## AQUATIC VEGETATION SURVEYS

Scott and Jefferson Counties
2015 Fish Management Report

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- Hardy Lake is a 741-acre impoundment located in Scott and Jefferson Counties, 6 mi east of Austin and about 3 mi north of State Road 256. Indiana Department of Natural Resources launching permits are required on boats using the lake. More information on Hardy Lake State Recreation Area can be found at http://www.in.gov/dnr/parklake/2958.htm.
- A Largemouth Bass survey was conducted on May 11, 2015. A total of70 Largemouth Bass were collected after 1.06 h of electrofishing, at a rate of $66.0 / \mathrm{h}$.
- Overall Largemouth Bass PSD has improved slightly compared to previous years, but still falls within the range of a balanced fishery. Relative weights of Largemouth Bass fall within the target range for populations managed to maintain higher densities of bass for control of panfish recruitment.
- Growth of Largemouth Bass was faster than other Gizzard Shad impoundments.
- A Hybrid Striped Bass and Striped Bass survey was conducted on June 24 through 25, 2015 using 6 experimental Striped Bass gill nets. A total of 22 Striped Bass were collected at a rate of 1.8/lift and 65 Hybrid Striped Bass were collected at a rate of5.4/overnight lift.
- Continued annual stocking of7,480 Hybrid Striped Bassand 1,000 Striped Bass is recommended.
- An aquatic vegetation survey was conducted on August 11, 2015 following Tier II sampling guidelines. No submersed aquatic vegetation was found. An aquatic vegetation survey is recommended at Hardy Lake in 2016.


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## INTRODUCTION

Hardy Lake is a 741-acre impoundment located in Scott and Jefferson Counties, 6 mi east of Austin and about 3 mi north of State Road 256. Lake access includes four boat ramps and there are no outboard restrictions. The Division of Parks and Reservoirs manages the property, therefore, Indiana Department of Natural Resources launching permits are required on boats using the lake. Maps of the property are available from Hardy Lake State Recreation Area, located at 4171 East Harrod Road, Scottsburg, IN 47170.

The Divison of Fish and Wildlife (DFW) is responsible for managing the fish populations. The DFW stocked Largemouth Bass, Bluegill, Redear Sunfish, and Black Crappie into Hardy Lake when construction was completed in 1970. These species have maintained their populations through natural reproduction. Striped Bass ("stripers") and Hybrid Striped Bass ("wipers") have been stocked by the DFW to utilize Gizzard Shad and to provide additional fishing opportunities (Table). Striped Bass were initially stocked in 2001 with subsequent annual stockings in 2005 through 2008. A minimum of 7,410 were requested annually. In 2009, the Striped Bass stocking was changed to Hybrid Striped Bass due to better survival. Hybrids were first stocked in 2002 and annual stockings have occurred since 2009. Stocking numbers have ranged from 5,855 to 22,232 fingerlings. The DFW stocked a total of 7,700 Triploid Grass Carp to control submersed vegetation over the span of 1996 through 2007.

Numerous fish management, angler creel, and aquatic vegetation surveys have been conducted over the years. The latest creel survey (2010) documented high effort and harvest rates for panfish and low effort and harvest of Largemouth Bass. The bass angler's satisfaction rating was the lowest of all preference groups, with a score of 6.7 out of 10 (Carnahan 2011). For these reasons, this supplemental Largemouth Bass survey was conducted to evaluate the bass population. In addition, a Striped Bass and Hybrid Striped Bass survey was conducted to monitor their growth, and an aquatic vegetation survey was conducted to determine plant abundance. Submersed plants have not been found in the lake since 2008, due to the Triploid Grass Carp stockings. No future Grass Carp stockings are recommended.

## METHODS

## Largemouth Bass survey

A Largemouth Bass survey was conducted on May 11, 2015. Fish were collected by pulsed DC electrofishing with two dippers for a total of 1.06 h . All Largemouth Bass collected were measured to the nearest 0.1 in TL and weighed to the nearest 0.01 lb . Scale samples from 5 bass per 0.5 in length group were taken for age and growth analysis.

