

# Open-Water Spearing and Netting in the 1837 Minnesota Ceded Territory During the 2020-2021 Quota Year

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#### **SUMMARY**

The 2020-2021 quota-year was the twenty-third year that open-water spear and net fishing was conducted by Ojibwe Bands in the 1837 Minnesota Ceded Territory. A total of 215 band members participated in the fishery. Mille Lacs Lake was the only water body that received spearing or netting effort. A total of 18,005 fish weighing 34,615 pounds (15,701 kg) was harvested from Mille Lacs Lake. Walleye represented 96% of the total catch (17,581 fish; 33,113 pounds; 15,020 kg). The harvest of other species that were regulated under a quota included 251 northern pike (1,267 pounds; 575 kg) and 13 yellow perch (13 pounds; 6 kg). Most of the harvest occurred during spring, which included 17,107 walleye weighing 32,016 pounds (14,522 kg), 240 northern pike weighing 1,207 pounds (548 kg), and 11 yellow perch weighing 12 pounds (5 kg). During spring, more walleye pounds were taken by gill net (14,290 fish; 25,412 pounds; 11,527 kg) than by spear (2,817 fish; 6,604 pounds; 2,996 kg) in Mille Lacs Lake. Overall, mean length was 18.3 inches (46.5 cm) for walleye, 27.0 inches (68.6 cm) for northern pike, and 11.0 inches (27.9 cm) for yellow perch; mean weight was 1.9 (0.9 kg), 5.0 pounds (2.3 kg), and 1.0 pounds (0.5 kg) respectively. The tribal harvest of quota regulated fish species was maintained within established limits through an intensive harvest management system that included daily permits, complete monitoring and daily reporting of the catch, and daily adjustments to quotas.

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#### INTRODUCTION

A U.S. Supreme Court decision issued on March 24, 1999 reaffirmed the rights of eight Ojibwe bands to hunt, fish, and gather off-reservation in the Minnesota area reserved by a treaty with the United States government signed in 1837 (Figure 1). This report presents data for harvest and effort by Ojibwe spearers and gill-netters in 1837 Minnesota ceded territory waters (Figure 2) during the 2020-2021 quota year which ran from April 1, 2020 through March 31, 2021. Mille Lacs Lake was the only water body with harvest and/or effort during a 34 day period in the spring of 2020 (April 4 - May 7) (Appendix A). Additional harvest occurred on Mille Lacs Lake on 12 days during the fall period (October 2 - November 12).

Six Ojibwe bands actively participated in the 2020-2021 fishery including two Minnesota bands (Mille Lacs and Fond du Lac) and four Wisconsin bands (Lac Courte Oreilles, Lac du Flambeau, Red Cliff, and St. Croix) (Figure 1).

#### REGULATIONS

Harvest was strictly regulated and completely monitored under provisions of the 1837 Treaty Conservation Code for the Minnesota Ceded Territory (available online at <a href="www.glifwc.org">www.glifwc.org</a>). This tribal code contains regulations that govern the use of spears and nets to harvest fish. The code was jointly developed with the State of Minnesota, approved by the federal court, and individually adopted by the Ojibwe bands. The exercise of treaty fishing rights in the 1837 Minnesota ceded territory was also subject to provisions of the "Treaty Fisheries Management Plan for the 1837 Minnesota Ceded Territory for the Years 2017-2020".

In addition to the Treaty Conservation Code and Treaty Fisheries Management Plan, a set of protocols was established to facilitate communications between the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources and the Ojibwe bands. These protocols identified methods to calculate threshold and harvestable surplus levels for ceded territory waters, established procedures for information exchange, and provided an operational framework for the 1837 Minnesota Ceded Territory Fisheries Committee.

## PERMIT SYSTEM AND HARVEST MONITORING

A comprehensive harvest management system based upon daily permits, monitoring of the entire catch, daily reporting, and daily updates of quotas for quota regulated species was used.

Each night that a band intended to spear or net, a tribal representative contacted the Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission (GLIFWC) office in Odanah, Wisconsin around noon to notify staff of the selected lakes, boat landings, and walleye bag limits for spearing. Quotas for walleye and northern pike were updated and the number of issuable permits (Figure 3) was determined. The number of issuable spearing permits was determined by dividing the remaining tribal walleye quota for spearing in a lake by the nightly bag limit selected for that lake. The number of issuable netting permits was determined by dividing the remaining tribal walleye quota for netting by an assigned catch rate value. An initial standardized catch rate value of 40 pounds (18.1 kg) of walleye per net was used at the start of the quota year. Assigned catch rate values could be adjusted according to observed gill net catch rates of walleye for the remainder of the quota year. Tribal members could pick up a permit at a registration station or a boat landing.

