

## FISH FACTS 2017

Results from fishery surveys conducted during the summer of 2017 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.

<b>Waterbody and Location</b>	<b>Species Caught (Weight) and Population Status</b>	<b>Date Tested/Survey Gear/Remarks</b>
<b>Barrier Lake</b> 41 - 12, 13, 14 W2 southeast of Tisdale	<b>Walleye:</b> (50 - 1160 g) Moderate <b>Pike:</b> (360 - 1430 g) Poor <b>Perch:</b> (65 - 550 g) Fair	June 13 - 14 / Gill nets. Slight increase in walleye, pike and perch abundance since last survey. Angling success is reported as good.
<b>Big Sandy Lake</b> 62, 63 - 14, 15 W2 Hanson Lake Road	<b>Walleye:</b> (1230 - 2680 g) Recovering <b>Pike:</b> (190 - 4510 g) Moderate <b>Perch:</b> (60 - 150 g) Fair <b>Whitefish:</b> (370 - 2980 g)	July 25 - 27 / Gill nets. Recovering walleye with stable pike population. Whitefish have decreased in abundance from previous survey. Most perch were forage size (<18 cm).
<b>Bigstone Lake</b> 55° 04' 105° 24' west of La Ronge	<b>Walleye:</b> (390 - 1830 g) Fair <b>Pike:</b> (70 - 1450 g) Poor <b>Perch:</b> (30 - 310 g) Fair <b>Whitefish:</b> (180 - 1540 g)	May 29 - June 1 / Gill nets. Improved walleye abundance, with fewer pike relative to previous survey. Access west of La Ronge town site near Montreal River outlet.
<b>Candle Lake</b> 55, 56 - 22, 23 W2 northeast of Prince Albert	<b>Walleye:</b> (40 - 3020 g) Moderate <b>Pike:</b> (610 - 10210 g) Poor <b>Perch:</b> (30 g) Sparse <b>Whitefish:</b> (70 - 2270 g)	September 6 - 8 / Gill nets. Walleye, pike and whitefish abundance is consistent with previous survey. Angling success for walleye is reported as good. All perch were forage size (<18 cm).
<b>Crooked Lake</b> 19 - 5, 6 W2 south of Melville	<b>Walleye:</b> (30 - 2560 g) Good <b>Pike:</b> (780 - 3520 g) Fair <b>Perch:</b> (40 - 400 g) Poor <b>Channel Catfish:</b> (2010 - 7170 g)	June 19 - 21 / Gill nets. Walleye, pike and perch populations have decreased in abundance since last survey, with channel catfish numbers increasing slightly. Angling success is reported as fair.
<b>Echo Lake</b> 22 - 21 - 14 W2 west of Fort Qu'Appelle	<b>Walleye:</b> (140 - 3755 g) Good <b>Pike:</b> (1280 - 9310 g) Moderate <b>Perch:</b> (55 - 265 g) Fair	June 20 - 22 / Gill nets. Consistent pike, with walleye and perch abundance decreasing from previous survey. Most perch were of angling size (>18 cm). Angling success is reported as poor.
<b>Fur Lake</b> 1, 12 - 50 - 7 W3 west of Mont Nebo	<b>Walleye:</b> (55 - 2815 g) Moderate <b>Pike:</b> (90 - 1065 g) Moderate <b>Whitefish:</b> (680 - 2635 g)	June 6 - 7 / Gill nets. Walleye, pike and whitefish populations remain stable relative to previous survey. No reports of angling success at the time of the survey.
<b>Greig Lake</b> 63 - 18, 19 W3 Meadow Lake Provincial Park	<b>Walleye:</b> (1723 - 2880 g) Sparse <b>Pike:</b> (660 - 2390 g) Moderate <b>Perch:</b> (33 - 75 g) Poor <b>Whitefish:</b> (83 - 1924 g)	July 3 - 5 / Gill nets. Walleye population is consistent with previous survey with limited natural reproduction occurring. Angling success is reported as fair. Pike abundance has decreased, with angling success reported as good. All perch were forage size (<18 cm). The whitefish population remains stable.

