

FISH FACTS 2015

Results from fishery surveys conducted during the summer of 2015 are shown on the following pages. Lakes are mainly surveyed using two types of equipment; gill nets or downhaul trap nets. Both types of equipment are effective in capturing fish; however, fish caught in downhaul traps can generally be released after being measured, whereas fish caught in gill nets are generally not releasable. For this reason, size of fish caught in downhaul trap nets is recorded by total length to minimize stress and harm to the fish, while size of fish captured in gill nets is reported by weight.

If you have any questions on survey methods or equipment, or if you have concerns about the health of a specific fishery, please contact your nearest Ministry of Environment fisheries biologist.

Water body and Location	Species Caught (Weight) and Population Status	Date Tested/Survey Gear/Remarks
Admiral Reservoir 25, 36 - 8 - 16 W3 southwest of Admiral	Walleye: (400 - 1460 g) Excellent Perch: (5 - 470 g) Moderate	August 12 - 13 / Gill nets. Stocked every second year with walleye fry; perch were re-introduced in 2009 and 2011. No angling reports at the time of the survey.
Alameda Reservoir 4, 5 - 2 W2 northwest of Oxbow	Walleye: (55 - 4385 g) Good Pike: (1275 - 3470 g) Poor Perch: (50 - 535 g) Fair	August 17 - 19 / Gill nets. Walleye numbers are consistent with the previous survey, with average weight increasing. Angling success reported as good.
Big Fishing Lake 33 - 11 W2 southeast of Wadena	Walleye: (140 - 2040 g) Excellent Pike: (60 - 4280 g) Moderate Perch: (50 g) Sparse	July 20 - 21 / Gill nets. Angling success for walleye reported as good. Water levels remain high.
Camp Ten Lake 10, 11 - 61 - 27 W2 south of Weyakwin	Rainbow trout: (52 - 74 g) Sparse	August 25 / Gill nets. Angling success reported as poor. Stocked annually with 4,000 rainbow trout fingerling.
Chopper Lake 30 - 60 - 18 W2 west of Little Bear Lake	Nil catch	July 21 / Gill nets. Results indicate a complete winterkill has occurred.
Diamond Lake 16 - 60 - 19 W2 north of Piprell Lake	Brook trout: (82 - 386 g) Moderate	June 3 / Gill nets. Angling success reported as fair.
Eagleback Lake 12, 13 - 49 - 6 W3 south of Shell lake	Nil catch	May 27 / Gill nets. Results indicate a complete winterkill has occurred.
Fafard Lake 56° 13' 103° 06' south of Whitesand Dam at Reindeer Lake.	Walleye: (190 - 1080 g) Moderate Sauger: (120 - 530 g) Sparse Pike: (240 - 1140 g) Poor Perch: (20 - 320 g) Poor Whitefish: (720 - 1050 g) Burbot: (620 g)	August 17 - 19 / Gill nets. Good angling success reported for walleye. Majority of perch were angling size (>18 cm). Access via boat from Southend and short portage around the Whitesand Dam.
Gromnicki Lake 55° 31' 106° 05' north of Besnard Lake	Walleye: (60 - 930 g) Moderate Pike: (40 - 7250 g) Fair Perch: (40 g) Sparse Whitefish: (130 - 1360 g)	June 1 - 3 / Gill nets. Angling success for walleye and pike reported as good. Difficult access by abandoned logging trail and 400-metre ATV trail. No facilities or boat launch.
Helene Lake 52, 53 - 15, 16 W3 northeast of Glaslyn	Common sucker: (113 - 1038 g)	May 12 - 15 / Trap nets. May 26 - 27 / Gill nets. Complete winterkill of walleye confirmed. Ongoing winter oxygen testing will determine the feasibility of future walleye fry stocking.