One or more creel clerk-warden teams were assigned to each designated boat landing on Mille Lacs Lake where permits had been scheduled to be issued. All off-reservation spearing and netting was monitored by creel teams under the supervision of GLIFWC staff or by Fond du Lac Band wardens and biologists. All on-reservation spearing and netting in Mille Lacs Lake was monitored by creel teams under the supervision of Mille Lacs Band wardens. Prior to the season, written instructions, equipment, data forms, and training were provided to creel clerks and others involved with harvest monitoring and reporting.

Spear monitoring teams typically arrived at the designated boat landing before dusk and stayed until spearing ended. For spearing, a monitoring team completed a catch report form (Appendix B) upon the return of a boating party. At each landing, length and sex information were collected from the first 200 walleye plus all walleye in the last boat. Also, the number and aggregate weight by species were recorded along with length and sex information for species other than walleye. Besides harvest information, the time spearing started and ended, permit numbers, and the name and tribal identification number of each spearer were recorded (Appendix B). When available, tribal members could be issued one or more additional spearing permits.

Gill net monitoring teams arrived at the designated boat landing or monitoring location prior to scheduled net lift times. Most nets were set in the evening, fished overnight, and lifted the following morning. Lift times and locations were scheduled in advance and written on each issued permit. Nets could be checked, fish removed, and reset at night prior to the designated lift time only if monitoring personnel were notified and present at the landing. When length and sex information were being collected from a sub-sample of netted walleye a catch report form was completed. However, after the sub-sample requirement was met, harvest information was recorded on the back of the permit. This information included number and aggregate weight by species plus length and sex information for species other than walleye. For walleye, a sample of spines or otoliths were collected for aging.

An on-line spreadsheet was used to enter, proof, and track harvest and effort data. The number and pounds of walleye and northern pike as well as other data were entered for each permit. As data for each permit were entered, the spreadsheet application updated the number and pounds of walleye and northern pike harvested per tribe as well as the remaining quota balance available for each tribe. Harvest data for walleye and northern pike by Band were transmitted daily to Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (MnDNR) representatives as close to noon as possible. For nets not recovered by around noon each day, the number of nets unrecovered or outstanding was multiplied by the assigned catch rate for that day and the total subtracted from a Band's quota until the actual data were reported and could be used.

Figure 1. Map depicting the 1837 ceded territory and eight Chippewa reservations in Wisconsin and Minnesota.

