

A baseline electro fishing survey was conducted at George Lake on October 21, 2003. The entire shoreline was sampled in 45 minutes. We collected 10 species of fish.

The most abundant fish in the sample was bluegill which we caught at the rate of 820 per hour. Bluegills ranged in length between 2.8 and 7.3 inches with a mean length of 4.8 inches. Most of the bluegills in the sample was in the 4-inch group. The proportional stock density was 20.6 which is at the low end of the recommended range for balanced populations.

Yellow perch were caught at the rate of 144 per hour. Length range was 4.2 to 7.3 inches and the mean length was 4.9 inches. Most of the perch were in the 4 inch group.

Pumpkinseeds were caught at the rate of 92 per hour, and were between 4.2 and 5.0 inches long. The mean length was 4.6 inches. Most pumpkinseeds were in the 4-inch group.

Largemouth bass were caught at the rate of 44 per hour. Lengths ranged between 9.4 and 19.2 inches. The mean length was 13.6 inches. Most of the bass were in the 15-inch group. 56% of the sample was greater than or equal to the minimum length limit of 14 inches.

We collected two walleyes. One was 12.7 inches long and the other was 17.4 inches long.

Other fish collected in low numbers during the survey were grass pickerel, common carp, brown bullhead, black crappie, and golden shiners.

A minifyke net fish survey was conducted on September 4 and 5, 2003. Four nets captured largemouth bass, bluegills, warmouth, and yellow perch.

Another baseline fish survey is scheduled for 2009.