

# Fish Facts 2019

This document contains the results from the 2019 fishery surveys.

Most lakes were surveyed using gill nets. Gill nets are effective in capturing fish; however, fish caught are generally not releasable. Fish captured by gill nets are recorded by weight.

\*Downhaul trap nets were used to survey two lakes. Fish caught in downhaul trap nets can generally be released after being measured. To minimize stress and harm to the fish, these fish were recorded by total length.

The current population status (excellent, good, moderate, fair, poor, sparse) is provided for gamefish species, where available.

If you have any questions, please contact the Ministry of Environment Inquiry Centre at 1-800-567-4224.

Waterbody and Location	Species Caught (weight) and Population Status	Date Tested and Findings
<b>Antelope Lake</b> 50° 16' 108° 24' north east of Gull Lake	<b>Walleye</b> (45 – 1,425 g), Excellent <b>Pike</b> (730 – 3,910 g), Fair	<b>June 25-26, 2019</b> Walleye population has been successfully re-established through fry stocking, with angling success reported as excellent. Angling success for pike reported as fair with some larger fish present.
<b>Assiniboia Reservoir</b> 49° 36' 105° 51' east of Assiniboia	<b>Walleye</b> (180 – 1,860 g), Good <b>Perch</b> (60 – 415 g), Fair	<b>June 16-17, 2019</b> Decrease in walleye and perch abundance from previous survey. Angling success reported as good. The majority of perch were of angling size (>18 cm).
<b>Avonlea Reservoir</b> (Watson Lake) 49° 59' 105° 00' south east of Avonlea	<b>Walleye:</b> Nil catch <b>Pike</b> (156 – 2,480 g), Good <b>Perch:</b> Nil catch	<b>September 24-25, 2019</b> Improved pike abundance relative to previous survey. Angling success reported as fair, with the majority of pike being small in size (<400 g).

<b>Bielby Lake</b> 55° 33' 104° 48' south of Missinipe	<b>Pike</b> (530 – 6,660 g), Good <b>Whitefish</b> (30 – 780 g), Good	<b>June 12-14, 2019</b> Access via 100-metre trail from Hwy 102.
<b>Bittern Lake</b> 53° 56' 105° 45' south of Montreal Lake	<b>Walleye</b> (275 – 1,916 g), Excellent <b>Pike</b> (364 – 624 g), Poor <b>Perch</b> (441 – 501 g), Poor	<b>June 16-17, 2019</b> Access via unimproved boat launch on north end of lake. Improved walleye abundance with fewer pike and perch relative to previous survey. The majority of perch were of angling size (>18 cm).
<b>Codette Reservoir</b> 53° 17' 104° 02' west of Nipawin	<b>Walleye</b> (40 – 3,760 g), Poor <b>Pike</b> (420 – 2,914 g), Poor <b>Sauger</b> (30 – 1,564 g), Fair <b>Perch</b> (60 – 452 g), Fair	<b>July 21-24, 2019</b> Several public access points. Improved pike and sauger abundance, with fewer walleye and perch relative to previous survey. Diverse fish community with a total of 13 species sampled.
<b>Fairview Reservoir</b> 51° 8' 108° 24' south west of Elrose	<b>Pike</b> (280 – 1,120 g), Good <b>Perch</b> : Nil catch	<b>October 16-17, 2019</b> Pike abundance has increased relative to previous survey. Angling success reported as fair.
<b>From Lake</b> 50° 40' 101° 42' north of Spy Hill	<b>Walleye</b> : Nil catch	<b>June 10-11, 2019</b> Lake is subject to summer and winter kill without operation of the lake's aeration system.
<b>Green Lake</b> 54° 41' 107° 43' west of Delaronde Lake	<b>Walleye</b> (124 – 2,900 g), Poor <b>Pike</b> (154 – 6,000 g), Sparse <b>Perch</b> (190 – 409 g), Sparse <b>Whitefish</b> (110 – 2,540 g) <b>Burbot</b> (232 – 2,312 g)	<b>July 8-12, 2019</b> Improved walleye abundance, with fewer pike relative to previous survey. Angling success for pike reported as good with quality angling sized fish present. Ice fishing success for burbot reported as good.
<b>Grenfell Reservoir</b> 50° 23' 102° 57' south west of Grenfell	<b>Walleye</b> : Nil catch	<b>June 12-13, 2019</b> Fisheries management discontinued due to recurring winterkill.
<b>Keeley Lake</b> 54° 54' 108° 08' north of Meadow Lake	<b>Walleye</b> (40 – 3,520 g), Fair <b>Pike</b> (631 – 8,810 g), Fair <b>Perch</b> (25 – 220 g), Poor <b>Whitefish</b> (103 – 2,900 g)	<b>July 15-19, 2019</b> Consistent walleye with improved pike abundance relative to previous survey. Walleye are of larger/average size with few smaller size classes present. The majority of pike were of quality angling size. Perch and whitefish have increased in abundance since previous survey.