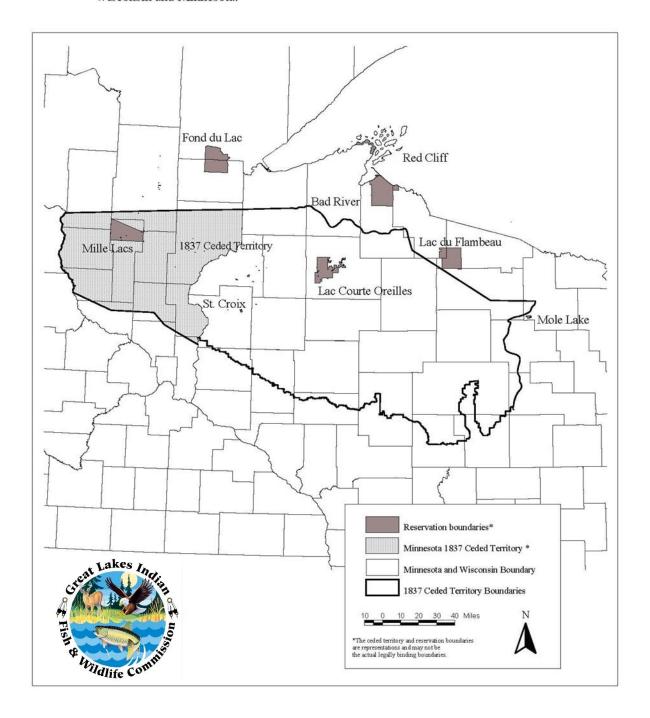
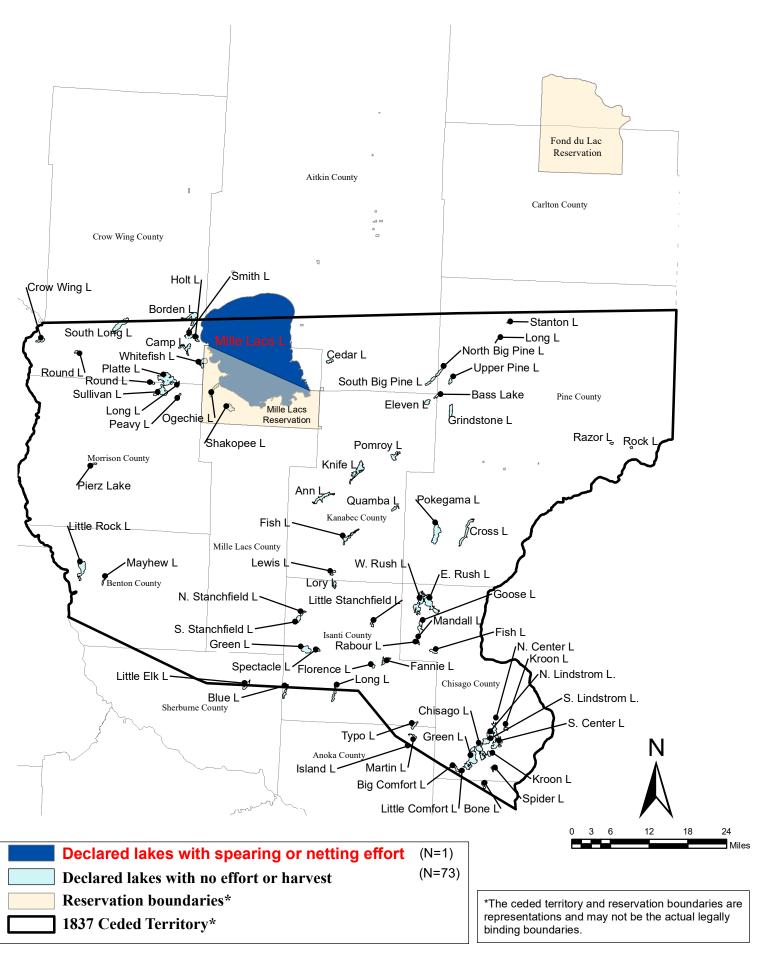


Figure 2. Lakes declared for harvest in the 1837 Minnesota ceded territory during the 2020-2021 quota year



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27	MILLE LACS LA	KE TREATY FISH	ING PERMIT	No: 6206	6
	Spearing	☐ Fyke Netting	'	10. 0200	
26	Seining	☐ Gill Netting	Net ID Tag N	0	7
	Tribal ID Number		of	Reservation	
25	Name of Permittee (F	Print)			8
	Signature of Permitte	e			
24	Issued by	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	of	Reservation	9
	Bag Limit Walleye		Net Lift Time		
23	Net Length	·I	Mesh Size		10
	Other Restrictions				
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Start Time:	5	:00 pm (	AM or PM)			End Time:	8:00 am_		(AM or PM)
Data fo	r Tagge	d or Fin Punched	Walleye	Data fo	or North	nern Pike	Data fo	r Other S	pecies
Length	Sex	Tag Number	Fin Punch	Length	Sex	Fin Punch	Species	Count	Pounds
							Perch		
-							Tullibee		
							Burbot		
					· ——		Sucker		
					. —		SM Bass		
					. ——		Muskie		. ——
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c	ount	Pounds		Count _	Po	ounds			
Gill Netting	Restrict	ions							
Net ID tag r	number o	on net set by pern	nittee must mat	ch the net ID	tag nu	mber identified	on this permit	t.	
Nets must l	oe set w	ith weights or an	chors that we	igh at least 1	0 lbs.				
Buoy lines	must ha	ve at least 6 feet	of slack so tha	at buoys or f	oats w	ill remain on the	e surface and	l visible if	net moves.
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		for and recover				•			
		fy warden or cre						•	
Permittee n	nust com	nply with applicab	le tribal regulat	ions that pro	tect ag	ainst the sprea	d of aquatic i	nvasive s	pecies.