## Hybrid Striped Bass and Striped Bass survey

A Hybrid Striped Bass and Striped Bass survey was conducted on June 24 and 25, 2015. Some physical and chemical characteristics of the water were measured on June 24 in the deepest area of the impoundment according to standard lake survey guidelines (Shipman 2001). Six experimental Striped Bass gill nets were set for 2 nights for a total of 12 lifts. Multifilament nets were 300 ft long, 10 ft deep, and bar mesh sizes ranged from 1.5 to 3.0 in . One of the six nets was moved over the two sampling days and all nets were checked and ran daily. Nets were suspended approximately 5 ft from the surface using five evenly spaced floats in 20 to 30 ft of water. All fish were measured to the nearest 0.1 in TL and weighed to the nearest 0.01 lb . Otoliths were taken from every fish on the first day of net lifts for age determination, and scales were used for age determination on both days of sampling.

## Vegetation survey

On August 11, 2015 submersed aquatic vegetation was sampled using Tier II guidelines developed by the Indiana Department of Natural Resources (2006). In this survey, 38 selectively chosen sites were sampled in high traffic areas including boat ramps, the dam area, and the beach. Visual inspection of the entire lake shoreline was also completed for this survey.

## RESULTS

## Largemouth Bass survey

A total of70 Largemouth Bass was sampled, ranging in length from 5.0 to 21.6 in and the largest weighed 6 lbs. The Largemouth Bass electrofishing catch rate was $66 / \mathrm{h}$. Previous catch rates were $132 / \mathrm{h}$ (2010) and 98/h (2003). In 2015, the PSD, PSD-14, and PSD-18 were 54, 6 ,
and 2, while the same indices in 2010 were 41,12 , and 1 respectively. The PSD falls into the range of a balanced fishery ( 40 to 70 ).

Scales from 63 bass were subsampled for age estimation. Ages 1 through 4 were represented in the sample, with 5 fish or greater in each age class. Largemouth Bass grew fast compared to other Gizzard Shad lakes in the district where scales were the age estimation structure (Figure). Largemouth Bass growth was above average for all ages, falling in the $75^{\mathrm{h}}$ percentile or greater. An age-4 bass averaged 13.7 inches in 2015 compared to 13.2 inches in 2010.

Mean relative weights ( $W r$ ) were calculated by size group. Bass size groups were classified as stock ( $2: 8 \mathrm{in}$ ), quality ( $2: 12 \mathrm{in}$ ), and preferred ( $2: 15 \mathrm{in}$ ) sizes (Anderson and Neumann 1996). The $W r$ for each size group was 90 (stock), 87 (quality), and 90 (preferred).

## Hybrid Striped Bass and Striped Bass survey

At the time of this survey, the thermocline was at 10 ft and the water temperature was $77^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$.

A total of 65 Hybrid Striped Bass were sampled. The Hybrid Striped Bass ranged in length from 15.0 to 25.5 in and the largest weighed 6 lbs . The Hybrid Striped Bass gill net catch rate increased to 5.4/ovemight lift compared to the 2013 catch rate of 4.5/overnight lift. Hybrid Striped Bass from all stockings except 2014 (age 1) and 2010 (age 5), were represented in our sample, indicating good survival. The 2014 year class was not susceptible to the gear. The 2013 (age 2 ) cohort had the highest catch, followed by age 4, age 3, age 5, and age 6 . Length ranges by cohort are in the attached age-length key. Hybrid Striped Bass grew faster than what was found in the most recent survey (2013) at Hardy (Carnahan 2014). Age-2, age-3 and age-4 fish averaged 16.6, 19.0, and 20.8 in, respectively. In 2013, length at ages 2 through 4 were 14.4, 18.0, and 24.5 in, respectively.

