## STUDY PERFORMANCE REPORT

State: Michigan
Project No.: $\quad$ F-81-R-3
Title: Continued monitoring of yellow perch and walleye populations in Michigan waters of Green Bay, Lake Michigan

Period Covered: _October 1, 2001 to September 30, 2002

Study Objectives: (1) Continue monitoring population dynamics of yellow perch and walleye populations through creel surveys, netting, and tagging. (2) Intensify efforts to sample age-0 walleye using trawls and seines. (3) Obtain walleye diet information throughout the year from different areas in the Michigan waters of Green Bay. (4) Align yellow perch tagging and earlylife history sampling efforts with lakewide programs.

Summary: Fish communities in Michigan waters of Green Bay (Big and Little bays de Noc, and open waters south to the Menominee River) were assessed through creel surveys, assessment netting, and a tagging program. Creel surveys have been conducted annually 1985-2002. Assessment netting and tagging have been done annually, 1988-2002. Sampling during 2002 was completed according to schedule, and data from these surveys and assessments will be presented in future reports.

Creel surveys were conducted during 2001 at Little Bay de Noc, Big Bay de Noc, Cedar River, and Menominee River sites. All sites were surveyed during the open-water season, but only Little Bay de Noc and Menominee River were surveyed during the ice season. Combining estimates from all sites and seasons, sport anglers harvested 105,467 yellow perch and 53,314 walleyes during 2001.

Assessment netting in 2001 captured 1,385 fish representing 19 species. Fish were identified and counted, and $20 \%$ were measured and examined to determine sex, maturity, and stomach contents. The most common species collected was yellow perch ( $36 \%$ of the total number), followed by round goby ( $24 \%$ of the total). Walleye ranked eighth ( $3 \%$ of the total). Diet information was summarized from 172 yellow perch, 38 walleyes, and 74 fish of other species.

Based on trawl catches of young-of-the-year (YOY) fish, the 2001 yellow perch year class was weak in both bays, but less so in Big Bay de Noc than in Little Bay de Noc. Trawl catches of age-1 and older yellow perch were moderate in Little Bay de Noc and very high in Big Bay de Noc for 2001. Overall, 2001 gill-net catches of yellow perch were low in both bays relative to other years. One YOY walleye was gillnetted in Little Bay de Noc during 2001 assessments. Based on date and location of capture, and the 2001 stocking schedule, this fish was clearly produced by natural reproduction.

In spring of 2001, 2,371 walleyes were tagged. Since 1988, 47,417 walleyes and 19,572 yellow perch have been tagged. Tag-return data were used to update estimates of exploitation and survival rates, and to further document fish movements. Exploitation rates for walleye, unadjusted for non-reporting, were $4.2 \%$ for Little Bay de Noc, $2.6 \%$ for Big Bay de Noc, $2.8 \%$ for Cedar River, and $5.0 \%$ for Menominee River. Walleye survival was $57.4 \%$ in Little Bay de Noc, $56.0 \%$ in Big Bay de Noc, $49.4 \%$ in Cedar River, and $43.2 \%$ in Menominee River. No
yellow perch have been tagged since 1993 and no tagged yellow perch have been reported caught by anglers since 1996.

Findings: Jobs 1, 2, 3, and 5 were scheduled for 2001-02, and progress is reported below.
Job 1. Title: Continue monitoring yellow perch and walleye populations.-Creel survey data have been collected for the Michigan waters of Green Bay (statistical district MM-1) by Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) personnel since 1985 (Table 1). Creel survey methods and results were summarized under F-81-R Study 427 by Rakoczy and Rogers (1987, 1988, 1990), Rakoczy and Lockwood (1988), Rakoczy (1992a, 1992b), and Rakoczy and Svoboda (1994). Creel estimates for 1994-2001 have been calculated (G.P. Rakoczy, personal communication, Charlevoix Fisheries Station, Charlevoix, Michigan), but are as yet unpublished. Sites and seasons covered during the 2001 creel survey were consistent with those since 1999 and roughly comparable to those since 1993. Compared to 1993-2000 averages, the 2001 catch was $33 \%$ higher for walleye and $31 \%$ lower for yellow perch. Angling effort during 2001 increased $4 \%$ over the 1993-2000 average.

