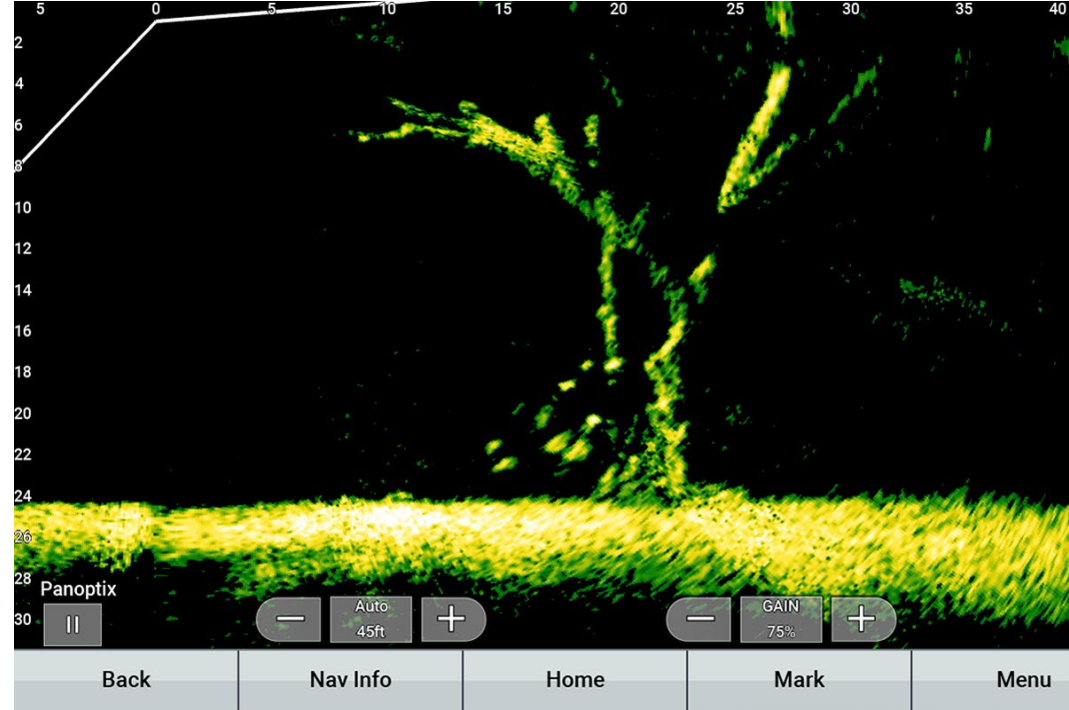




Gull Lake Fall Creel 2025

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General Information Tables

Characteristic	
D.O.W. Identification Number	11-305
Surface area (acres)	10,009
Percent littoral area	28%
Maximum depth (ft.)	80
Ecological lake class	22
Primary management species	Walleye, Muskellunge
Secondary management species	Northern Pike, Largemouth Bass

Lake	Gull
Start Date	8/31/2025
End Date	10/26/2025
Number of Interviews	368
Average Angler Count	1.82
Average Trip Length	5.66
Total Walleye Caught	1,708
All anglers WAE Catch Rate	0.43
% Targeting WAE	65%
Targeted WAE Catch Rate	0.653
Targeted WAE Catch Rate - FFS	0.712
% Walleye Caught via FFS	83%
Support of 4 WAE bag	79%
FFS Users	63%
Avg Years Using FFS	3.6

Species Targeted/Overall Catch Numbers

Species Sought	
Anything	7%
Black Crappie	6%
Bluegill	4%
Large mouth Bass	17%
Muskellunge	1%
Northern Pike	8%
Smallmouth Bass	4%
Walleye	69%
Number of Interviews	368

Species	Catch	Harvested	Released	Percent Released
All	3,707	285	3,422	92.3%
Black Crappie	197	11	186	94.4%
Bluegill/sunfish	371	83	288	77.6%
Burbot	1	0	1	100.0%
Large mouth Bass	1,061	4	1,057	99.6%
Northern Pike	203	2	201	99.0%
Rock Bass	25	0	25	100.0%
Smallmouth Bass	88	0	88	100.0%
Walleye	1,708	183	1,525	89.3%
White Sucker	2	0	2	100.0%
Yellow Perch	60	2	58	96.7%