<b>Ispuchaw Lake</b> 12, 13 - 58 - 19 W2 Narrow Hills Provincial Park	<b>Walleye:</b> (48 - 572 g) Good <b>Perch:</b> (42 - 396 g) Fair	August 7 - 8 / Gill nets. Stable walleye population, with an increase in perch abundance since last survey. No pike were captured in the nets, although anglers report catching this species. Angling success is reported as good.
<b>Katepwa Lake</b> 17 - 20 - 12 W2 east of Fort Qu'Appelle	<b>Walleye:</b> (58 - 3415 g) Good <b>Pike:</b> (3103 - 3969 g) Poor <b>Perch:</b> (49 - 297 g) Good	June 21 - 22 / Gill nets. Consistent walleye, with less abundant pike and increased perch relative to previous survey. Angling success is reported as poor.
<b>Lac Des Iles</b> 63 - 23 W3 Meadow Lake Provincial Park	<b>Walleye:</b> (517 - 3460 g) Fair <b>Pike:</b> (99 - 8604 g) Moderate <b>Perch:</b> (14 - 105 g) Poor <b>Whitefish:</b> (29 - 2011 g)	July 24 - 27 / Gill nets. Walleye and pike abundance is consistent with previous survey, with angling success reported as good. Perch numbers have increased slightly. Most perch were forage size (<18 cm); however, anglers report catching quality sized perch. Whitefish abundance remains similar to previous survey.
<b>Lac la Plonge</b> 71 - 10 W3 east of Beauval	<b>Lake Trout:</b> (153 - 5940 g) Good <b>Whitefish:</b> (average = 558 g)	August 14 - 17 / Gill nets. Initial Summer Profundal Index Netting (SPIN) assessment, which provides a better estimate of lake trout abundance versus standard gill netting. Angling success is reported as fair.
<b>Lake Lenore</b> (Big, South and St. Brieux Lakes) 40, 41 - 21 W2 northeast of Humboldt	<b>Walleye:</b> (75 - 1745 g) Excellent <b>Pike:</b> (1,000 - 1765 g) Poor <b>Perch:</b> (240 - 760 g) Fair	July 17 - 19 / Gill nets. Abundant walleye population with good angling success reported. Pike and perch abundance is consistent with previous surveys. Natural reproduction is dependent upon good spring runoff due to the lake's salinity.
<b>Madge Lake</b> 30, 31 - 30 W1 Duck Mountain Provincial Park	<b>Walleye:</b> (40 - 1570 g) Good <b>Pike:</b> (360 - 1545 g) Moderate <b>Perch:</b> (45 g) Sparse	July 5 - 7 / Gill nets. Walleye and pike abundance is consistent with previous survey. Angling success for pike is reported as good. Perch were forage size (<18 cm).
<b>Margo Lake</b> 9 - 33 - 10 W2 southwest of Margo	<b>Walleye:</b> (75 - 2170 g) Good <b>Pike:</b> (235 - 2055 g) Good <b>Perch:</b> Sparse	May 25 - 26 / Gill nets. Walleye and pike abundance has increased considerably relative to previous surveys. Water levels remain high.
<b>Martins Lake</b> 31 - 46 - 7 W3 west of Marcelin	<b>Walleye:</b> (1130 - 2930 g) Fair <b>Pike:</b> (170 - 1995 g) Good <b>Perch:</b> (40 - 95 g) Fair	June 28 - 29 / Gill nets. Consistent pike, with less abundant walleye relative to previous survey. Perch were forage size (<18 cm).
<b>Mission Lake</b> 4 - 21 - 13 W2 east of Fort Qu'Appelle	<b>Walleye:</b> (30 - 2820 g) Moderate <b>Pike:</b> (260 - 7557 g) Poor <b>Perch:</b> (30 - 260 g) Fair	June 19 - 21 / Gill nets. Consistent pike, with walleye and perch abundance decreasing since last survey. Angling success is reported as poor.
<b>Otter Lake</b> 55° 35' 104° 39' east of Hwy 102	<b>Walleye:</b> (60 - 1530 g) Fair <b>Pike:</b> (90 - 2800 g) Fair <b>Sauger:</b> (130 - 530 g) Poor <b>Perch:</b> (30 - 340 g) Poor <b>Whitefish:</b> (50 - 2780 g) <b>Burbot:</b> (1040 - 1550 g)	June 5 - 8 / Gill nets. Walleye have decreased in abundance from previous survey. Angling success for pike and walleye is reported as fair. Popular angling destination with good facilities.
<b>Pasqua Lake</b> 21 - 15 W2 west of Fort Qu'Appelle	<b>Walleye:</b> (115 - 3430 g) Good <b>Pike:</b> (770 - 5590 g) Moderate <b>Perch:</b> (100 - 350 g) Fair	June 19 - 21 / Gill nets. Walleye, pike and perch have decreased in abundance since last survey, with most perch of angling size (>18 cm). Angling success is reported as poor.
<b>Puskwakau River</b> 54° 33' 103° 34' south of Deschambault Lake	<b>Walleye:</b> (32 - 61 cm)	May 2 - 11 / Trap nets. Initial assessment of spawning population using trap nets with live release of all fish. Angling closure in place from March 1 to June 15.