<p><b>Kenosee Lake</b> 49° 49' 102° 18' Moose Mountain Provincial Park</p>	<p><b>Walleye</b> (52 – 1,836 g), Excellent <b>Perch</b> (28 – 378 g), Good <b>Pike:</b> Nil catch</p>	<p><b>May 28-29, 2019</b> Walleye population has been successfully re-established through fry stocking. Angling success reported as fair with a good percentage of angling sized fish present. No pike were caught during the survey but have been reported by anglers. The majority of perch were of forage size (&lt;18.0 cm).</p>
<p><b>*Lac la Ronge</b> 55° 15' 104° 45' near Quinlan Island</p>	<p><i>*Trap nets were used in this survey. Recordings will be shown in length.</i> <b>Lake Trout</b> (52.5 – 103.0 cm)</p>	<p><b>September 24-October 7, 2019</b> Boat access from La Ronge town site. Ongoing lake trout spawning survey with lake trout abundance consistent with previous survey. All captured lake trout were tagged with yellow T-bar tags* along the back of the fish and released.  <i>*Anglers asked to record tag numbers and report to: <a href="mailto:fishtags@gov.sk.ca">fishtags@gov.sk.ca</a>.</i></p>
<p><b>Lady Lake</b> 52° 02' 102° 39' north of Preeceville</p>	<p><b>Tiger Trout</b> (230 – 1,200 g), Moderate <b>Rainbow Trout</b> (250 – 530 g), Fair <b>Brook Trout</b> (390 – 710 g), Fair</p>	<p><b>June 5-6, 2019</b> Tiger trout was the most abundant trout species sampled. High numbers of white sucker present, resulting in some stunting of tiger and rainbow trout.</p>
<p><b>*Lake Diefenbaker</b> 51° 15' 106° 55' Coteau Bay</p>	<p><i>*Trap nets were used in this survey. Recordings will be shown in length.</i> <b>Walleye</b> (40.2 – 74.9 cm), Good <b>Pike</b> (51.3 – 100.5 cm), Fair <b>Rainbow Trout</b> (55.5 cm), Sparse <b>Burbot</b> (74.4 – 87.0 cm), Sparse <b>Prussian Carp</b> (1,220 – 1,710 g)</p>	<p><b>May 6-10, 2019</b> Survey conducted to assess walleye and pike spawning populations in Coteau Bay. All sport fish were released, with two adult Prussian carp captured during the survey.</p>
<p><b>McLaren Lake</b> 50° 18' 109° 54' north of Maple Creek</p>	<p><b>Rainbow Trout:</b> Nil catch</p>	<p><b>May 2-3, 2019</b> Lake is subject to occasional winterkill. Anecdotal reports of anglers catching rainbow trout.</p>
<p><b>Marean Lake</b> 52° 31' 103° 34' west of Greenwater Provincial Park</p>	<p><b>Walleye</b> (179 – 1,961 g), Fair <b>Pike</b>, Sparse <b>Perch</b> (245 – 332 g), Poor</p>	<p><b>August 12-13, 2019</b> Consistent perch caught with a decrease in walleye abundance relative to previous survey.</p>