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Figure 3. Treaty fishing permit used during the 2020-2021 tribal quota year.

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

#### FISHING EFFORT

## NUMBER OF DAYS FISHED

Spearing or netting effort occurred on 38 dates during the 2020-2021 quota year (Appendix A). During a 34 day period in spring 2020 (April 4 to May 7), spearing occurred on Mille Lacs Lake on 23 dates, while netting occurred on 22 dates. During the remainder of the quota year, spearing occurred on Mille Lacs Lake on nine dates during the period of October 2 to November 3, and netting occurred on five dates during the period of October 2 to November 12.

#### **SPEARING EFFORT**

A total of 83 tribal members speared on Mille Lacs Lake and were issued a total of 279 spearing permits during the 2020-2021 quota year. An estimated total of 309.2 boat-hours of spearing effort occurred at Mille Lacs Lake during the 2020-2021 quota year; most (261.9 hours) occurred during spring 2020 (Appendix A; Table 1; Figure 4). Mille Lacs Band spearers accounted for 64% of the total effort while five Wisconsin Bands accounted for the remaining 36% of the total spearing effort.

Table 1. Estimated number of spearing boat-hours and number of spearing permits used by eight Chippewa bands in Mille Lacs Lake during the 2020-2021 quota year.

				Lac					
	Mille	Fond	Bad	Courte	Lac du	Mole	Red	St.	
	Lacs	du Lac	River	Oreilles	Flambeau	Lake	Cliff	Croix	Total
Boat hours	198.0	0	0	15.9	88.6	0	4	2.7	309.2
Number of spearing permits used	219	0	0	8	46	0	4	2	279

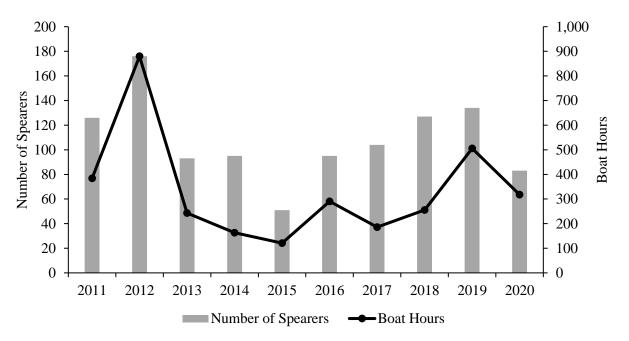


Figure 4. Number of tribal members who speared and total boat hours that occurred during a ten-year period (2011 - 2020) on Mille Lacs Lake.

## NUMBER OF NET LIFTS

A total of 158 tribal members netted on Mille Lacs Lake and a total of 368 net-lifts occurred during the 2020-2021 quota year, of which 352 occurred in spring 2020 (Table 2; Figure 5). A total of 16 net-lifts occurred in Mille Lacs Lake after spring 2020.

Table 2. Number of net lifts and netting permits used by eight Ojibwe bands on Mille Lacs Lake during the 2020-2021 quota year.

				Lac					
	Mille	Fond du	Bad	Courte	Lac du	Mole	Red	St.	
	Lacs	Lac	River	Oreilles	Flambeau	Lake	Cliff	Croix	Total
<u>Spring</u>									
Number of net lifts	169	183	0	0	0	0	0	0	352
Number of permits	169	169	0	0	0	0	0	0	338
<u>After Spring</u>									
Number of net lifts	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	16
Number of permits	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	16
<u>Total</u>									
Number of net lifts	182	183	0	0	0	0	0	3	368
Number of permits	182	169	0	0	0	0	0	3	354

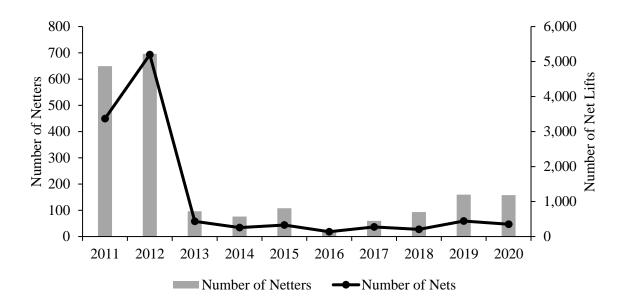


Figure 5. Number of netters and number of net lifts that occurred in spring throughout a ten-year period (2011 – 2020) on Mille Lacs Lake. The reduction of gill net effort in 2013 - 20120 was a response to a decreased walleye quota throughout that time period.