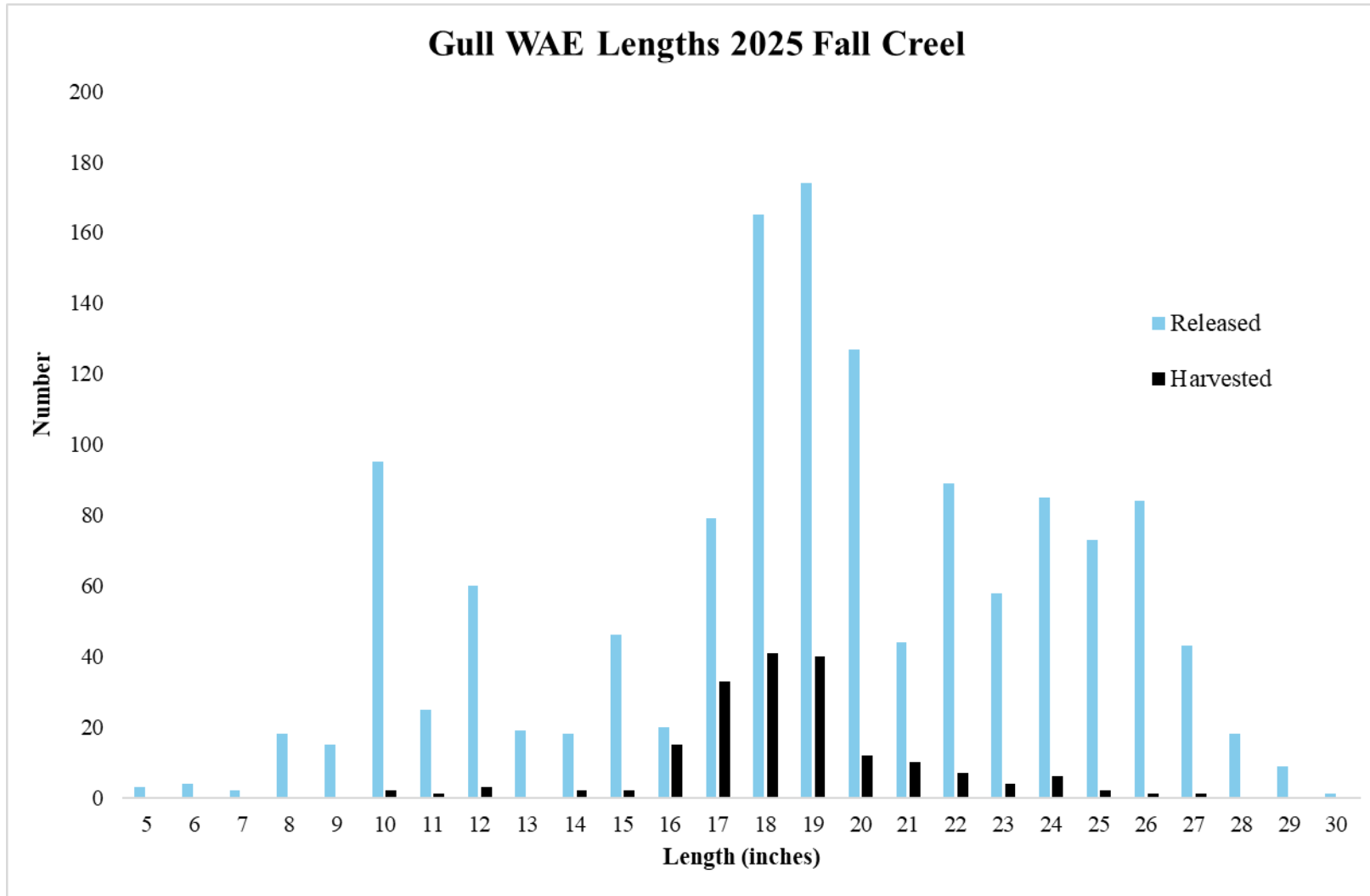
Overall Catch Rates

Species	All Anglers			Targeting Anglers		
	Catch	Harvested	Released	Catch	Harvested	Released
All	0.97	0.07	0.90	-	-	-
Black Crappie	0.05	0.00	0.05	0.65	0.03	0.63
Bluegill/sunfish	0.10	0.02	0.08	0.88	0.27	0.61
Burbot	0.00	-	0.00	-	-	-
Largemouth Bass	0.28	0.00	0.28	1.05	1.05	0.00
