

FISH FACTS 2002

Results from fishery surveys conducted during the summer of 2002 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 the fish caught in downhaul trap nets is recorded by length to minimize stress and harm to the fish, while the size of the 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 nearest Saskatchewan Environment fisheries biologist.

Waterbody and Location	Species Caught (Weight) and Population Status	Date Tested/Survey Gear /Remarks
Alameda Reservoir 4,5-2W2 NW of Oxbow	Walleye: (160-2200g) Good Northern Pike: (1350g) Sparse Perch: (110-290g) Poor	August 13/Gillnet. Good angling success for pike and walleye is reported. Perch were initially stocked in 1998 and the population is expanding.
Big Sandy Lake 62,63-14,15W2 KM 150 Hanson Lake Road	Walleye: (975-1400g) Sparse Northern Pike: (195-2550g) Good Perch: (40-170 g) Poor Whitefish: (2100-2700g) Sparse	August 7-8/Gillnet. No report of angling success at time of testing.
Birch Lake 16-10-2W2 Moose Mountain Provincial Park	Walleye: (900g) Sparse Perch: (100-210g) Fair	July 2/Gillnet. Perch were stocked in 1996 and 1999. Fair angling success for small perch is reported.
Candle Lake 55,56-22,23W2 N E. of Prince Albert	Walleye: (40-1800g) Moderate Northern Pike: (210-7400g) Fair Perch: (35-60g) Poor Whitefish: (475-1175g) Moderate	September 4-6/Gillnet. Good angling success was reported for walleye and pike throughout the summer.
Canoe Lake 55-10,108-15	Walleye: (16-63cm) Good Northern Pike: (29-85cm) Good	May 27-June 10, July 22-25/5 Downhaul Trapnet sets, and 1 gillnet set. Good numbers of pike and walleye at most testnet locations. Good angling success reported for pike and walleye. Walleye limit of 3.
Christopher Lake 6,7,18-53-26W2 N. of Prince Albert	Walleye: (50-950g) Good Northern Pike: (600-2650g) Poor	June 18/Gillnet. Fair success reported at time of testing by anglers.
Diamond Lake 16-60-19W2 N. of Piprell Lake	Splake: (75-1275g) Moderate Brook Trout: (115-1275g) Moderate	June 5/Gillnet. Fair success reported at time of testing by anglers.

<p>Dore Lake 54-16,107-17</p>	<p>Walleye: (16-72cm) Recovering Northern Pike: (19-95cm) Good</p>	<p>June 14-July 3/Downhaul Trapnets at 4 sites (2 pike sites, 2 walleye sites). Pike - Good to fair angling success Walleye - fair angling success in spring. Walleye numbers stable or increasing at all test sites; continue to show recovery, strong 1, 2, 4, 5+ year old age classes, but a weak 3 year old age class evident in sample. Walleye limit of 1.</p>
<p>East Trout Lake 62-21,22W2 N. of Candle Lake</p>	<p>Walleye: (600-2100g) Sparse Northern Pike: (275-2250g) Sparse Lake Trout: (425-2900g) Poor Perch: (40-60g) Sparse Whitefish: (80-1500g) Fair</p>	<p>August 15-16/Gillnet. Some success was reported for walleye and pike at time of testing.</p>
<p>Echo Lake 21-14W2 W of Fort Qu'Appelle</p>	<p>Walleye: (140-3800g) Good Northern Pike: (1000-5600g) Moderate Perch: (80-400g) Good</p>	<p>June 20-21/Gillnet. Fair angling success for pike and walleye is reported.</p>
<p>Edouard Lake 25,26-39-17W2 E of Naicam</p>	<p>Walleye: (40-1000g) Good Perch: (35-60g) Sparse</p>	<p>May 30/Gillnet. Walleye stocked regularly as fry. All perch captured were too small to be of interest to anglers. No pike have been caught in survey nets since 1991.</p>
<p>Emerald Lake 33-48-7W3 W. of Prince Albert</p>	<p>Walleye: (450-1975g) Excellent Northern Pike: (575-1350g) Good Perch: (10-60g) Poor</p>	<p>June 21/Gillnet. Good success for pike and fair for walleye reported at time of testing.</p>
<p>Fir River 45-4W2 N W. of Hudson Bay</p>	<p>Brook Trout: (75-450g) Moderate</p>	<p>July 3 and August 28 /Gillnet. No report of angling success. Stocked with 6,000 brook trout every second year.</p>

