

Fish Facts 2022

The results from the 2022 fishery surveys are available in the chart below. 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, the 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 the ministry's Inquiry Centre at 1-800-567-4224.

Waterbody and Location	Species Caught (weight or length) and Population Status	Date Tested/Survey Gear/Remarks
Broderick Reservoir 51° 28' 106° 56' south of Broderick	Walleye: (105 - 3720 g) Sparse Pike: (185 - 2760 g) Good Perch: (30 - 130 g) Good Whitefish: (1200 - 2720 g) Good	June 6 - 7. Gill nets. Consistent walleye abundance, with an increase in pike and perch relative to previous survey. Pike population is sustained by natural reproduction. Most perch were of forage size (<18.0 cm).
Diefenbaker Lake 50° 42' 107° 26' south of Saskatoon	Walleye: (48 - 4800 g) Sauger: (59 - 1035 g) Pike: (50 - 5920 g) Perch: (30 - 450 g) Whitefish: (84 - 2575 g) Goldeye: (55 - 1410 g) Burbot: (220 - 2650 g)	July 18 - 27. Gill nets. Increase in walleye, sauger, goldeye and lake sturgeon abundance relative to the previous 2011 survey, with walleye the second most common species caught. Whitefish, pike, burbot and cisco abundance is comparable to the previous survey, with whitefish the most common fish species caught. Perch continue to decline. No trout of any species were caught during the survey.
Fishing Lake (Big and Little) 51° 50' 103° 32' south of Kuroki	Walleye: (80 - 2162 g) Excellent Pike: (680 - 2245 g) Fair Perch: nil catch	June 21 - 23. Gill nets. Historic walleye abundance with natural reproduction occurring and 18-year classes present. Slight decrease in pike abundance compared to previous survey with natural reproduction occurring and eight-year classes present.
Lac la Ronge 55° 12' 105° 03' Nut Bay, Bear Island	Lake trout: (360 - 5350 g) Burbot: (370 - 3650 g)	Aug 22 - 26. Gill nets. SPIN (Summer Profundal Index Netting) assessment. Lake trout population estimate and size range is similar to initial SPIN survey in 2016.
*SPIN netting is a rapid assessment gill netting method that is specifically used to collect information about lake trout.		

<p>Madge Lake 51° 40' 101° 38' Duck Mountain Provincial Park</p>	<p>Walleye: (60 - 2410 g) Fair Pike: (386 - 7550 g) Good Perch: (35 - 105 g) Poor</p>	<p>June 15 - 17. Gill nets. Decrease in walleye abundance from previous surveys with 16-year classes present. Natural reproduction occurring with strong three-year-old age class linked to 2019 fry stocking. Increase in pike abundance from previous survey with 10-year classes present. Natural reproduction occurring. Decrease in perch abundance, with most perch of forage size (<18.0 cm).</p>
<p>Peck Lake 53° 54' 109° 36' northwest of Turtle Lake</p>	<p>Walleye: (33 - 2340 g) Moderate Pike: (500 - 4480 g) Poor Perch: (26 - 134 g) Fair Whitefish: (150 - 1850 g) Poor Burbot: (70 - 1740 g) Sparse</p>	<p>August 2 - 5. Gill nets. Walleye abundance has slightly increased since the previous survey and is the highest on record. Whitefish abundance has improved since the previous survey but remains well below the historical range. Pike abundance has decreased since the previous survey.</p>
<p>Round Lake (Nisbet) 53° 20' 106° 01' northwest of Prince Albert.</p>	<p>Perch: (30 - 140 g) Poor Pike: (1800 - 2750 g) Poor</p>	<p>June 16 - 17. Gill nets. The lake is subject to occasional winterkill. Survey results indicate that the lake likely experienced a partial winterkill in 2021.</p>
<p>Waterhen Lake 54° 28' 108° 25' east of Cold Lake</p>	<p>Walleye: (134 - 3050 g) Fair Pike: (166 - 2800 g) Fair Perch: (42 - 130 g) Fair Whitefish: (350 - 1780 g) Fair Burbot: (600 - 1480 g) Sparse</p>	<p>August 8 - 12. Gill nets. Walleye and pike abundance decreased compared to the previous survey, but both remain within their historical ranges. Perch abundance remains high relative to their historical range across all previous surveys.</p>