## **HARVEST**

A total of 18,005 fish (34,615.2 pounds; 15,701.2 kg) representing 12 taxa was harvested from on and off reservation waters in Mille Lacs Lake (Table 3). The harvest for the three quota regulated species included: 33,113.3 pounds (15,019.9 kg) of walleye (Figure 6), 1,267.0 pounds (574.7 kg) of northern pike, and 13.4 pounds (6.1 kg) of yellow perch. The majority of walleye pounds harvested during spring 2020 was taken by gill net (25,411.6 pounds; 11,526.5 kg) compared to spearing (6,604.0 pounds; 2,995.5 kg) (Figure 7) (Appendix D).

Table 3. Number and pounds of fish harvested in Mille Lacs Lake during and after spring 2020.

		•		Mille L	acs - After	Spring		•	•	Percent of total
	Mille L	acs - Spri	ng 2020		2020		Mil	le Lacs - T	otal	weight taken
Species / Taxa	Number	Pounds	Kg	Number	Pounds	Kg	Number	Pounds	Kg	during spring
Walleye	17,107	32,015.6	14,522.0	474	1,097.7	497.9	17,581	33,113.3	15,019.9	96.7%
Northern Pike	240	1,207.0	547.5	11	60.0	27.2	251	1,267.0	574.7	95.3%
Yellow Perch	11	11.6	5.3	2	1.8	0.8	13	13.4	6.1	86.6%
Sucker	70	121.1	54.9	0	0.0	0.0	70	121.1	54.9	100.0%
Tullibee	3	3.0	1.4	14	20.7	9.4	17	23.7	10.8	12.7%
Burbot	10	17.2	7.8	0	0.0	0.0	10	17.2	7.8	100.0%
Bullhead	1	1.0	0.5	0	0.0	0.0	1	1.0	0.5	100.0%
Smallmouth Bass	3	3.0	1.4	0	0.0	0.0	3	3.0	1.4	100.0%
Rock Bass	25	14.2	6.4	2	3.5	1.6	27	17.7	8.0	80.2%
Bass Sp.	7	13.4	6.1	0	0.0	0.0	7	13.4	6.1	100.0%
Sunfish	1	0.5	0.2	0	0.0	0.0	1	0.5	0.2	100.0%
Crappie Sp.	24	23.9	10.8	0	0.0	0.0	24	23.9	10.8	100.0%
Total	17,502	33,431.5	15,164.3	503	1,183.7	536.9	18,005	34,615.2	15,701.2	96.6%

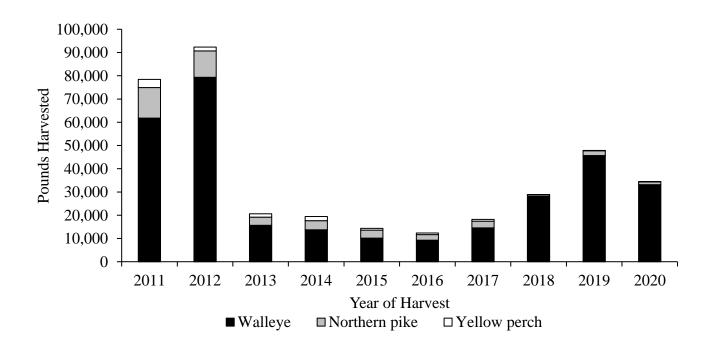


Figure 6. Pounds of walleye, northern pike, and yellow perch harvested during the last ten-year period (2011-2020) on Mille Lacs Lake.

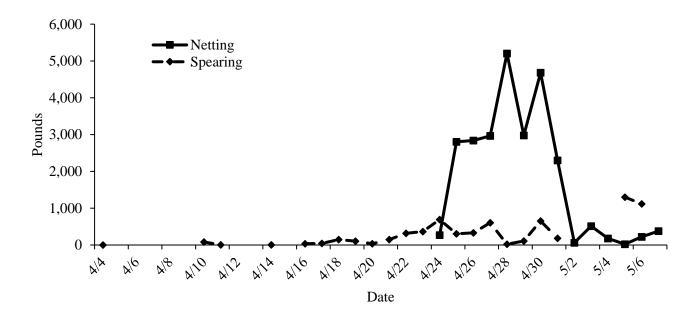


Figure 7. Pounds of walleye harvested daily in Mille Lacs Lake by spearing and netting during spring 2020.