<b>Round Lake</b> 24 - 50 - 1 W3 northwest of Prince Albert	<b>Pike:</b> (1790 - 1850 g) Fair <b>Perch:</b> (68 - 292 g) Good	September 26 - 27 / Gill nets. Survey conducted to determine success of recent perch stocking. Most perch were forage size (<18 cm). No reports of angling success at the time of the survey.
<b>Round Lake</b> 18 - 3 W2 southeast of Melville	<b>Walleye:</b> (40 - 3140 g) Good <b>Pike:</b> (600 - 2610 g) Fair <b>Perch:</b> (70 - 320 g) Moderate <b>Channel Catfish:</b> (1150 - 7580 g)	June 20 - 22 / Gill nets. Fewer pike and perch with an increase in walleye and channel catfish abundance from previous survey. Angling success for walleye and pike is reported as fair.
<b>Smoothstone Lake</b> 54° 40' 106° 50' northeast of Big River	<b>Walleye:</b> (540 - 1658 g) Fair <b>Pike:</b> (1210 - 3880 g) Poor <b>Perch:</b> (9.7 - 26.2 cm) Fair <b>Whitefish:</b> (41 - 1117 g) <b>Burbot:</b> (78 - 3359 g)	August 28 - 31 / Gill nets. Consistent pike, with more abundant walleye and fewer perch relative to previous surveys. Angling success for walleye and pike is reported as good, with majority of walleye being of quality angling size. Fair numbers of angling size perch (>18 cm). The whitefish population has decreased slightly.
<b>Smuts Lake</b> 33 - 40, 41 - 1 W3 northeast of Saskatoon	<b>Walleye:</b> (380 - 1190 g) Good <b>Perch:</b> (90 - 385 g) Moderate	June 12 - 13 / Gill nets. Walleye are stocked every second year with perch re-introduced in 2013 after the lake winterkilled. Angling success is reported as excellent.
<b>Summit Lake</b> 12 - 60 - 19 W2 Narrow Hills Provincial Park	<b>Walleye:</b> (45 - 1405 g) Moderate <b>Pike:</b> (865 - 2545 g) Fair	July 18 - 19 / Gill nets. Consistent walleye and pike populations relative to previous survey. Perch are forage size (<18 cm).
<b>Theodore Reservoir</b> 36 - 28 - 7 W2 northeast of Theodore	<b>Walleye:</b> (400 - 3280 g) Good <b>Perch:</b> (35 - 720 g) Fair	August 21 - 22 / Gill nets. Walleye are stocked every second year. Fish populations remain consistent with previous survey. Angling success is reported as good.
<b>Turtle Lake</b> 52, 53, 54 - 18, 19 W3 northeast of Turtleford	<b>Walleye:</b> (56 - 3360 g) Good <b>Pike:</b> (640 - 8060 g) Fair <b>Perch:</b> Sparse <b>Whitefish:</b> (40 - 2190 g)	July 17 - 20 / Gill nets. Walleye and pike abundance is consistent with previous survey, with a good percentage of quality angling sized fish. Angling success is reported as good. Perch numbers have decreased from previous survey, with most perch of forage size (<18 cm). The whitefish population remains stable.
<b>Unnamed Lake</b> ( <b>Southstroud Lake</b> ) 55° 20' 104° 47' north of Highway 915	<b>Pike:</b> (540 - 740 g) Poor	June 27 - 28 / Gill nets. Access via trail from Highway 915. Small lake with poor population of stunted northern pike.
<b>Ussineskaw Lake</b> ( <b>Stoney Lake</b> ) 33 - 32 - 10 W2 northeast of Foam Lake	<b>Walleye:</b> (150 - 1440 g) Good <b>Pike:</b> (650 - 6800 g) Good	June 6 - 7 / Gill nets. Improved pike abundance, with fewer walleye relative to previous survey. Sporadic natural reproduction has resulted in a few weaker walleye year classes.
<b>Westroud Lake</b> 55° 21' 104° 47' north of Highway 915	<b>Pike:</b> (100 - 1670 g) Moderate <b>Perch:</b> Sparse	June 27 - 29 / Gill nets. Access via trail from Highway 915 and portage across unnamed (Southstroud) lake. Initial fishery survey with small percentage of quality angling sized pike. Perch were forage size (<18 cm).