Marquette Fisheries Research Station personnel collected monthly samples of adult and juvenile fish from June through September, 2001 in both Big and Little bays de Noc. Samples were obtained from 42 10-min bottom trawl hauls (20 in Little Bay de Noc and 22 in Big Bay de Noc) and 32 overnight gill net sets (16 in each bay). Gear dimensions and configurations were identical to those described by Schneeberger (2000).

Total length, sex, maturity, and diet data were recorded for 172 yellow perch and 38 walleyes during 2001 (Table 2). An additional 259 yellow perch were measured but not examined internally, and 75 were counted only. Scales and/or spines were collected from 40 walleyes and 113 yellow perch. Ages of these fish will be tabulated in future reports.

Besides walleye and yellow perch, 838 fish, representing 17 other species, were caught in 2001 assessment nets. Of these, 74 fish were measured and examined to determine sex, maturity, and stomach contents. The remainder were measured or counted only.

One YOY walleye was captured in a gill net in Little Bay de Noc on June 19, 2001. It was deduced that this fish was the result of natural reproduction because walleye were not stocked in Little Bay de Noc in 2001, and no stocking of walleye occurred until after the capture date.

Yellow perch was the most abundant species in 2001 assessment netting and walleye ranked eighth (Table 2). The round goby, an exotic first detected in the study area in 1998, ranked second in abundance and represented $24 \%$ of the fish captured during 2001 sampling, a large increase compared to 2000.

Catch per unit effort (CPUE) was calculated for yellow perch caught in standard monthly trawl hauls and gill net sets (Table 3). Trawl catches of young-of-the-year (YOY) yellow perch were used as an index of year-class strength, and gill-net catches of yellow perch $178-\mathrm{mm}$ and larger (generally $\geq 3$-years old) were used as an index of abundance for sizes large enough to interest sport anglers. The 2001 yellow perch year class was weak in both bays, though somewhat higher in Big Bay de Noc compared to 2000. Gill net CPUEs for large, catchable yellow perch in 2001 were $48 \%$ lower in Little Bay de Noc and $28 \%$ higher in Big Bay de Noc compared to 2000.

In Michigan waters of Green Bay, individually-numbered monel bird leg bands have been used to jaw tag 47,417 walleyes between 1988 and 2001, and 19,572 yellow perch between 1989 and 1993. Virtually all tagged walleye were of legal size, and $99.8 \%$ of the tagged yellow perch were

7 inches or larger. During spring of 2001, 2,371 walleyes were tagged in Michigan waters of Green Bay (Tables 4-7). Walleyes were tagged at four locations: Little Bay de Noc ( $\mathrm{N}=500$ ), Big Bay de Noc ( $\mathrm{N}=55$ ), Cedar River ( $\mathrm{N}=840$ ), and Menominee River ( $\mathrm{N}=976$ ). Walleyes were tagged coincident with egg-take operations in Little Bay de Noc where fish were collected in fyke nets. Boomshocking boats were used to catch walleye for tagging at other locations but 317 walleyes were obtained from commercial pound nets set near the mouth of the Cedar River.

Solicitations for the return of tags have appeared in local newspapers, sport-club information bulletins, and notices at launch sites. In addition, the creel clerk surveying Cedar and Menominee river fisheries solicited tag-return data on his personal fishing information web site and some returns were reported on a form available through the Department of Natural Resources web site. Anglers catching tagged fish were asked to contact a creel clerk or an MDNR office to report species, tag number, fish length, date, time of catch, location of catch, fate of the fish (kept or released); and their name, address, and phone number. These data were entered into database files, and a computer-generated letter was sent to cooperating anglers, informing them of the number of days between the tag and capture dates, the distance between the tag and capture sites, and the estimated age and growth of the fish they caught.

Between May 2001 and April 2002, 206 walleye tag returns were reported (Tables 4-7). Returns from fish tagged in Little Bay de Noc included fish that had been tagged in 1988, 1993, 1994, and 1999-2001. Big Bay de Noc returns came from fish tagged in 1995, 1997, and 19992001. Returns were reported for fish tagged at Cedar River during 1994-2001. Tag returns of Menominee River walleye came from fish that had been tagged in 1995-2001.