Northern Pike	0.05	0.00	0.05	0.15	0.00	0.15
Rock Bass	0.01	-	0.01	-	-	-
Smallmouth Bass	0.02	-	0.02	0.12	0.00	0.12
Walleye	0.45	0.05	0.40	0.63	0.07	0.56
White Sucker	0.00	-	0.00	-	-	-
Yellow Perch	0.02	0.00	0.02	-	-	-

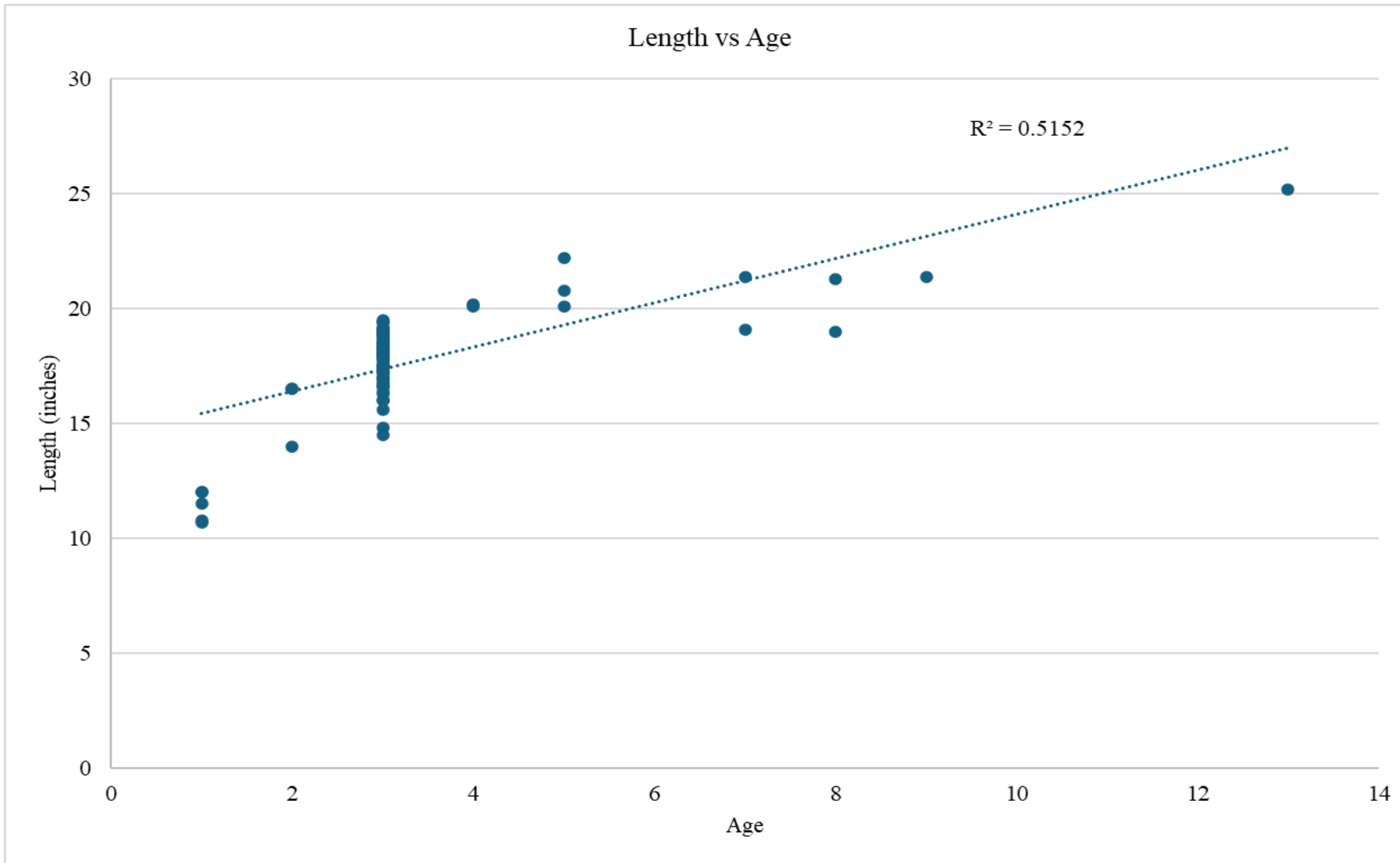
In-depth Walleye (WAE) Catch/Release Rates