A total of 22 Striped Bass were sampled. The Striped Bass ranged in length from 26.0 to 35.5 in and the largest weighed 16 lbs . The Striped Bass gill net catch rate was $1.8 /$ overnight lift while the previous catch rate from 2013 was $0.4 /$ overnight lift. Only Striped Bass from the last two stocking years (2007 (age 8) and 2008 (age 7)) were represented in the sample.

## Vegetation survey

Minimal vegetation was present in Hardy Lake at all water depths during the 2015 survey. No submersed aquatic vegetation was found at any of the sites, and only American waterwillow (Justicia Americana), phragmites (Phragmites australis), purple loosestrife (Lythrum salicaria), and buttonbush (Cephalanthus occidentalis) were observed along the shoreline. Similarly, no submersed aquatic vegetation has been found at any of the sites since 2011. During 2010, coontail (Ceratophyllum demersum), Eurasian watermilfoil (Myriophyllum spicatum), southern naiad (Najas guadalupensis), and waterthread pondweed (Potamogeton diversifolius) were observed in trace amounts.

## DISCUSSION

Overall proportional size distribution indices (PSD) for Largemouth Bass have improved for PSD, were lower for PSD-14 and about the same for PSD-18 (Carnahan 2011). The low PSD14 value is directly correlated with the small sample size offish 14 in and larger. The Largemouth Bass population was undersampled during this survey and should be sampled again during 2017. Results indicate that bass growth was faster than previous surveys, densities were low, and relative weights improved since recent surveys. During the 2010 management survey (Carnahan 2011), bass growth was slow, densities were high, and relative weights were low.

Low PSD-14 values in 2010 were indicative of a stockpiled Largemouth Bass population at 14 in (Carnahan 2011). A more comprehensive Largemouth Bass survey in 2018 is needed to obtain a larger sample size along with a Bluegill and Redear Sunfish survey in 2018 to better understand the management strategy that needs to be used.

A total of 7,480 Hybrid Striped Bass and 1,000 Striped Bass should continue to be stocked annually as they have high survival rates as indicated by the representation of fish in each age class. Both species are attaining large sizes, which are providing exciting angling opportunities.

A lake-wide absence of aquatic vegetation is due to the overabundance ofTriploid Grass Carp. Stockings ofTriploid Grass Carp were discontinued in 2009, as there was no longer a need for aquatic vegetation control in Hardy Lake. Aquatic vegetation should continue to be monitored annually as it will reestablish as the Triploid Grass Carp population dies off.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

- Conduct a Largemouth Bass survey in 2018.
- Conduct a Bluegill and Redear Sunfish survey in 2018.
- Continue stocking 7,480 Hybrid Striped Bass and 1,000 Striped Bass annually.
- Continue monitoring aquatic vegetation abundance with annual surveys.


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Table. Stocking records for Hybrid Striped Bass and Striped Bass by DFW at Hardy Lake.

| Species | Number | Year |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Striped Bass | 7,410 | 2001 |
| Hybrid Striped Bass | 7,410 | 2002 |
| Striped Bass | 7,410 | 2005 |
| Striped Bass | 14,820 | 2006 |
| Striped Bass | 7,410 | 2007 |
| Striped Bass | 4,427 | 2008 |
| Hybrid Striped Bass | 9,674 | 2009 |
| Hybrid Striped Bass | 14,960 | 2010 |
| Hybrid Striped Bass | 22,232 | 2011 |
| Hybrid Striped Bass | 14,960 | 2012 |
| Hybrid Striped Bass | 14,960 | 2013 |
| Hybrid Striped Bass | 7,480 | 2014 |
| Hybrid Striped Bass | 7,480 | 2015 |



Figure. Mean length-at-age (with standard error) of Largemouth Bass sampled in Hardy Lake on May 11, 2015 compared to the district average for Largemouth Bass from lakes with Gizzard Shad. Scales were the age estimation structure.