Helene Lake 53-33,108-12	Walleye: (15-49cm) Excellent	July 10–15/Downhaul Trapnet. Lake has a history of partial winterkills since 1999, however, survey shows excellent numbers of walleye 1 to 4+ years old, up from 2000 survey. Poor angling success reported for walleye. Poor access at boat launch due to low water level.
Jade Lake Little Jade Lake 17-60-19W2 N. of Piprell lake	Tiger Trout: (1575g) Sparse Splake: (100-1550g) Moderate Rainbow Trout: (1425g) Poor	June 4/Gillnet. Fair success reported for splake at time of testing.
Katepwa Lake 20-12W2 E of Fort Qu'Appelle	Walleye: (40-2550g) Good Northern Pike: (300-5000g) Fair Perch: (100-210g) Good	July 16-17/Gillnet. Fair angling success for pike and walleye is reported.
Keeley Lake 54-54,108-08	Walleye: (38-61cm) Good Pike: (41-99cm) Excellent	July 15-17/Good angling success reported for pike and walleye. Walleye limit of 3.
Kenosee Lake 10-3W2 Moose Mountain Provincial Park	Northern Pike: (700-1000g) Moderate	July 2/Gillnet. Due to low water levels and marginal winter oxygen conditions, stocking will cease till water levels improve. Scheduled to be stocked with pike fry in 2003.
Kit Lake 12-61-21W2 N. of Candle Lake	Rainbow Trout: (400-1550g) Moderate	June 13/Gillnet. Reports of good trout fishing at time of test. Stocked with 6,000 rainbow trout fingerings annually.
Lac La Peche 3,10-46-8W3 W of Marcellin	Walleye: (275-1450g) Good Northern Pike: (300-1700g) Good	June 20/Gillnet. Moderate to fair catches of northern pike and walleye were reported at time of testing.
Lac la Plonge	Lake Trout: (40-94cm) Excellent	Sept.26-Oct.9/Trapnet. Lake Trout Spawning Survey indicates good numbers of lake trout in all year classes. Anglers report fair success for lake trout and pike.

Lorenz Lake 36-58-21W2 N of Candle Lake	Walleye: (50-1950g) Fair Northern Pike: (850-1050g) Fair	August 21/Gillnet. Reports of fair pike and poor walleye angling success at time of testing.
Lucien Lake 36-40-24W2 W of Middle Lake (town)	Walleye: (180-2750g) Good Northern Pike: (920-1740g) Poor Perch: (up to 135g) Poor	July 17/Gillnet. Walleye stocked regularly, either as fry or fingerlings from rearing pond. Although many perch were caught, few were large enough to be of interest to anglers.
Marean Lake 41-11W2 Greenwater Lake Provincial Park	Walleye: (125-1900g) Good Northern Pike: (625-4550g) Moderate Perch: (35-400g) Good	July 17/Gillnet. Fair to good angling success reported for walleye.
Melville Reservoir 1,12-23-7W2 NW of Melville	Walleye: (250-2650g) Good Perch: (40-260g) Good	August 9,29/Gillnet. Stocked with 300,000 walleye fry annually. Good angling success for walleye, and poor success for perch was reported this summer.
Ministikwan Lake 54-01,109-39	Walleye: (40-63cm) Fair Pike: (54-85cm) Good Perch: (13-27cm) Fair Whitefish: (29-56cm) Fair	August 20-26/Trapnet and Gillnet. Good angling success reported for pike, fair for walleye.
Mission Lake 21-13W2 E of Fort Qu'Appelle	Walleye: (55-2700g) Good Northern Pike: (1600-5700g) Fair Perch: (90-270g) Good	June 25-26/Gillnet. Good angling success for walleye, and fair success for pike was reported this summer.
Nipekamew Creek 60-20W2 N. of Piprell Lake	Brook Trout: (70-220g) Moderate	June 25-26/Gillnet. Stocked with 2,000 brook trout annually.
Nipekamew Lake 62,63-20W2 N. of Candle Lake	Walleye: (60-3900g) Fair Northern Pike: (140-2850g) Fair Perch: (40-120g) Poor	August 13-14/Gillnet. Good success for northern pike and fair success for walleye was reported at time of testing.
North Lake Lenore 11,14,23-42-21W2 W of St. Brieux	Walleye: (990-3700g) Moderate Northern Pike: (240-3700g) Moderate Perch: (70-125g) Fair Whitefish: (560-780g) Poor	August 16/Gillnet. Regularly stocked with walleye fry or fingerlings. All walleye were a good catchable size: most perch were too small to be of interest to anglers.