	Number of Interviews	Angling Hours	Trip Length	Walleye Kept	Walleye Released	Total Caught	Catch Rate	Release Rate	Harvest Rate	% Kept
Total	368	3826.93	5.66	183	1525	1708	0.45	0.40	0.05	11%
FFS Users	231	2484.45	6.04	139	1275	1414	0.57	0.51	0.06	10%
All Others	137	1342.48	5.02	44	250	294	0.22	0.19	0.03	15%
TGT WAE Total	240	2661.12	5.83	183	1487	1670	0.63	0.56	0.07	11%
FFS - TGT WAE	182	2014.52	6.21	139	1245	1384	0.69	0.62	0.07	10%
All Others TGT WAE	72	591.75	4.98	44	242	286	0.48	0.41	0.07	15%
Guides - TGT WAE	29	378.48	5.15	105	100	205	0.54	0.26	0.28	51%

WAE Length Distribution



Length at Age for Harvested Walleye



Length Frequency Distribution – All species

Length Categories	Black Crappie		Bluegill		Burbot		Largemouth Bass		Northern Pike		Rock Bass		Smallmouth Bass		Walleye		White Sucker		Yellow Perch	
(inches)	Kept	Released	Kept	Released	Kept	Released	Kept	Released	Kept	Released	Kept	Released	Kept	Released	Kept	Released	Kept	Released	Kept	Released
Length Not Recorded	0	3	0	82	0	0	0	321	0	10	0	14	0	11	0	151	0	0	0	6
< 5.0	0	2	0	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	28
5.0 - 5.4	0	0	0	35	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	7
5.5 - 5.9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6.0 - 6.4	0	9	0	16	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	9
6.5 - 6.9	1	0	3	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7.0 - 7.4	0	1	52	47	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2
7.5 - 7.9	2	0	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
8.0 - 8.4	0	14	15	69	0	0	0	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	18	0	0	0	3
8.5 - 8.9	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
9.0 - 9.4	2	42	1	9	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	15	0	0	0	1
9.5 - 9.9	1	12	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10.0 - 10.4	5	56	0	2	0	0	0	39	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	95	0	0	1	2
10.5 - 10.9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
11.0 - 11.4	0	10	0	0	0	0	1	7	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	25	0	0	0	0
11.5 - 11.9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
12.0 - 12.9	0	28	0	0	0	0	0	108	0	0	0	1	0	15	3	60	0	0	0	0
13.0 - 13.9	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	23	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	19	0	0	0	0
14.0 - 14.9	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	76	0	4	0	0	0	2	3	18	0	0	0	0
15.0 - 15.9	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	136	0	2	0	0	0	15	2	46	0	0	0	0
16.0 - 16.9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	143	0	2	0	0	0	17	15	20	0	0	0	0
17.0 - 17.9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	59	0	1	0	0	0	7	33	79	0	0	0	0
18.0 - 18.9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	98	0	4	0	0	0	14	41	165	0	0	0	0
19.0 - 19.9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	17	0	0	0	0	0	6	40	174	0	0	0	0
20.0 - 20.9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	34	0	0	0	0	12	127	0	0	0	0
21.0 - 21.9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	10	44	0	1	0	0
22.0 - 22.9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	13	0	0	0	0	7	89	0	0	0	0
23.0 - 23.9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	4	58	0	0	0	0
24.0 - 24.9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	23	0	0	0	0	6	85	0	1	0	0
25.0 - 25.9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	16	0	0	0	0	2	73	0	0	0	0
26.0 - 26.9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	19	0	0	0	0	1	84	0	0	0	0
27.0 - 27.9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	11	0	0	0	0	1	43	0	0	0	0
28.0 - 28.9	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	17	0	0	0	0	0	18	0	0	0	0
29.0 - 29.9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	9	0	0	0	0
30.0+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	32	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
N	11	186	83	288	0	1	4	1057	2	201	0	25	0	88	183	1525	0	2	2	58
Mean Length	9.15	9.67	7.32	4.81	N/A	28	12.5	10.27	27.55	23.4	N/A	3.6	N/A	13.71	18.65	17.19	N/A	22.5	9.45	4.55
Minimum Length	6.9	4	6.7	3	N/A	28	9.5	6	27.1	11	N/A	5	N/A	12	10.7	5	N/A	21	8.5	2
Maximum Length	10.3	14	9	10	N/A	28	15.1	22	28	36	N/A	12	N/A	19.5	27	30	N/A	24	10.4	10