Exploitation (unadjusted for non-reporting) and survival rates were estimated from tag-return data using formulae provided by Brownie et al. (1985). Based on cumulative tag returns through 2001, walleye exploitation rates were $4.2 \%$ in Little Bay de Noc, $2.6 \%$ in Big Bay de Noc, 2.8\% in Cedar River, and $5.0 \%$ in Menominee River. Walleye survival was $57.4 \%$ in Little Bay de Noc, $51.0 \%$ in Big Bay de Noc, $49.4 \%$ in Cedar River, and $43.2 \%$ in Menominee River.

Thomas and Haas (2000) examined reward versus non-reward walleye tag returns in Lake Erie to determine an adjustment factor of 2.7 for non-reporting. Using this factor to adjust for nonreporting in Michigan waters of Green Bay, estimated exploitation for walleye was $11.3 \%$ in Little Bay de Noc, $7.0 \%$ in Big Bay de Noc, $7.6 \%$ in Cedar River, and $13.5 \%$ in Menominee River.

No tagged yellow perch were caught in 2001. Yellow perch have not been tagged in bays de Noc since 1993, and no tagged yellow perch have been reported since 1996.

Use of drop boxes, placed at 10 access sites throughout the study area, continued for the sixth year in 2001. Signs were posted asking walleye anglers to fill out brief catch summary forms that were available from a compartment in the drop boxes. Although this has proven to be an effective means by which to collect additional information during previous years, no forms were received from drop boxes during 2001.

Lymphocystis is an endemic viral skin disease common to walleye, especially during spawning (Scott and Crossman 1973). Presence or absence of lymphocystis was noted for fish at each tagging location. Compared to 2000, incidence of lymphocystis in spawning populations during 2001 dropped from 9 to $6 \%$ in Little Bay de Noc, increased from 12 to $15 \%$ in Big Bay de Noc, decreased from 20 to $10 \%$ in Cedar River, and fell from 26 to $18 \%$ in Menominee River. Lymphocystis was not observed on any of the 41 walleye caught in 2001 assessment netting.

Fish stomach contents were examined in the field during assessment netting, and food items were identified and counted. Fish prey were measured, weighed, and identified to species when possible, insects were identified to order or family, and zooplankton was considered a broad, inclusive category excepting Bythotrephes cederstroemi which was differentiated from other zooplankton. Predation by yellow perch on Bythotrephes cederstroemi during 2001 was low compared to years prior to 1999 (Schneeberger 1989, 1991, 2000). Zebra mussels Dreissena polymorpha were found in six round goby stomachs (average of 4.3 zebra mussels/stomach) and one common carp stomach ( 1 zebra mussel).

In Little Bay de Noc, diet data were obtained from 66 yellow perch and 33 walleyes. Hexagenia, Bythotrephes, and fish (mostly unidentified) were prominent in yellow perch stomachs (Table 8). Four walleye stomachs were empty, but 17 contained fish (alewife, unidentified, and spottail shiner) and 4 contained Hexagenia (Table 9).

Stomachs were examined from 106 yellow perch and 5 walleyes in Big Bay de Noc. Yellow perch ate Hexagenia, crayfish, amphipods, and fish (unidentified, brook stickleback, white sucker) for the most part (Table 10). The single walleye with identifiable stomach contents contained only an alewife (Table 11).

Job 2. Title: Intensify efforts to obtain an index of walleye recruitment.-No supplemental netting was performed during 2001 due to time and personnel constraints. One YOY walleye was captured in regular 2001 assessment netting, as mentioned under Job 1.

Job 3. Title: Obtain year-round walleye diet from different areas.-In a continuing effort to obtain supplemental walleye diet data, containers and labels were provided to cooperating proprietors of a resort located at the head of Little Bay de Noc. During past years, walleye stomachs were saved, labeled, and frozen for future collection and analysis. No stomachs were retrieved through this process during 2001 because I failed to remind the proprietors of our ongoing desire to collect data with their help.

Job 5. Title: Evaluate results and write report.-The 2001-02 Study Performance Report (F-81-R-1) was prepared during this study segment.