Jackfish Lake 47 - 17 W3 north of North Battleford	Walleye: (170 - 2997 g) Poor Pike: (85 - 2600 g) Good Perch: (28 - 124 g) Poor Whitefish: (42 - 1600 g)	July 13 - 16 / Gill nets. Pike numbers have increased relative to previous surveys. No angling reports available at the time of the survey.
Jade Lake (Big) 17 - 60 - 19 W2 north of Piprell Lake	Splake: (580 - 1656 g) Moderate	June 1 / Gill nets. Fair angling success reported at the time of the survey.
Jade Lake (Little) 17 - 60 - 19 W2 north of Piprell lake	Splake: (576 - 1094 g) Fair Rainbow trout: Nil	June 1 / Gill nets. Although angling success for rainbow trout was reported as fair, none were captured in the nets.
Jan Lake 54° 56' 102° 55' north of Hanson Lake road (Hwy # 106)	Walleye: (40 - 3000 g) Moderate Pike: (480 - 6700 g) Poor Perch: (30 - 200 g) Poor Whitefish: (40 - 1520 g) Burbot: (60 g)	August 4 - 7 / Gill nets. Popular angling destination with good angling reported for pike and walleye at the time of the survey. Access off Hwy 135 north of Hanson Lake road (Hwy 106).
Kipabiskau Lake 41, 42 - 15, 16 W2 southwest of Tisdale	Walleye: (60 - 2444 g) Moderate Pike: (380 - 5080 g) Moderate Perch: (86 - 496 g) Moderate	June 24 / Gill nets. Angling reported to be fair for walleye and pike at the time of the survey.
Kit Lake 12 - 61 - 21 W2	Rainbow trout: (418 - 874 g) Moderate	August 19 / Gill nets. Stocked with 6,000 rainbow trout fingerling annually.
Lac la Ronge Pickerel Bay 55° 08' 104° 27'	Walleye: (42.9 - 78.4 cm) Pike: (29.6 - 92.6 cm)	May 18 - 28 / Trap net. Spring post-spawn investigation - all fish released. Walleye and pike numbers have increased since the last assessment in 2010. Boat access from La Ronge town site.
Lac la Ronge near Quinlan Island 55° 15' 104° 45'	Lake trout: (1320 - 11200 g)	September 24 - Oct 9 / Gill nets. Ongoing lake trout spawning survey. Lake trout numbers have increased since the last assessment in 2011. Boat access from La Ronge town site.
Lac Pelletier 12 - 15 W3 southwest of Swift Current	Walleye: (220 - 2690 g) Good Pike: (120 - 1630 g) Fair Perch: (50 - 290 g) Moderate Whitefish: (890 - 1590 g)	August 10 - 11 / Gill nets. Abundant walleye population with many large fish present. Walleye fry are stocked every second year. Angling success is reported as fair.
Lady Lake 35 - 5 W2 north of Preeceville	Rainbow trout: (78 - 1350 g) Fair Brook trout: (190 - 210 g) Poor Tiger trout: (556 g) Poor Perch: (408 g) Poor Common sucker: (46 - 1280 g)	August 11 / Gill nets. Stocked annually with 7,000 rainbow trout and alternating years with tiger trout and brook trout. This lake is aerated during the winter - be cautious of thin ice.
Little Fishing Lake 33 - 11 W2 southeast of Wadena	Walleye: (70 - 1190 g) Good Pike: (810 - 1180 g) Poor Perch: (50 g) Sparse	July 21 - 23 / Gill nets. Abundant walleye population with good angling success reported. Water levels remain high.
Lower Fishing Lake 27, 34 - 58 - 18 W2 Narrow Hills Provincial Park	Walleye: (272 - 2930 g) Moderate Pike: (78 - 4000 g) Fair Whitefish: (380 - 1556 g)	August 4 / Gill nets. No reports of angling success at the time of the survey.
Lucien Lake 36 - 40 - 24 W2 east of Cudworth	Walleye: (485 - 2280 g) Excellent Pike: (400 - 2355 g) Poor Perch: (50 - 145 g) Moderate	August 25 - 26 / Gill nets. Abundant walleye population with good angling success reported. Walleye fry are stocked every second year.