# APPENDIX 

Largemouth Bass survey
Hybrid Striped Bass and Striped Bass survey
Vegetation Survey

## LAKE SURVEY REPORT

| Type of Survey |
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| Oinilial Survey |$\quad[\mathbf{g}]$ Re-Survey


| Hardy Lake | Scott | May, June, August and Oct. 2015 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Biologist's name <br> Rebecca A Munter | Date of approval (Month, day, year) <br> March 23, 2017 |  |


| LOCATION |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Quadrangle Name | \|Range | Section |
| Deputy, Ind. 1968 P | 7E,8E | $13,14,18,19,24,25,30$ |
| Township Name | Nearest Town |  |
| 4N | Deputy |  |


| ACCESSIBILITY |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| State owned public access site |  | Privately owned public access site | Other access site |  |
| Four concrete boat ramgs |  |  |  |  |
| Surface acres | Maximum depth | Average depth | Acre feet | Water level |
| 741 | 38 ft | 16 ft | 11,856 | 600 |
| Location of benchmark |  |  |  |  |


| INLETS |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Name <br> Quick Creek | Location <br> Southeast corner of lake | Origin <br> Watershed runoff |
| Numerous unnamed, intermitten_t_inlets also drain into Hardy Lake |  |  |
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| OUTLETS |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Name <br> Quick Creek | Location <br> West end of lake at principal spillwa |  |  |
| Water level control <br> Principal spillway is a concrete tower with drawdown tubes present. Grass emergency spillway is at south end of dam. |  |  |  |
| $\begin{gathered} \hline \underline{\text { POOL }} \\ \text { TOP OF DAM } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \hline \text { ELEVATION (Feet MSL) } \\ 613.5 \end{gathered}$ | $\frac{\text { ACRES }}{1,200}$ | Bottom type <br> Boulder |
| TOP OF FLOOD CONTROL POOL | 603.5 | 870 | Gravel |
| TOP OF CONSERVATION POOL | 600.0 | 741 | Sand |
| TOP OF MINIMUM POOL | 570.0 | 90 | Muck |
| STREAMBED |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | Marl |
| Watershed use <br> Watershed covers 12 square mi ( $50 \%$ agricultural. $37 \%$ forest. $8 \%$ residential. $5 \%$ pasture/old field). |  |  |  |
| Development of shoreline <br> State-owned cam12_ground, Qeach, marina, overlook area, two fishing piers, and four boat ramps. |  |  |  |
| A private campground and approximately 24 homes are located alonq and near the northern and eastern shoreline. |  |  |  |
| Previous surveys and investigations <br> Fishery surveys: 1971-1975, 1978, 1987, 1990, 1995, 1998-2000, 2003, and 2007. Walleye study: 1983, 1984. |  |  |  |
| Angler creel surveys: 1975, 1977. 1978, 1981, 1999, 2003, 2007, and 2010. Submersed veqetation surveys: 2004-201 |  |  |  |
| Larqemouth Bass survey: 2010. |  |  |  |

SPECIES AND RELATIVE ABUNDANCE OF FISHES COLLECTED BY NUMBER AND WEIGHT LARGEMOUTH BASS SURVEY

| *COMMON NAME OF FISH | number | PERCENT | LENGTH RANGE (inches) | WEIGHT (pounds) | PERCENT |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Larqemouth Bass | 70 | 44.6 | 5.0-21.6 | 54.78 | 10.9 |
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*Common names of fishes recognized by the American Fisheries Society.