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Table 1.-Estimated sport catch (number and kilograms) and effort (angling hours) of walleye and yellow perch in Michigan waters of Green Bay, Lake Michigan (Statistical District MM-1), 1985-2001. Data from G. Rakoczy, Michigan DNR, Charlevoix.

| Year | Effort (hours) | Walleye |  | Yellow perch |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Number | Kilograms | Number | Kilograms |
| $1985^{\text {a,b }}$ | 523,167 | 18,738 | 18,699 | 459,089 | 52,060 |
| $1986^{\text {a,b }}$ | 486,339 | 21,682 | 20,653 | 432,646 | 41,212 |
| $1987^{\text {a,b }}$ | 303,077 | 12,005 | 17,425 | 210,872 | 26,782 |
| $1988{ }^{\text {a, }}$ | 551,750 | 25,535 | 35,906 | 323,294 | 33,729 |
| $1989{ }^{\text {a,c }}$ | 656,462 | 42,029 | 40,035 | 291,003 | 35,640 |
| $1990^{\text {a,b }}$ | 736,599 | 43,144 | 43,054 | 372,402 | 38,851 |
| $1991{ }^{\text {a,b }}$ | 948,456 | 50,009 | 56,710 | 564,597 | 76,830 |
| $1992{ }^{\text {a,b }}$ | 692,284 | 23,374 | 28,627 | 399,671 | 36,258 |
| $1993{ }^{\text {a,b,d, }}$ | 734,400 | 25,425 | 29,985 | 104,902 | 9,516 |
| $1994{ }^{\text {a,b,d,e }}$ | 609,360 | 32,508 | 39,813 | 139,409 | 12,647 |
| $1995{ }^{\text {a,b,d, } \mathrm{e}}$ | 666,976 | 80,323 | 87,442 | 156,720 | 14,218 |
| $1996{ }^{\text {a,b,d, } \text { e }}$ | 627,900 | 62,752 | 74,007 | 323,789 | 29,374 |
| $1997{ }^{\text {b,d,e,f }}$ | 452,044 | 30,016 | $\sim 34,492$ | 43,908 | $\sim 4,595$ |
| $1998{ }^{\text {a,b,d, } \text { e }}$ | 532,829 | 27,863 | $\sim 32,015$ | 151,310 | $\sim 15,844$ |
| $1999^{\text {a,b,d,g }}$ | 575,561 | 28,348 | ~32,572 | 158,297 | $\sim 16,576$ |
| $2000^{\text {a,b,d,g }}$ | 672,377 | 33,884 | ~38,267 | 143,671 | $\sim 15,044$ |
| $2001{ }^{\text {a,b,d,g }}$ | 634,628 | 53,314 | $\sim 60,210$ | 105,467 | $\sim 11,044$ |

${ }^{\text {a }}$ Little Bay de Noc open water and ice seasons
${ }^{\mathrm{b}}$ Big Bay de Noc open water season
${ }^{\text {c }}$ Big Bay de Noc open water and ice seasons
${ }^{\text {d }}$ Cedar River open water season
${ }^{\mathrm{e}}$ Menominee River open water season
${ }^{\mathrm{f}}$ Little Bay de Noc open water season
${ }^{\mathrm{g}}$ Menominee River open water and ice seasons

Table 2.-Numbers of each fish species captured in assessment nets in Little Bay de Noc (LBDN) and Big Bay de Noc (BBDN), Lake Michigan, June-September, 2001.

| Common name | Measured and examined ${ }^{\mathrm{a}}$ |  | Measured or counted only |  | Totals |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | LBDN | BBDN | LBDN | BBDN | LBDN | BBDN | All | \% |
| Yellow perch | 66 | 106 | 102 | 232 | 168 | 338 | 506 | 36.53 |
| Round goby | 10 | 0 | 317 | 0 | 327 | 0 | 327 | 23.61 |
| Brook stickleback | 0 | 0 | 0 | 134 | 0 | 134 | 134 | 9.68 |
| Smallmouth bass | 3 | 4 | 0 | 81 | 3 | 85 | 88 | 6.35 |
| Johnny darter | 0 | 4 | 3 | 79 | 3 | 83 | 86 | 6.21 |
| Trout-perch | 2 | 0 | 76 | 0 | 78 | 0 | 78 | 5.63 |
| Spottail shiner | 0 | 4 | 44 | 12 | 44 | 16 | 60 | 4.33 |
| Walleye | 33 | 5 | 3 | 0 | 36 | 5 | 41 | 2.96 |
| White sucker | 12 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 15 | 6 | 21 | 1.52 |
| White perch | 9 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 7 | 16 | 1.16 |
| Rock bass | 2 | 0 | 6 | 1 | 8 | 1 | 9 | 0.65 |
| Alewife | 4 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 2 | 6 | 0.43 |
| Northern pike | 3 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 5 | 0.36 |
| Common carp | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 0.22 |
| Bluegill | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0.07 |
| Brown bullhead | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0.07 |
| Gizzard shad | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0.07 |
| Golden redhorse | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0.07 |
| Splake | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0.07 |
| Total | 146 | 138 | 557 | 544 | 703 | 682 | 1,385 | 100.00 |