Makwa Lake 58, 59 - 22, 23 W3 Makwa Lake Provincial Park	Walleye: (48 - 1212 g) Fair Pike: (116 - 8174 g) Fair Perch: (40 - 328 g) Good Whitefish: (40 - 1407 g)	June 20 - 23 and 27 - 28 / Gill nets. Walleye are less abundant relative to previous surveys with angling success reported as fair. Pike are less abundant than in previous surveys with angling success reported as good. Most perch were forage size (<18 cm); however, anglers report good percentage of angling size perch being caught. Whitefish population is consistent with previous surveys.
Ministikwan Lake 58 - 25 W3 west of Loon Lake	Walleye: (53 - 1961 g) Sparse Pike: (77 - 5601 g) Good Perch: (29 - 160 g) Fair Whitefish: (92 - 1480 g)	July 6 - 8 / Gill nets. Walleye are less abundant relative to previous surveys with angling success reported as poor. Pike have increased in abundance from previous surveys with angling success reported as good. Most perch were forage size (<18 cm). Whitefish have declined in abundance since last survey.
Miracle Lake (Chris Johnson) 30, 31 - 33 - 1 W2 southwest of Norquay	Pike: (1650 - 2565 g) Poor Perch: (30 - 165 g) Good	August 11 / Gill nets. CR1 limits in effect. Perch limit 10.
Mitten Lake 32 - 57 - 18 W2 Narrow Hills Provincial Park	Perch: (30 - 262 g) Moderate	July 27 / Gill net. No reports of angling success at the time of the survey.
Montreal Lake 59 - 26 W2 north of Prince Albert	Walleye: (10 - 2825 g) Recovering Pike: (80 - 7950 g) Moderate Perch: (32 - 70 g) Poor Whitefish: (442 - 1850 g)	June 16 - 18 / Gill nets. Special regulations are in place for walleye. No reports of angling success at the time of the survey.
Murray Lake 47 - 16 W3 north of North Battleford	Walleye: (180 - 4100 g) Moderate Pike: (135 - 7960 g) Fair Perch: (50 - 200 g) Fair Whitefish: (150 - 2210 g)	July 13 - 15 / Gill nets. Walleye are more abundant than encountered in previous surveys. Angling success is reported as poor.
Nesland Lake 36 - 49 - 7 W3 west of Mont Nebo	Rainbow trout: (238 - 716 g) Fair	May 26 / Gill nets. Stocked annually with 5,000 rainbow trout. This lake is aerated during the winter - be cautious of thin ice.
Opal Lake 16 - 60 - 19 W2 northeast of Piprell Lake	Brook trout: (224 - 382 g) Fair	June 4 / Gill nets. Stocked annually with 1,500 brook trout fingerling.
Peitahigan Lake 54° 27' 109° 57' Meadow Lake Provincial Park	Walleye: (258 - 2495 g) Fair Pike: (281 - 960 g) Moderate	August 18 - 19 / Gill nets. Walleye are less abundant than encountered in previous surveys, with good percentage of quality angling sized fish. Angling success is reported as fair. Pike numbers have remained stable from previous survey, with small percentage of quality angling sized fish. Overall angling success is reported as good.

Pinkney Lake 28, 32, 33 - 58 - 21 W2 north of Whiteswan Lake	Walleye: (182 - 1266 g) Fair Pike: (318 g) Sparse	August 17 / Gill nets. Fair angling success reported for walleye and pike.
Ridge Lake 11 - 61 - 21 W2 northwest of Piprell Lake	Brook trout: (210 - 764 g) Good	July 22 / Gill nets. Stocked every second year with 4,000 brook trout fingerling.
Sapphire Lake 16 - 60 - 19 W2 northeast of Piprell Lake	Splake: (226 - 588 g) Good	June 3 / Gill nets. Stocked with 1,600 splake fingerling every second year.
Vivian Lake 54° 25' 108° 54' Meadow Lake Provincial Park	Rainbow trout: (1612 - 4361 g) Sparse	May 13 - 14 / Gill nets. Lake has a history of winterkills. Angling success reported as poor.
Wakaw Lake 42, 43 - 25, 26 W2 east of Wakaw	Walleye: (220 - 2030 g) Good Pike: (200 - 3170 g) Moderate Perch: (60 - 140 g) Fair	June 8 - 9 / Gill nets. Walleye and pike are more abundant than encountered in previous surveys. No reports of angling success at the time of the survey.
Worthington Lake 53° 57' 109° 36' southwest of Loon Lake	Nil catch	July 28 - 29 / Gill nets. Low water levels have contributed to frequent winterkills since 1987.