## SAMPLING EFFORT-Largemouth Bass Survey



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| Color |  | Turbidity | Inches (SECCHI DISK) |
|  |  | Feet |  |
| Alkalinity (ppm)* |  | pH |  |
| Surface: | Bottom: | Surface: | Bottom: |
| Conductivity: |  | Air temperature: | OF |
|  | micromhos |  |  |
| Water chemistry GPS coordinates: |  |  |  |
| Water | - |  |  |


| DEPTH (FEET) | Degrees ( ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$ ) | D.O. (ppm) | DEPTH (FEET) | DEGREES ( ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$ ) | D.O. (ppm) | DEPTH (FEET) | DEGREES ( ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$ ) D.O. (ppm) |
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| SURFACEI no data collected | no data collected |  | 36 |  |  | 72 |  |
| 2 |  |  | 38 |  |  | 74 |  |
| 4 |  |  | 40 |  |  | 76 |  |
| 6 |  |  | 42 |  |  | 78 |  |
| 8 |  |  | 44 |  |  | 80 |  |
| 10 |  |  | 46 |  |  | 82 |  |
| 12 |  |  | 48 |  |  | 84 |  |
| 14 |  |  | 50 |  |  | 86 |  |
| 16 |  |  | 52 |  |  | 88 |  |
| 18 |  |  | 54 |  |  | 90 |  |
| 20 |  |  | 56 |  |  | 92 |  |
| 22 |  |  | 58 |  |  | 94 |  |
| 24 |  |  | 60 |  |  | 96 |  |
| 26 |  |  | 62 |  |  | 98 |  |
| 28 |  |  | 64 |  |  | 100 |  |
| 30 |  |  | 66 |  |  |  |  |
| 32 |  |  | 68 |  |  |  |  |
| 34 |  |  | 70 |  |  |  |  |

## COMMENTS

Four stations were completed out of 8 stations that were planned for the evening. Station 5 had 200 seconds of effort and-wasincom2lete due to motor troubles. Total electrofishing effort is recorded as 1.06 , " which includes the few LMB cauqht durinq the 200 seconds at station 5 . *ppm-parts per million


| ELECTROFISHING <br> CATCH | GILL NET <br> CATCH | TRAP NET CATCH |
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| Length group (in) | Total number | Subsample | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
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| 5.0 | 2 | 2 | 2 |  |  |  |
| 5.5 | 0 | 0 |  |  |  |  |
| 6.0 | 2 | 2 | 2 |  |  |  |
| 6.5 | 1 | 1 | 1 |  |  |  |
| 7.0 | 1 | 1 |  | 1 |  |  |
| 7.5 | 1 | 1 |  | 1 |  |  |
| 8.0 | 2 | 2 |  | 2 |  |  |
| 8.5 | 1 | 1 |  | 1 |  |  |
| 9.0 | 3 | 3 |  | 3 |  |  |
| 9.5 | 3 | 3 |  | 2 | 1 |  |
| 10.0 | 6 | 6 |  | 5 | 1 |  |
| 10.5 | 5 | 5 |  | 4 | 1 |  |
| 11.0 | 4 | 4 |  | 1 | 3 |  |
| 11.5 | 6 | 5 |  |  | 6 |  |
| 12.0 | 10 | 6 |  |  | 10 |  |
| 12.5 | 5 | 5 |  |  | 3 | 2 |
| 13.0 | 6 | 5 |  |  | 1 | 5 |
| 13.5 | 5 | 5 |  |  | 1 | 4 |
| 14.0 | 4 | 4 |  |  |  | 4 |
| 14.5 | 1 | 1 |  |  |  | 1 |
| 15.0 | 1 | 1 |  |  |  | 1 |
| 15.5 | 0 | 0 |  |  |  |  |
| 16.0 | 0 | 0 |  |  |  |  |
| 16.5 | 0 | 0 |  |  |  |  |
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| 19.5 | 0 | 0 |  |  |  |  |
| 20.0 | 0 | 0 |  |  |  |  |
| 20.5 | 0 | 0 |  |  |  |  |
| 21.0 | 0 | 0 |  |  |  |  |
| 21.5 | 1 | 0 |  |  |  |  |
| Totals | 70 | 63 | 5 | 20 | 27 | 17 |


| AGE-LENGTH KEY SUMMARY |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Mean |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Age | Number | TL | Var | SE | Lower | Upper |
| 1 | 5 | 5.8 | 0.61 | 0.27 | 5.2 | 6.3 |
| 2 | 20 | 9.6 | 1.12 | 0.25 | 9.1 | 10.1 |
| 3 | 27 | 11.8 | 0.84 | 0.18 | 11.5 | 12.2 |
| 4 | 17 | 13.7 | 0.65 | 0.16 | 13.4 | 14.0 |

*Scales were the age estimation structure used for Largemouth Bass.