## **CATCH PER EFFORT (CPE)**

An estimated total of 309.2 boat-hours of spearing on Mille Lacs Lake was recorded during the 2020 – 2021 quota year. A total of 3,231 walleye weighing 7,574.7 pounds (3,435.8 kg) was speared (Table 1; Appendix D); overall catch per effort (total number and weight / total boat hours) for walleye was 10.4 fish and 24.5 pounds (11.1 kg) per hour. During spring 2020, an estimated total of 261.9 boat-hours of spearing was recorded in which 2,817 walleye weighing 6,604.0 pounds (2,995.5 kg) were speared; overall catch per effort during spring was 10.8 fish and 25.2 pounds (11.4 kg) per hour.

A total of 368 net lifts on Mille Lacs Lake was recorded during the 2020 – 2021 quota year in which 14,350 walleye weighing 25,538.6 pounds (11,584.1 kg) were caught (Table 2; Appendix D). Overall catch per effort was 38.9 fish and 69.4 pounds (31.5 kg) per net lift. During spring 2020, a total of 352 net-lifts was recorded in which 14,290 walleye weighing 25,411.6 pounds (11,526.5 kg) were taken, and CPE was 40.6 fish and 72.2 pounds (32.7 kg) per net lift (Figure 8).

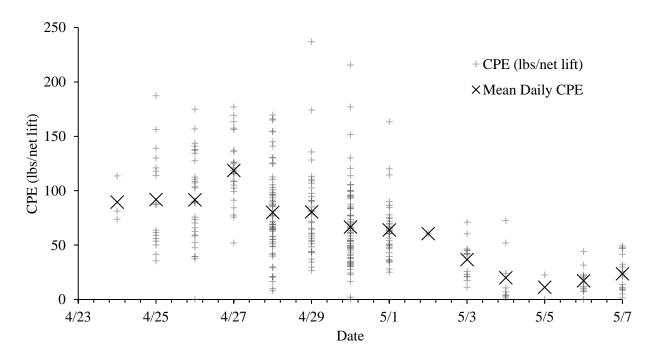


Figure 8. Gill-net CPE (pounds per net-lift) for walleye harvested from Mille Lacs Lake during spring 2020.

## WALLEYE LENGTH, WEIGHT, AND SEX

A total of 9,773 walleye was measured and sexed during the 2020-2021 quota year (Figure 9 and Figure 10). The majority (86%) was male, with 8% female, and 6% unknown sex. During spring 2020, percentages for walleye netted and sexed were 92% male, 5% female, and 3% unknown sex; the male:female sex ratio was 18.8:1. Percentages for speared walleye were 66% male, 22% female, and 12% unknown sex; the male:female sex ratio was 3:1.

Overall mean length was 17.9 inches (45.5 cm) for male and 21.1 inches (53.6 cm) for female walleye.Respective mean lengths for male and female walleye during spring 2020 were: 17.8 (45.2 cm) and 19.7 inches (50.0 cm) for gill netting (Figure 9) and 18.6 (47.2 cm) and 22.2 inches (56.4 cm) for spearing(Figure 10). Mean length of all measured walleye was 18.3 inches (46.5 cm) and mean weight for allwalleye was 1.9 pounds (0.9 kg). During spring 2020, for walleye netted, mean length of all measured fishwas 17.9 inches (45.5 cm) and mean weight was 1.8 pounds (0.8 kg). For speared walleye during spring 2020, mean length and weight of all measured fish was 19.7 inches (50.0 cm) and 2.3 pounds (1.0 kg).

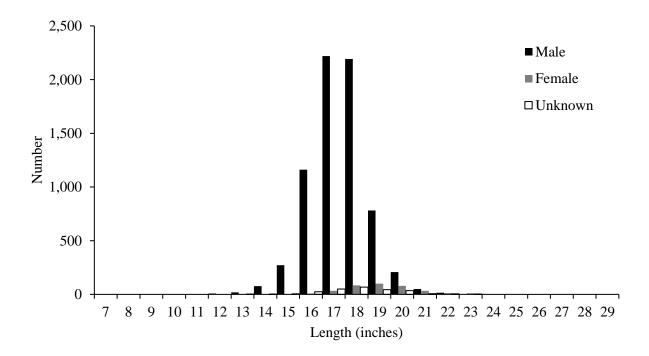


Figure 9. Length frequency of walleye harvested with gill nets in Mille Lacs Lake during the 2020-2021 quota year.