<p><b>Mirond Lake</b> 55° 06' 102° 47' north west of Creighton</p>	<p><b>Walleye</b> (40 – 2,640 g), Fair <b>Pike</b> (180 – 4,820 g), Poor <b>Whitefish</b> (20 – 1,730 g), Fair <b>Burbot</b> (110 – 1,560 g)</p>	<p><b>July 29-August 2, 2019</b> Decrease in walleye and pike abundance relative to previous survey. Burbot were common in deep water areas, but were generally small in size. Angling success for walleye reported as good.</p>
<p><b>Mistohay Lake</b> 54° 27' 109° 05' Meadow Lake Provincial Park</p>	<p><b>Walleye</b> (130 – 2,600 g), Good <b>Pike</b> (95 – 3,600 g), Moderate <b>Perch</b> (30 – 90 g), Sparse <b>Whitefish</b> (50 – 2,110 g) <b>Burbot</b> (2,240 g)</p>	<p><b>June 17-21, 2019</b> Improved walleye abundance, with fewer pike relative to previous survey. Perch size and abundance has decreased since the last survey. Whitefish are of a large/average size.</p>
<p><b>Nemeiben Lake</b> 55° 20' 105° 20' north west of La Ronge</p>	<p><b>Walleye</b> (40 – 1,680 g), Poor <b>Pike</b> (140 – 5,570 g), Moderate <b>Perch</b> (30 – 90 g), Poor <b>Whitefish</b> (50 – 750 g), Fair <b>Burbot</b> (1000 – 3,670 g) <b>Lake Trout</b> (900 – 3,710 g)</p>	<p><b>June 24-28, 2019</b> Campground and boat launch facilities present with access via graveled road from Hwy 102. Consistent pike with walleye abundance increasing slightly from previous survey.</p>
<p><b>Nemeiben Lake</b> 55° 23' 105° 25' North/Bague Bays north west of La Ronge</p>	<p><b>Walleye</b> (320 – 1,490 g) <b>Pike</b> (520 – 3,230 g) <b>Burbot</b> (370 – 1,720 g) <b>Lake Trout</b> (190 – 4,600 g)</p>	<p><b>August 21-22, 2019</b> Summer Profundal Index Netting (SPIN) assessment for North and Bague Bays of Nemeiben Lake. Angling success reported as fair for lake trout.</p>
<p><b>Picnic Lake</b> 53° 12' 108° 40' east of Edam</p>	<p><b>Brown Trout</b> (650 – 2,420 g) <b>Tiger Trout</b> (460 – 1,270 g) <b>Perch</b> (&lt;50 – 120 g)</p>	<p><b>June 3-4, 2019</b> Summer Profundal Index Netting (SPIN) assessment. The majority of trout caught were of quality angling size. Perch were forage size (&lt;18.0 cm).</p>
<p><b>Piprell Lake</b> 54° 09' 104° 54' west of Narrow Hills Provincial Park</p>	<p><b>Splake Trout</b> (331 – 568 g), Fair <b>Brown Trout</b> (476 – 1,414 g), Poor <b>Tiger Trout</b> (202 – 444 g), Poor <b>Rainbow Trout</b>: Nil catch <b>White Sucker</b> (29.2 – 50.5 cm)</p>	<p><b>July 4, 2019</b> Short duration net sets with trout being live-released. Splake were the most abundant trout species caught but were not as well-proportioned as the brown or tiger trout. No rainbow trout were caught but were observed rising to the surface.</p>

<b>Thomson Lake</b> 49° 45' 106° 36' south of Gravelbourg	<b>Walleye</b> (56 – 1,095 g), Good <b>Pike</b> (770 – 1,250 g), Fair <b>Perch</b> (44 – 398 g), Fair	<b>June 17-18, 2019</b> Improved walleye and perch abundance, with fewer pike relative to previous survey. Angling success for walleye reported as fair. The majority of perch were of angling size (>18 cm).
<b>Trail Lake</b> 52° 15' 105° 19' north west of Humboldt	<b>Perch</b> (26 – 164 g), Good	<b>May 23-24, 2019</b> Perch population has been successfully established through recent stocking. Majority of fish were of forage size (<18.0 cm).
<b>West Bielby lake</b> 55° 33' 104° 48' south of Missinipe	<b>Pike</b> (200 – 4,900 g), Fair <b>Perch</b> (40 – 50 g), Sparse	<b>June 11-12, 2019</b> Access via Hwy 102. Shallow waterbody with survey conducted to assess overwintering potential.
<b>White Bear (Carlyle) Lake</b> 49° 46' 102° 16' north of Carlyle	<b>Walleye</b> (70 – 1,120 g), Good	<b>May 29-30, 2019</b> Increase in walleye abundance from previous survey with angling success reported as good.
<b>Wilson Lake</b> 51° 19' 102° 53' south of Theodore	<b>Nil catch</b>	<b>October 18-19, 2019</b> Previously managed for stocked trout with pike and suckers recently introduced via high water. Aeration system not operated in 2018-19 with survey conducted to assess winterkill status.