SPECIES AND RELATIVE ABUNDANCE OF FISHES COLLECTED BY NUMBER AND WEIGHT HYBRID STRIPED BASS AND STRIPED BASS

| *COMMON NAME OF FISH | NUMBER | PERCENT | LENGTH RANGE <br> (inches) | WEIGHT <br> (pounds) | PERCENT |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Hybrid Striped Bass | 65 | 41.4 | $15.0-25.5$ | 159.10 | 31.8 |
| Striged Bass | 22 | 14.0 | $26.4-35.7$ | 286.80 | 57.3 |
| Totals |  | 157 | 100.0 |  | 500.68 |
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| 1.0 |  |  |  |  | 19.0 | 5 | 7.7 | 2.76 | 3 |
| 1.5 |  |  |  |  | 19.5 | 3 | 4.6 | 3.33 | 4 |
| 2.0 |  |  |  |  | 20.0 | 1 | 1.5 | 3.00 | 4 |
| 2.5 |  |  |  |  | 20.5 | 4 | 6.2 | 3.50 | 4,5 |
| 3.0 |  |  |  |  | 21.0 | 4 | 6.2 | 4.00 | 4 |
| 3.5 |  |  |  |  | 21.5 | 2 | 3.1 | 4.00 | 4 |
| 4.0 |  |  |  |  | 22.0 | 1 | 1.5 | 3.50 | notaged |
| 4.5 |  |  |  |  | 22.5 |  |  |  |  |
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| 5.5 |  |  |  |  | 23.5 |  |  |  |  |
| 6.0 |  |  |  |  | 24.0 | 1 | 1.5 | 3.65 | notaqed |
| 6.5 |  |  |  |  | 24.5 |  |  |  |  |
| 7.0 |  |  |  |  | 25.0 |  |  |  |  |
| 7.5 |  |  |  |  | 25.5 | 1 | 1.5 | 6.00 | 6 |
| 8.0 |  |  |  |  | 26.0 |  |  |  |  |
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| 15.0 | 2 | 3.1 | 1.35 | notaged |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15.5 | 3 | 4.6 | 1.72 | 2 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 16.0 | 12 | 18.5 | 1.80 | 2 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 16.5 | 14 | 21.5 | 1.95 | 2 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 17.0 | 7 | 10.8 | 1.99 | 2 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 17.5 | 1 | 1.5 | 2.25 | notaqed |  |  |  |  |  |
| 18.0 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 18.5 | 4 | 6.2 | 2.58 | 3 |  |  |  |  |  |