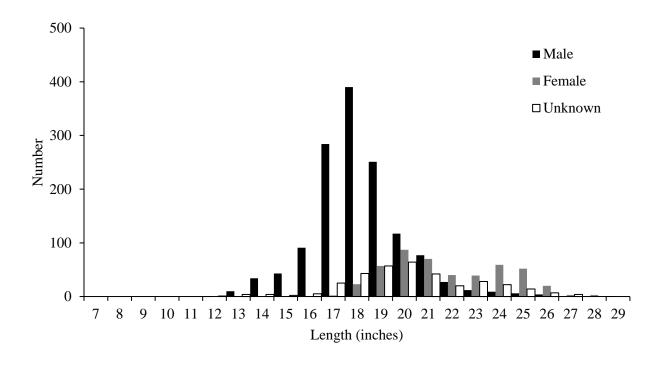


Figure 10. Length frequency of walleye harvested with spears in Mille Lacs Lake during the 2020-2021 quota year.

#### NORTHERN PIKE HARVEST

A total of 251 northern pike weighing 1,267.0 pounds (574.7 kg) was harvested from Mille Lacs Lake during the 2020-2021 quota year (Table 5). Overall mean weight per fish was 5.0 pounds (2.3 kg). Most northern pike (95%) were harvested during spring 2020 (240 fish, 1,207.0 pounds; 547.5 kg). A total of 152 northern pike was measured and sexed; mean length was 27.0 inches (68.6 cm) (Figure 10). Sixteen percent of measured northern pike was male, 11% was female, and 73% was of unknown sex. Mean length was 24.9 inches (63.2 cm) for males and 29.6 inches (75.2 cm) for females. 2.5% percent of the northern pike quota was harvested (Appendix C).

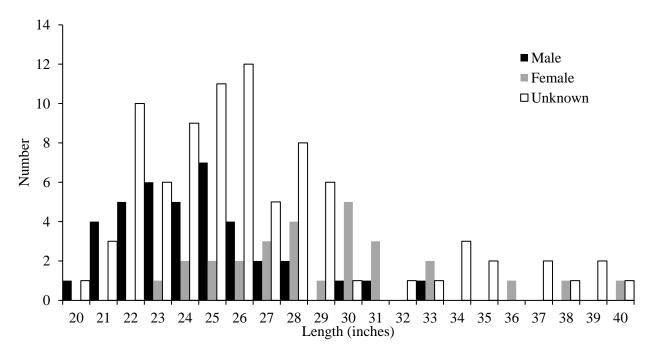


Figure 11. Length frequency of measured northern pike in Mille Lacs Lake during the 2020-2021 quota year.

## YELLOW PERCH HARVEST

A total of 13 yellow perch weighing 13.4 pounds (6.1 kg) was harvested from Mille Lacs Lake during the 2020-2021 quota year (Table 3); overall mean weight was 1.0 pounds (0.5 kg). For the five yellow perch measured and sexed, mean length was 11.0 inches (27.9 cm) (Figure 11); 20% were male, 60% were female, and 20% were unknown sex. Mean length was 11.2 inches (28.4 cm) for males and 11.0 inches (27.9 cm) for females. Less than 1% of the yellow perch quota was harvested (Appendix C).

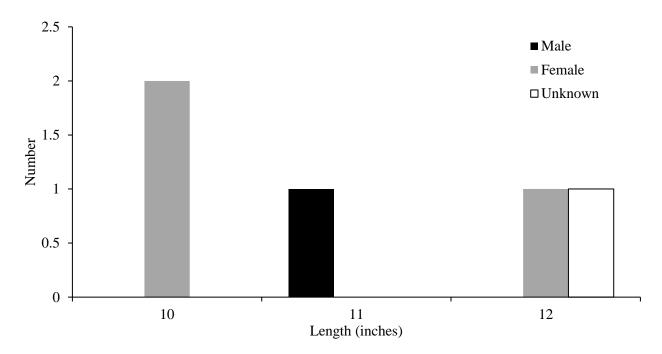


Figure 12. Length frequency of measured yellow perch harvested from Mille Lacs Lake during the 2020-2021 quota year.