Opal Lake 16-60-19W2 N. E. of Piprell Lake	Brook Trout: (40 -160g) Fair Brown Trout: (2250g) Poor	June 5/Gillnet. Stocked with 1,500 brook and 1,500 brown trout in alternating years.
Pasqua Lake 21-15W2 W of Fort Qu'Appelle	Walleye: (50-3850g) Excellent Northern Pike: (300-8400g) Good Perch: (100-450g) Moderate	June 18-19/Gillnet and June 25-28/Downhaul Trap. Good angling success for walleye was reported early in the summer, and fair success for pike.
Pear Lake 11-56-27W2 S. of McPhee Lake	Rainbow Trout: (2100g) Poor Brook Trout: (100-850g) Fair	June 19/Gillnet. Fair success reported for rainbow and brook trout. Stocked annually with 2,000 brook and 2,000 rainbow trout.
Peitahigan Lake 54-27,108-57	Walleye: (23-65cm) Good Northern Pike: (40-61cm) Fair	August 7-8/Gillnet. Fair angling success reported for walleye and pike. Walleye: Good range of year classes in sample. Pike: only small to medium size pike caught. Lake stocked annually with walleye fry. Net results indicate walleye population increasing, pike population no change from 1990 and 1995 surveys. Walleye limit of 3.
Pepaw Lake 3,9-40-2W2 S. of Hudson Bay	Walleye: (50-1400g) Moderate Northern Pike: (475-675g) Poor Perch: (85 -275g) Fair	July 18/Gillnet. Fair success for perch reported at time of testing.
Piprell Lake 59-20W2 N. of Whiteswan Lake	Splake: (75-1675g) Good Brown Trout: (425-750g) Poor Rainbow Trout: (750-1100g) Poor Tiger Trout: (250g) Poor	July 11/Gillnet. Good to fair angling success for all trout species reported from anglers at time of testing.
Saginas Lake 4-41-2W2 South of Hudson Bay	Walleye: (775-1200g) Fair Northern Pike: (80-1050g) Good Perch: (120-250g) Poor	July 18/Gillnet. No angling reports at time of testing. Stocked annually with 300,000 walleye fry.
Sapphire Lake 16-60-19W2 NE of Piprell Lake	Splake: (90-1850g) Good	June 6/Gillnet. Stocked with 1,600 splake every second year.

Shannon Lake 29,32-42-24W2 N of Reynaud	Walleye: (70-910g) Excellent	July 16/Gillnet. Walleye fry stocked every second year. Lake levels have dropped so the lake is separated into three basins.
Singh Lake 32-61-20W2 Near East Trout Lake	Rainbow Trout: (1000g) Sparse	June 12/Gillnet. Good angling success reported. Stocked annually with 6,000 rainbow trout.
Spruce Lake 53-34,109-06	Perch: (13-17cm) Poor	July 29-30/Gillnet. Lake has a history of winterkill. Only stunted perch caught in 2 gillnet sets.
Struthers Lake 2,3-45-23W2 SE of Birch Hills	Walleye: (100-1950g) Good Perch: (50-90g) Sparse	July 24/Gillnet. A partial summer kill was reported in August. Walleye stocking will continue in this lake.
Tourist Lake 61-2,3W3 N of P.A. National Park	Northern Pike: (825-1500g) Good Perch: (550-650g) Poor	May 31/Gillnet. No reported fishing success at time of testing.
Welwyn Reservoir 2-16-30W1 N of Welwyn	Northern Pike: (250-1950g) Good Perch: (30g) Sparse	August 30/Gillnet. Perch were restocked in 1999, following winterkill the previous winter. Some pike must have survived the winterkill, and the pike population is rapidly expanding.
Whalen Bay (White Swan Lake) 59-21W2 N of Candle Lake	Lake Trout: (80-3850g) Moderate	August 20/Gillnet. Fair success reported for lake trout at time of testing.
Whitebear Lake 9-2W2 N of Carlyle	Walleye: (450-2300g) Excellent	August 12/Gillnet. Stocked annually with 500,000 walleye fry. Fair angling success for walleye is reported.
Zeden Lake 6-58-18W2 Narrow Hills Prov. Park	Splake: (400-2750g) Moderate Perch: (40-150g) Good	June 14/Gillnet. Future management for this lake is undetermined due to the undesired introduction of perch.