[^0]Table 3.-Catch-per-unit-effort for yellow perch in $10-\mathrm{min}$ trawl hauls and 24-hr, 18-m experimental gill net sets in Little Bay de Noc and Big Bay de Noc, Lake Michigan, 1988-2001.

| Bay | Year | Number of yellow perch per trawl haul |  |  | Number of yellow perch per gill-net lift |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | $<90 \mathrm{~mm}$ | $\geq 90 \mathrm{~mm}$ | All | $<178 \mathrm{~mm}$ | $\geq 178 \mathrm{~mm}$ | All |
| Little Bay de Noc | 1988 | 35.3 | 43.1 | 71.8 | 15.1 | 4.8 | 16.8 |
|  | 1989 | 17.7 | 10.7 | 21.3 | 11.0 | 2.7 | 12.5 |
|  | 1990 | 10.3 | 18.0 | 24.0 | 9.4 | 1.8 | 9.8 |
|  | 1991 | 33.1 | 11.3 | 36.7 | 6.4 | 4.3 | 9.6 |
|  | 1992 | 4.3 | 11.0 | 13.2 | 12.6 | 5.9 | 16.1 |
|  | 1993 | 64.1 | 17.6 | 67.1 | 9.9 | 1.8 | 10.5 |
|  | 1994 | 9.7 | 3.2 | 12.9 | 14.4 | 3.2 | 17.5 |
|  | 1995 | 34.3 | 3.8 | 28.6 | 10.8 | 4.0 | 12.7 |
|  | 1996 | 5.4 | 0.9 | 4.2 | 7.9 | 0.7 | 8.6 |
|  | 1997 | 20.0 | 1.8 | 15.9 | 9.3 | 2.3 | 10.7 |
|  | 1998 | 81.0 | 7.1 | 58.3 | 6.8 | 5.2 | 8.5 |
|  | 1999 | 12.0 | 1.7 | 3.4 | 4.6 | 4.7 | 6.3 |
|  | 2000 | 9.6 | 2.2 | 8.4 | 4.4 | 4.2 | 6.2 |
|  | 2001 | 10.6 | 7.8 | 14.7 | 3.1 | 2.0 | 3.7 |
| Big Bay de Noc | 1988 | 34.7 | 34.0 | 51.5 | 3.0 | 3.0 | 5.0 |
|  | 1989 | 3.5 | 3.7 | 3.6 | 14.9 | 7.1 | 20.2 |
|  | 1990 | 70.3 | 12.0 | 70.4 | 6.6 | 4.2 | 9.7 |
|  | 1991 | 205.0 | 1.5 | 205.2 | 8.4 | 3.8 | 9.4 |
|  | 1992 | 2.9 | 2.8 | 3.8 | 11.6 | 3.6 | 13.6 |
|  | 1993 | 23.4 | 1.7 | 24.0 | 9.4 | 2.0 | 9.5 |
|  | 1994 | 141.7 | 8.5 | 150.2 | 3.9 | 1.9 | 5.8 |
|  | 1995 | 44.1 | 60.0 | 52.6 | 5.2 | 1.4 | 5.9 |
|  | 1996 | 22.8 | 27.8 | 35.2 | 15.2 | 2.0 | 17.2 |
|  | 1997 | 20.8 | 1.0 | 7.0 | 12.5 | 2.1 | 13.8 |
|  | 1998 | 69.2 | 6.0 | 72.6 | 4.9 | 1.4 | 5.1 |
|  | 1999 | 3.0 | 10.0 | 9.8 | 16.9 | 2.0 | 17.9 |
|  | 2000 | 3.5 | 0 | 3.5 | 5.4 | 3.2 | 7.7 |
|  | 2001 | 28.8 | 73.0 | 41.0 | 5.4 | 4.1 | 6.3 |

Table 4.-Number of walleyes tagged and tag returns by year from Little Bay de Noc, Lake Michigan,1988-2001. (Recovery year = May-Apr).

