitefish: (756 – 4015g) Poor</p>	<p>August 12/ Gill nets. No reports of angling success at time of testing. Perch were forage size.</p>
<p>Third Mustus Lake 54° 27' 108° 53'</p>	<p>Walleye: (18-65 cm) Fair Pike: (28-64 cm) Good Perch: (28-29 cm) Poor</p>	<p>July 26-28/ Gill nets. Walleye - Good percentage of quality angling size fish caught. Pike - Low percentage of quality angling size fish caught. Good angling success reported. Perch - up to 425 g (less than 1 pound) in sample. Low oxygen values in summer at depths greater than 5 to 20 metres.</p>
<p>Turtle Lake 53° 36' 108° 38'</p>	<p>Walleye: (21-80cm) Excellent Pike: (37-110cm) Fair Perch: Forage</p>	<p>July 5-17/ Trap nets and gill nets. Gill net: Walleye - Excellent population with abundance greater than previous surveys. Good numbers of trophy size fish caught throughout the lake, with all age classes present, natural reproduction occurring. Angling success rated as poor to fair. Pike - Catch rate down compared to previous surveys; however, most age classes present, with fair percentage of trophy size fish caught. Angling success rated as good.</p>
<p>Wakaw Lake 42, 43-25-26 W2 East of Wakaw (Town)</p>	<p>Walleye: (375 – 2525g) Good Pike: (125 – 3575g) Moderate Perch: (85 – 120g) Sparse</p>	<p>May 31- June 2/ Gill nets. A very good walleye population is present in Wakaw Lake. Although few perch were large enough to be captured in the gill nets, they are an important food item for pike and walleye.</p>
<p>Whitebear Lake 9-2 W2 North of Carlyle</p>	<p>Walleye: (210 – 2080g) Moderate</p>	<p>August 16-17/ Gill nets. Although less abundant than suggested in earlier surveys, a moderate population is present. This species appears dependent on stocking to maintain levels.</p>
<p>Zeden Lake 53° 59' 104° 40' 6 – 48 – 18 W2 Narrow Hills Provincial Park</p>	<p>Brown Trout: (696 – 1516g) Sparse Perch: (32 – 94g) Good</p>	<p>June 11/ Gill nets. This lake will no longer be managed for splake due to the undesired introduction of perch. Attempts are being made to introduce other trout species.</p>