

Fish Facts 2023



Results from fishery surveys conducted during the summer of 2023 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, 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 your nearest Ministry of Environment fisheries biologist.

Waterbody and Location	Species Caught (weight or length)	Date Tested/Survey Gear/Remarks
Anglin Lake	Walleye (140-1450g) Northern Pike (125-2500g) Yellow Perch (35-210g)	June 27-29, 2023. Gill nets. Walleye abundance showing slight increase from previous survey. Pike abundance has increased considerably.
Boundary Dam Reservoir	Walleye (50-2425g) Northern Pike (31-1975g) Yellow Perch (35-465g)	July 10-13, 2023. Gill nets. No largemouth bass were caught due to limited susceptibility to gill nets.
Buffalo Pound Lake	Walleye (50-3900g) Northern Pike (215-6150g) Yellow Perch (35-400g)	June 5-8, 2023. Gill nets. Walleye and pike abundance have both increased since the last assessment
Canoe Lake	Walleye (45-3200g) Northern Pike (110-5700g)	July 24-26, 2023. Gill nets. Walleye population has shown positive signs of recovery since last assessment.
Christopher Lake	Walleye (100-770g) Northern Pike (375-8500g) Yellow Perch (30-60g)	June 15-16, 2023. Gill nets. Walleye population has decreased slightly since last assessment while pike abundance has increased.
Emma Lake	Walleye (50-1500g) Northern Pike (100-2100g) Yellow Perch (30-130g)	June 12-14, 2023. Gill nets. Walleye abundance increased slightly since last assessment. Pike abundance has decrease slightly but is within the historical range.
Hackett Lake	Walleye (75-2020g) Northern Pike (165-1600g)	June 12-15, 2023. Gill net. Walleye and northern pike numbers similar to previous assessment.
Jan Lake	Walleye (40-2125g) Northern Pike (160-4725g) Yellow Perch (30-235g)	August 21-24, 2023. Gill nets. Walleye and northern pike populations are stable.
Lac la Ronge	Lake Trout (51.6-104.2 cm)	Sept 26 – Oct 11, 2023. Gill nets. Spawning survey for lake trout using

		small mesh gill nets. Population is showing continual improvements.
Last Mountain Lake	Walleye (42-5460g) Northern Pike (330-7450g) Yellow Perch (30-460g)	June 19-22, 2024. Gill nets. Walleye and pike numbers have increased slightly from the last survey