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Appendix A. Dates during the 2020-2021 quota year when spearing and netting effort occurred in Mille Lacs Lake.

		Harvest		Date																														
Month-Year	Lake	Method	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	Total
April, 2020	Mille Lacs	Net																								X	X	X	X	X	X	X		7
April, 2020	Mille Lacs	Spear				X						X	X			X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		19
Mar. 2020	M:11 - I	Net	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																									7
May, 2020	Mille Lacs	Spear	X				X	X																										3
Oct, 2020	Mille Lacs	Net		X	X							X													X									4
Oct, 2020	Mille Lacs	Spear		X	X	X		X		X	X	X	X												X						X			10
Nov, 2020	Mille Lacs	Net												X																				1
Nov, 2020	Willie Lacs	Spear			X																													1

Appendix B. Catch report form: 1837 Minnesota Ceded Territory

13						0 6 0	CATCH REPORT	FURIN:	NESUTA					
LENGTH  PERMIT #  NAME  TRIBAL ID #  SPECIES  SP		LAKE					START TIME (am	or pm)					SPEARING	
PERMIT #		COUNT	Υ				END TIME (am o	r pm)			NET ID	#		
NAME		LANDIN	١G			. 2					LENGT	Н		
NAME		PERMI	TISS	SUE DATE (mm/dd	/yy)						MESH			
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Appendix C. Quota, harvest, and percent of quota harvested by band and overall for three fish species in Mille Lacs Lake during the 2020-2021 quota year. Walleye quotas reflect any inter-tribal quota transfers that occurred during the quota year.

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Species		Mille Lacs	Fond du Lac	Bad River	Lac Courte Oreilles	Lac du Flambeau	Mole Lake	Red Cliff	St. Croix	Intertribal Pool	Bands Combined
Walleye	Quota (Pounds)	17,779	15,090	4,978	4,978	4,978	4,228	4,978	2,491	2,700	62,200
	Pounds Harvested	15,836.6	14,481.4	0	325.0	2,267.9	0.0	115.9	86.5	0.0	33,113.3
	Number Harvested	8,425	7,997	0	139	953	0	35	32	0	17,581
	Percent of Quota Harvested	89.1%	96.0%	0.0%	6.5%	45.6%	0.0%	2.3%	3.5%		53.2%
Northern	Quota (Pounds)	27,500	4,000	3,200	3,200	3,200	2,500	3,200	3,200		50,000
Pike	Pounds Harvested	866.9	393.2	0.0	0.0	2.4	0.0	0.0	4.5		1,267.0
	Number Harvested	161	87	0	0	1	0	0	2		251
	Percent of Quota Harvested	3.2%	9.8%	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%		2.5%
Yellow	Quota (Pounds)	40,000	2,000	6,000	5,714	14,000	14,000	10,000	10,000		101,714
Perch	Pounds Harvested	5.4	8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		13.4
	Number Harvested	6	7	0	0	0	0	0	0		13
	Percent of Quota Harvested	0.0%	0.4%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%		< 1%

MOL transferred 750 lbs of walleye to FDL STC transferred 2,487 lbs of walleye to FDL

Appendix D. Harvest of walleye, northern pike, and yellow perch by season and gear during the 2020-2021 quota year on Mille Lacs Lake.

	Gear	Walleye number	Walleye pounds	Walleye Kg	Northern Pike Number	Northern Pike Pounds	Northern Pike Kg	Yellow Perch Number	Yellow Perch pounds	Yellow Perch Kg
 Spring										
	Gill net	14,290	25,411.6	11,526.5	221	1,064.1	482.7	11	11.6	5.3
	Spear	2,817	6,604.0	2,995.5	19	142.9	64.8	0	0.0	0.0
 	Total	17,107	32,015.6	14,522.0	240	1,207.0	547.5	11	11.6	5.3
<u>Fall</u>										
	Gill net	60	127.0	57.6	5	18.9	8.6	2	1.8	0.8
	Spear	414	970.7	440.3	6	41.1	18.6	0	0.0	0.0
 	Total	474	1,097.7	497.9	11	60.0	27.2	2	1.8	0.8
 	Total	17,581	33,113.3	15,019.9	251	1,267.0	574.7	13	13.4	6.1