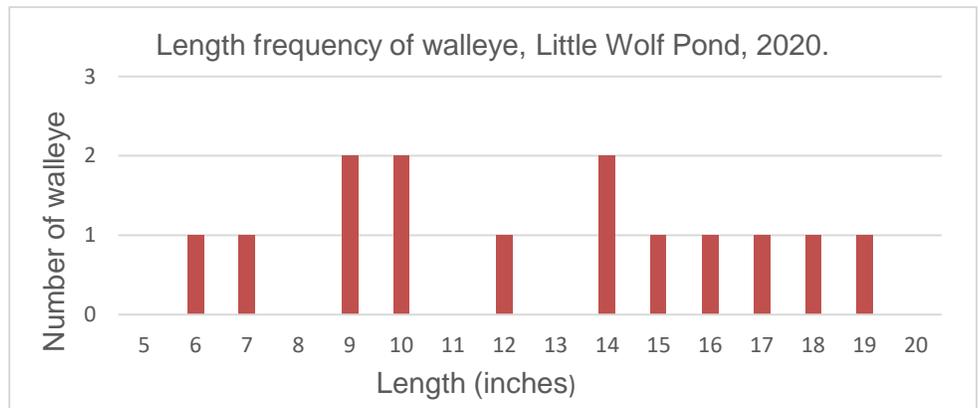


Little Wolf Pond Percid Survey (Survey #: 520076)
Jonathan Fieroh, Region 5 Fisheries

5/18/2022

Little Wolf Pond is a water with public access via a boat launch in the town campground in the Hamlet of Tupper Lake. It is a 157-acre lake with a maximum depth of 29.9 feet and a mean depth of 15.1 feet. The shoreline consists primarily of private camps, there is no public access from land. The pH was 7.5 pH units in a 1985 ALSC survey. Walleye have been present in the lake for many years, but a five-year walleye fry stocking program (3,200 fry stocked annually) was initiated in 2016 to improve the walleye population. This electrofishing survey was undertaken to evaluate the most recent fry stocking.

On the evening of 9/24/2020 an electrofishing boat was used, per the NYSDEC Percid Sampling Manual, to evaluate young walleye. A total of 14 walleye were collected ranging from 6.5 to 19.8 inches. Seven additional fish species were also



caught during the survey, including other game fish species like smallmouth bass, northern pike, and yellow perch. It was also noted during the survey that small yellow perch (about 1.5 inches in length) were observed to be very abundant.

Table 1. Number and length ranges of fish collected at Little Wolf Pond, 2020.

Species	Number collected	Minimum length (in)	Maximum length (in)
Walleye	14	6.5	19.8
Smallmouth bass	11	2.1	16.2
Northern pike	1		26.0
Yellow perch	29	2.5	8.5
Rock bass	1		6.7
Pumpkinseed	3	4.0	8.2
White sucker	1		9.5
Brown bullhead	2	8.5	13.7
Central mudminnow	1		2.7

A gill net survey of walleye should be performed 5-7 years post first stocking, as outlined in the NYSDEC Percid Sampling Manual.

