

Sorry for the confusion. Eleven of the 75 walleye were born this year (they were around 7-8 inches in length), 36 of the 75 were 1.5 years old or older but not legal size (less than 15"), and 28 were larger than 15". We recaptured a total of 5 walleye in the nets (2 had tags). Hope this helps, but let me know if you still have any questions.

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Gary,

Sorry I did not get this information out to you sooner, but yes we do have some preliminary results from the fall assessment efforts. We caught a total of 2,456 fish in the fall netting effort, of which 2,429 were sacrificed. As you witnessed, most of those sacrificed fish (2,105) were perch. Only 71 perch were larger than 8 inches, however, and 72% were smaller than 5 inches. Despite this small size, over 98% of all perch were sexually mature adults. We captured 75 walleye with the fall netting. Of those 75, 11 were young of the year and 28 were larger than 15 inches (26 of which were sexually mature adults). We captured 56 northern pike (41 were sacrificed), and 2 muskellunge (1 was sacrificed and donated to Lake Superior State University's fish collection). The fall shocking survey turned up an additional 5 young of the year fish. We will not have any information on stocking origin until this winter or early spring, so a formal report will probably not be produced until all that data is compiled. We did see a fairly high tag shedding rate by the time we were capturing individuals in the fall (only 40% of our recaptured individuals still had jaw tags), but managed to receive 29 reports of angler harvest this summer (thanks for your help in getting people to call in those tags!).

I want to thank you again for all of your help with this assessment. Please let me know if you have any other questions before we get a final report out.

Best,  
John