| Tag year | Number tagged | Recovery year |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | 1988 | 1989 | 1990 | 1991 | 1992 | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 2000 | 2001 |  |
| 1988 | 2,496 | 167 | 141 | 72 | 42 | 12 | 21 | 14 | 5 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 479 |
| 1989 | 2,486 | - | 150 | 58 | 25 | 20 | 7 | 7 | 8 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 281 |
| 1990 | 1,744 | - | - | 94 | 33 | 13 | 15 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 159 |
| 1991 | 1,886 | - | - | - | 79 | 30 | 10 | 5 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 128 |
| 1992 | 1,690 | - | - | - | - | 50 | 18 | 14 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 97 |
| 1993 | 1,563 | - | - | - | - | - | 69 | 22 | 10 | 5 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 114 |
| 1994 | 1,246 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 69 | 23 | 7 | 7 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 109 |
| 1995 | 711 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 33 | 18 | 6 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 61 |
| 1996 | 700 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 25 | 19 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 50 |
| 1997 | 700 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 17 | 9 | 6 | 4 | 0 | 36 |
| 1998 | 470 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 19 | 6 | 10 | 0 | 35 |
| 1999 | 530 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 16 | 12 | 9 | 37 |
| 2000 | 500 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 24 | 16 | 40 |
| 2001 | 500 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 18 | 18 |

Table 5.-Number of walleyes tagged and tag returns by year from Big Bay de Noc, Lake Michigan,1990-2001. (Recovery year = May-Apr)

| Tag year | Number tagged | Recovery year |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | 1990 | 1991 | 1992 | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 2000 | 2001 |  |
| 1990 | 867 | 22 | 19 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 47 |
| 1991 | 354 | - | 6 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 16 |
| 1993 | 617 | - | - | - | 20 | 13 | 11 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 48 |
| 1994 | 1,458 | - | - | - | - | 37 | 15 | 5 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 60 |
| 1995 | 1,993 | - | - | - | - | - | 67 | 29 | 20 | 9 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 129 |
| 1996 | 1,324 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 36 | 26 | 12 | 6 | 4 | 0 | 88 |
| 1997 | 868 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 21 | 17 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 45 |
| 1998 | 77 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| 1999 | 609 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3 | 7 | 1 | 11 |
| 2000 | 110 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 3 | 4 |
| 2001 | 55 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 1 |

Table 6.-Number of walleyes tagged and tag returns by year from Cedar River, Lake Michigan,1993-2001. (Recovery year $=$ May-Apr).

| Tag year | Number tagged | Recovery year |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 2000 | 2001 |  |
| 1993 | 1,312 | 50 | 27 | 9 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 89 |
| 1994 | 1,500 | - | 73 | 17 | 6 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 100 |
| 1995 | 1,677 | - | - | 36 | 23 | 9 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 1 | 79 |
| 1996 | 445 | - | - | - | 7 | 11 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 1 | 23 |
| 1997 | 925 | - | - | - | - | 26 | 9 | 3 | 8 | 4 | 50 |
| 1998 | 1,290 | - | - | - | - | - | 31 | 14 | 10 | 6 | 61 |
| 1999 | 1,203 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 31 | 19 | 7 | 57 |
| 2000 | 948 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 15 | 8 | 23 |
| 2001 | 840 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 21 | 21 |

Table 7.-Number of walleyes tagged and tag returns by year from Menominee River, Lake Michigan,1993-2001. (Recovery year = May-Apr).

| Tag <br> year | Number |  | Recovery year |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
|  | 1,280 | 100 | 24 | 6 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 134 |
| 1994 | 1,500 | - | 127 | 16 | 4 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 150 |
| 1995 | 1,879 | - | - | 103 | 25 | 15 | 6 | 0 | 4 | 1 | 154 |
| 1996 | 544 | - | - | - | 20 | 8 | 5 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 37 |
| 1997 | 1,758 | - | - | - | - | 77 | 28 | 14 | 3 | 4 | 126 |
| 1998 | 1,155 | - | - | - | - | - | 52 | 19 | 9 | 10 | 90 |
| 1999 | 1,503 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 47 | 21 | 19 | 87 |
| 2000 | 1,059 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 32 | 29 | 61 |
| 2001 | 976 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 38 | 38 |