ELECTROFISHING
GILL NET CATCH 5.4 /lift

TRAP NET CATCH

| TOTAL LENGTH linches) | NUMBER collected | PERCENT OF FISH COLLECTED | AVERAGE WEIGHT (pounds) | $\begin{gathered} \text { AGE OF } \\ \text { FISH } \end{gathered}$ | TOTAL LENGTH (inches) | NUMBER COLLECTED | $\begin{aligned} & \text { PERCENT } \\ & \text { OF FISH } \\ & \text { COLLECTED } \end{aligned}$ | AVERAGE WEIGHT (pounds) | AGE OF FISH |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1.0 |  |  |  |  | 19.0 |  |  |  |  |
| 1.5 |  |  |  |  | 19.5 |  |  |  |  |
| 2.0 |  |  |  |  | 20.0 |  |  |  |  |
| 2.5 |  |  |  |  | 20.5 |  |  |  |  |
| 3.0 |  |  |  |  | 21.0 |  |  |  |  |
| 3.5 |  |  |  |  | 21.5 |  |  |  |  |
| 4.0 |  |  |  |  | 22.0 |  |  |  |  |
| 4.5 |  |  |  |  | 22.5 |  |  |  |  |
| 5.0 |  |  |  |  | 23.0 |  |  |  |  |
| 5.5 |  |  |  |  | 23.5 |  |  |  |  |
| 6.0 |  |  |  |  | 24.0 |  |  |  |  |
| 6.5 |  |  |  |  | 24.5 |  |  |  |  |
| 7.0 |  |  |  |  | 25.0 |  |  |  |  |
| 7.5 |  |  |  |  | 25.5 |  |  |  |  |
| 8.0 |  |  |  |  | 26.0 | 1 | 4.5 | 8.00 | not aged |
| 8.5 |  |  |  |  | 26.5 |  |  |  |  |
| 9.0 |  |  |  |  | 27.0 |  |  |  |  |
| 9.5 |  |  |  |  | 27.5 |  |  |  |  |
| 10.0 |  |  |  |  | 28.0 |  |  |  |  |
| 10.5 |  |  |  |  | 28.5 |  |  |  |  |
| 11.0 |  |  |  |  | 29.0 | 1 | 4.5 | 10.30 | 7 |
| 11.5 |  |  |  |  | 29.5 |  |  |  |  |
| 12.0 |  |  |  |  | 30.0 | 4 | 18.2 | 12.38 | 7 |
| 12.5 |  |  |  |  | 30.5 | 2 | 9.1 | 12.50 | 7 |
| 13.0 |  |  |  |  | 31.0 | 3 | 13.6 | 11.60 | not aged |
| 13.5 |  |  |  |  | 31.5 | 4 | 18.2 | 13.38 | 7 |
| 14.0 |  |  |  |  | 32.0 | 2 | 9.1 | 14.85 | 7 |
| 14.5 |  |  |  |  | 32.5 | 3 | 13.6 | 14.83 | 7 |
| 15.0 |  |  |  |  | 33.0 | 1 | 4.5 | 15.50 | 7 |
| 15.5 |  |  |  |  | 33.5 |  |  |  |  |
| 16.0 |  |  |  |  | 34.0 |  |  |  |  |
| 16.5 |  |  |  |  | 34.5 |  |  |  |  |
| 17.0 |  |  |  |  | 35.0 |  |  |  |  |
| 17.5 |  |  |  |  | 35.5 | 1 | 4.5 | 16.00 | 8 |
| 18.0 |  |  |  |  | TOTAL | 22 |  |  |  |
| 18.5 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |


| ELECTROFISHING <br> CATCH | GILL NET <br> CATCH | $1.8 / \mathrm{lift}$ | TRAP NET CATCH |
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| Length | Total | Sub- |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| group (in) | number | sample | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 15 | 2 | 0 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15.5 | 3 | 1(2) |  | 1 |  |  |  |  |
| 16.0 | 12 | 6(2) |  | 6 |  |  |  |  |
| 16.5 | 14 | 10(2) |  | 10 |  |  |  |  |
| 17.0 | 7 | 2(2) |  | 2 |  |  |  |  |
| 17.5 | 1 | 0 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 18.0 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 18.5 | 4 | 3(3) |  |  | 3 |  |  |  |
| 19.0 | 5 | 4(3) |  |  | 4 |  |  |  |
| 19.5 | 3 | 1(4) |  |  |  | 1 |  |  |
| 20.0 | 1 | 1(4) |  |  |  | 1 |  |  |
| 20.5 | 4 | 2(4),1(5) |  |  |  | 2 | 1 |  |
| 21.0 | 4 | 4(4) |  |  |  | 4 |  |  |
| 21.5 | 2 | 1(4) |  |  |  | 1 |  |  |
| 22.0 | 1 | 0 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 22.5 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 23.0 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 23.5 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 24.0 | 1 | 0 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 24.5 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 25.0 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 25.5 | 1 | 1(6) |  |  |  |  |  | 1 |
| Totals | 65 | 37 | 0 | 19 | 7 | 9 | 1 | 1 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| AGE-LENGTH KEY SUMMARY |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Age | Number | Mean TL | Var | SE | Lower $95 \% \mathrm{Cl}$ | Upper $95 \% \mathrm{Cl}$ |  |  |
| 1 | 0 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2 | 19 | 16.6 | 0.34 | 0.08 | 16.4 | 16.7 |  |  |
| 3 | 7 | 19.0 | 0.29 | 0.11 | 18.7 | 19.2 |  |  |
| 4 | 9 | 20.8 | 0.63 | 0.21 | 20.4 | 21.3 |  |  |
| 5 | 1 | 20.9 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 6 | 1 | 25.5 |  |  |  |  |  |  |