Catch and Release Reasons - WAE

Creel Year	2013	2025
Release rate	45.6%	89.2%
Already caught enough for use	-	11.6%
Didn't catch enough	-	0.7%
Not legal size	0.6%	0.4%
Catch and release	34.5%	78.8%
Too big	5.3%	3.8%
Too small	59.6%	4.7%

Demographic Information

Area	Number	Percent
Seven County Metro	76	13.5%
Local area (Crow Wing County)	292	51.8%
Other Minnesota	156	27.7%
Other states	40	7.1%
Total	564	100.0%

	Age and Gender Distribution							Total
	0-15	16-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	Over 64	
All, number	30	16	112	216	132	88	27	621
Percent	4.8%	2.6%	18.0%	34.8%	21.3%	14.2%	4.3%	100.0%
Female, number	2	1	12	18	13	4	5	55
Percent of females	3.6%	1.8%	21.8%	32.7%	23.6%	7.3%	9.1%	100.0%
Percent of all	0.3%	0.2%	1.9%	2.9%	2.1%	0.6%	0.8%	8.9%
Male, number	28	15	100	198	119	84	22	566
Percent of males	4.9%	2.7%	17.7%	35.0%	21.0%	14.8%	3.9%	100.0%
Percent of all	4.5%	2.4%	16.1%	31.9%	19.2%	13.5%	3.5%	91.1%

County	Number	Percent	County	Number	Percent
Crow Wing	292	55.7%	Faribault	4	0.8%
Morrison	22	4.2%	Itasca	4	0.8%
Anoka*	19	3.6%	Olmsted	4	0.8%
Stearns	18	3.4%	Pine	4	0.8%
Hennepin*	16	3.1%	Pope	4	0.8%
Dakota*	13	2.5%	Rice	4	0.8%
Sherburne	11	2.1%	Aitkin	3	0.6%
Wright	11	2.1%	Scott*	3	0.6%
Cass	10	1.9%	Wadena	3	0.6%
Otter Tail	10	1.9%	Benton	2	0.4%
Carver*	9	1.7%	Kanabec	2	0.4%
Washington*	9	1.7%	Kandiyohi	2	0.4%
Douglas	7	1.3%	Roseau	2	0.4%
Mille Lacs	7	1.3%	Saint Louis	2	0.4%
Ramsey*	7	1.3%	Sibley	2	0.4%
Blue Earth	5	1.0%	Wabasha	2	0.4%
Mower	5	1.0%	Becker	1	0.2%
Beltrami	4	0.8%	Clay	1	0.2%
Total				524	

*Seven-county metro area

Results from 4-fish WAE limit question

Do you support a 4-fish walleye limit?		
Different amongst party	9	2%
Neutral	50	14%
No	16	4%
Yes	287	79%
Grand Total	362	100%