Table 8.-Diet data from stomachs of 66 yellow perch collected in assessment nets in Little Bay de Noc, Jun-Sep, 2001. No. = number; TL = Total length.

|  | Observed occurrence |  |  |  | TL (in) of yellow perch |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Food category | Frequency | Mean no. per fish | Months |  | Min. | Max. |
| Hexagenia | 13 | 3.3 | $6,7,8,9$ |  | 3.4 | 11.1 |
| Miscellaneous | 12 | - | $6,8,9$ |  | 4.3 | 6.9 |
| Bythotrephes spines | 12 | 23.1 | 9 |  | 2.8 | 8.2 |
| Fish $^{\text {a }}$ | 9 | 1.0 | $6,7,9$ |  | 5.1 | 8.4 |
| Zooplankton | 7 | 12.1 | 8 | 2.1 | 2.5 |  |
| Bythotrephes | 6 | 6.2 | 9 |  | 4.0 | 8.2 |
| Crayfish | 2 | 1.0 | 6,9 |  | 7.3 | 9.4 |
| Amphipods | 1 | 5.0 | 9 | 4.3 | 4.3 |  |
| Aquatic insects | 1 | 1.0 | 8 |  | 2.2 | 2.2 |
| Empty | 12 | - | $6,7,8,9$ |  | 1.9 | 11.8 |

${ }^{a}$ Unidentified (6), alewife (3)

Table 9.-Diet data from stomachs of 33 walleyes collected in assessment nets in Little Bay de Noc, Jun-Sep, 2001. No. = number; TL = Total length.

|  | Observed occurrence |  |  |  |  | TL (in) of walleye |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Food category | Frequency | Mean no. per fish | Months |  | Min. | Max. |  |
| Fish $^{\mathrm{a}}$ | 17 | 1.2 | $7,8,9$ |  | 10.5 | 21.1 |  |
| Miscellaneous | 9 | - |  | 5,7 | 20.5 |  |  |
| Hexagenia | 4 | 2.0 |  |  | 12.4 | 16.4 |  |
| Empty | 4 | - | $6,8,9$ |  | 12.5 | 16.5 |  |

[^1]Table 10.-Diet data from stomachs of 106 yellow perch collected in assessment nets in Big Bay de Noc, Jun-Sep, 2001. No. = number; TL = Total length.

|  | Observed occurrence |  |  |  |  | TL (in) of yellow perch |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Food category | Frequency | Mean no. per fish | Months |  | Min. | Max. |  |
| Hexagenia | 26 | 1.4 | $6,7,8,9$ |  | 3.8 | 11.1 |  |
| Crayfish | 25 | 1.6 | $6,7,8$ |  | 4.2 | 11.2 |  |
| Amphipods | 24 | 8.6 | 6,9 |  | 3.0 | 4.5 |  |
| Fish $^{\text {a }}$ | 6 | 1.0 | 6,7 |  | 4.1 | 10.9 |  |
| Miscellaneous $_{\text {Eggs }}$ | 4 | - | 6,9 |  | 3.9 | 10.4 |  |
| Diptera | 2 | 17.5 | 7 |  | 8.0 | 8.3 |  |
| Isopoda | 1 | 3.0 | 8 |  | 3.9 | 3.9 |  |
| Vascular plants | 1 | 2.0 | 7 |  | 8.7 | 8.7 |  |
| Empty | 1 | 1.0 | 9 |  | 11.1 | 11.1 |  |

${ }^{\text {a }}$ Unidentified (4), brook stickleback (1), white sucker (1)

Table 11.-Diet data from stomachs of 5 walleyes collected in assessment nets in Big Bay de Noc, Jun-Sep, 2001. No. $=$ number; $\mathrm{TL}=$ Total length.

| Food category | Observed occurrence |  |  | TL (in) of walleye |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Frequency | Mean no. per fish | Months | Min. | Max. |
| Miscellaneous | 2 | - | 8 | 18.9 | 20.4 |
| Fish ${ }^{\text {a }}$ | 1 | 1.0 | 7 | 18.5 | 18.5 |
| Empty | 2 | - | 8 | 20.4 | 23.7 |

[^2]
[^0]:    ${ }^{a}$ Stomach contents, sex, and maturity.

[^1]:    ${ }^{\text {a }}$ Alewife (15), unidentified fish (5), spottail shiner (1)

[^2]:    ${ }^{\text {a }}$ Alewife (1)