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* Otoliths were used to estimate all ages.
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| TIMPJ;BBIJifitii -\| " $\quad$ \| 8 XYGEN (D.O.) |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| DEPTH (FEET) | Degrees ('F) | D.O. (ppm) | DEPTH (FEET) | \| DEGREES ('F) ${ }^{\text {d }}$ D.O. (ppm) | 1 DEPTH (FEET) | \| DEGREES ('F) I D.O. (ppm) |
| SURFACE | 80.4 | 7.95 | 36 | \| | 72 | 1 |
| 2 | 80.4 | 8.20 | 38 |  | 74 |  |
| 4 | 80.2 | 8.17 | 40 |  | 76 |  |
| 6 | 80.2 | 8.01 | 42 |  | 78 |  |
| 8 | 78.6 | 2.03 | 44 |  | 80 |  |
| 10 | 78.4 | 0.97 | 46 |  | 82 |  |
| 12 | 76.8 | 0.40 | 48 |  | 84 |  |
| 14 | 73.4 | 0.30 | 50 |  | 86 |  |
| 16 | 70.5 | 0.20 | 52 |  | 88 |  |
| 18 | 67.8 | 0.18 | 54 |  | 90 |  |
| 20 | 65.3 | 0.17 | 56 |  | 92 |  |
| 22 | 62.4 | 0.16 | 58 |  | 94 |  |
| 24 | 59.9 | 0.17 | 60 |  | 96 |  |
| 26 | 59.0 | 0.16 | 62 |  | 98 |  |
| 28 | 57.4 | 0.15 | 64 |  | 100 |  |
| 30 | 56.1 | 0.14 | 66 |  |  |  |
| 32 | - 55.0 | 0.14 | 68 |  |  |  |
| 34 | $t: 3.1$. | 0.13 | 70 |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| High traffic areas were targeted, such as boat ramps, near the dam, and the beach area. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Other Q_lants obsel"Ved along the shoreline include. phragmites, purple loosestrife, American water willow, |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| and buttonbush. Total dissolved solids at the surface measured 90 ppm . |  |  |  |  |  |  |

[^1]| Occurrence and Abundance of Submersed Aquatic Plants |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Lake: Hardy |  | Secchi (ft): 2.5 | SE Mean Species / Site: 0.00 |
| Date: 8/11/2015 |  | Littoral Sites w/Plants: 0 | Mean Natives / Site: 0.00 |
| Littoral Depth (ft) |  | Number of Species: 0 | SE Mean Natives / Site: 0.00 |
| Littoral Sites: | 4 | Max. Species / Site: 0 | Species Diversity: 0.00 |
| Total Sites: | 38 | Mean Species / Site: 0.00 | Native Diversity: 0.00 |

Species noted:
Phragmites
Purple loosestrife
American waterwillow
Buttonbush


[^0]:    * Otoliths were used to estimate all ages.

[^1]:    *ppm-parts per million

