A Synthesis of Recreational Fishing Activity

In the St. Marys River

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Introduction

The St. Marys River has a long history of recreational fishing for a variety of species (Godby et al. 2019). These include Walleye, Northern Pike, Muskellunge, Smallmouth Bass, Cisco, and Yellow Perch as well as migratory species such as Rainbow Trout, Chinook Salmon, Pink Salmon, and Atlantic Salmon (see Appendix 1 for a complete listing of all the common and scientific names of fishes mentioned in this report). The magnitude of this fishery is significant as well.

To document and quantify these fisheries, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) and Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (OMNRF), with assistance from the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), undertook an open water creel survey of recreational anglers in 2022. Consistent with the last survey in 2017, the survey covered both Ontario and Michigan waters from the compensating works at the head of the St. Marys River rapids downstream to Lake Huron at DeTour Village. Additionally, the Upper River above the compensating works was surveyed on the Michigan side of the river in 2022. This is the third whole-river creel survey study of the St. Marys River; the first was conducted in 1999-2000 (Fielder et al. 2002) while the second was done in 2017 (Godby et al. 2019). Both the 2017 and 2022 creel surveys were accompanied by fish community index netting (FCIN) surveys of the river during the same year coordinated by the St. Marys River Fisheries Task Group (SMRFTG) and its member agencies (O'Connor et al. 2019 and O'Connor et al. 2024).

The purpose of this survey is to quantify angler harvest and effort in the St. Marys River and identify any trends in the river recreational fishery. This information will supplement other individual management agency data and the joint river-wide fish community gillnet survey to help inform management of the river's sport fish community.

The St. Marys River is the connecting channel between Lakes Superior and Huron (Figure 1). The river flows southeasterly from Lake Superior's Whitefish Bay for 112 km before emptying into northern Lake Huron at DeTour Village, Michigan, and into the North Channel of Lake Huron in Ontario at St. Joseph Island. The river includes the international boundary line between Ontario, Canada and Michigan, United States of America. Although the fish community has been described as percid dominated (Duffy and Batterson 1987, Ryder and Kerr 1978), the river supports a diverse mix of migratory and resident warm, cool, and cold water species (St. Marys River RAP Team 1992). Resident species of interest to anglers include Northern Pike, Smallmouth Bass, Walleye, and Yellow Perch. These species are well distributed throughout the river and its numerous bays. These four species, along with Cisco, will be highlighted throughout this report. Migratory salmonids provide popular fisheries and can be found seasonally in different parts of the river, including the river and main rapids near Sault Ste. Marie, the Little Rapids adjacent to Sugar Island, and some St. Marys River tributaries. Migratory salmonids are also routinely caught in the lower river near DeTour Village as some species migrate from northern Lake Huron to the Rapids area. The river provides diverse aquatic habitats throughout its length, often with abrupt changes from one habitat type to another. Habitats are generally characterized as open water, embayments, sand and gravel beaches or flats, rapids, and emergent wetlands (Duffy and Batterson 1987). The lower reaches of the river, including Potagannissing Bay, Raber Bay, and Lake Munuscong, are more lacustrine in form and at least seasonally contain feeding aggregations of Cisco or migrating Pacific salmons and Rainbow Trout resulting in short-term, seasonal fisheries. Considerable shoreline and channel alteration and hardening, dredging, flow control, and flow redirection have occurred over the past two centuries, done primarily to facilitate navigation. Both the distribution of habitat types and anthropogenic stresses can influence the species anglers target in the various river reaches and the intensity and seasonality of fishing effort.

Creel Methodology

The St. Marys River creel survey was performed during the open water season (May 1st - October 31st) in 2022. The creel survey was based on a stratified design using three-stage sampling within the strata: i) days; ii) shifts; and iii) count times, and followed the methods detailed by Lockwood et al. (1999) and Su and Clapp (2013). Strata included 'sites' (Figure 2) fished by month, by day-type (weekday-weekend/holiday), and by mode of fishing (e.g., boat, pier/dock, shore). Catch and effort estimates were made for each stratum and then combined to give monthly and seasonal figures. The estimation sites were:

- <u>Site 404</u>; the northernmost sampling location. The area includes the St. Marys River above the compensating works including Ashmun and Waishkey bays on the American side of the river. Note that this site was not included in the previous (2017) survey. This site was sampled only on the Michigan side of the river.
- <u>Site 403</u>; the area includes the St. Marys River rapids on the Canadian side of the river, and the areas immediately north of the Soo Locks in both Sault Ste. Marie, USA and Canada. This site was sampled only on the Ontario side of the river.
- <u>Site 209</u>; the river from the Soo Locks in Sault Ste. Marie moving south to include Lake Nicolet and the Middle Neebish Channel ending at Oak Point on Neebish Island and east to Harwood Point.
- <u>Site 208</u>; the river branch north of Sugar Island and all of Lake George, including Echo Bay and ending on a line north from Harwood Point to the Canadian mainland.
- <u>Site 405</u>; the river south of Lake George to the North Channel of Lake Huron, including the St. Joseph Channel.
- <u>Site 207</u>; the river south of Neebish Island and west of St. Joseph Island to Detour Village, including Munuscong Lake and Raber Bay.
- <u>Site 210</u>; the river east of the village of Detour Village including Potagannissing Bay extending from Milford Haven on St. Joseph Island to Chippewa Point on Drummond Island.

Both weekend days and three randomly selected weekdays were sampled each week. The entire angling day from dawn to dusk was covered in each month. This was accomplished by breaking each day into two 8-hour work shifts, then randomly selecting one shift to be worked. The first shift began at daylight and ended in the afternoon; the second shift began in the afternoon and ended at sunset. Shift hours varied by month due to varying length of daylight among months. Each individual clerk was responsible for sampling more than one area, thus the interview site for each clerk was also randomly selected for each shift. Two types of data were collected for each area sampled: angler party interviews for catch rates and angler (boat, pier/dock and shore) counts for effort. An angler party was defined as one or more anglers who fished together.

Three clerks were employed by the MDNR and two by the OMNRF to perform the survey. Due to hiring challenges, the third MDNR clerk did not start until mid-July; in the interim these shifts were backfilled by other MDNR staff. All five clerks were trained by MDNR Fisheries personnel at the beginning of the survey season to ensure the consistency of data collected. Data was submitted monthly by MDNR clerks for review by the MDNR. OMNRF data was reviewed by the MDNR at the conclusion of the survey due to utilizing different means of data entry.

Clerks interviewed as many anglers as possible by encountering boats that returned to access sites or shore and pier anglers that fished during a scheduled shift. If the boater did not fish, that was recorded as a nonfishing party and the interview was ended. If fishing did take place, anglers were queried as to their mode of fishing (i.e., boat, pier, shore), where they fished (site and grid number), how long they fished, what they fished for, the number of lines fished, how often they fished the area, the numbers (by species) of fish they caught and kept, the numbers (by species) of fish released, and the number of fishing trips they made or intended to make that day. Additional data were collected for one member of each party such as age and sex, zip code, and the types of angling method used (casting, jigging, still fishing, trolling, etc.).

Fishing effort was determined through instantaneous counts of boats and fishing piers made from airplane surveys. Four flights were made each week at randomly selected starting times: one each weekend day, and one on each of two randomly selected weekdays. Flights were also randomly started at the northern and southern end of the route. Aerial counts of fishing boats, the number of people present on fishing 'piers', and shore anglers were performed. The proportion of boaters interviewed by creel clerks who indicated they were not fishing was used to adjust the aerial counts for non-fishing effort. Creel clerks also recorded a ratio of anglers to non-anglers that were present on fishing piers at randomly selected times of day. This angler ratio was applied to the airplane count of total people present on any piers. Shore anglers present at Site 403 (the Canadian rapids) were counted by the clerk twice daily at randomly assigned times on scheduled shifts.

Effort estimates were made for each site and mode by month. Harvest estimates were made for each site and mode by month for all fish species observed in the harvest by creel clerks. Catch estimates were made for each site and mode by month and included numbers harvested and numbers of legal-sized fish released for those selected species. Standard mathematical formulas for creel survey (Lockwood et al. 1999) were used to calculate all estimates. Three measures of fishing effort were calculated: angler hours, angler trips, and angler days. An angler trip is one completed fishing excursion and an angler day is composed of one or more fishing excursions during a 24-hour period. Uncertainty estimates for all catch and effort estimates in this report are defined as two standard errors of their mean estimates (2 times the square root of the variance for an estimate).

Creel clerks also collected biological data from harvested fish (total length and weight and fin clip information) encountered during on-site angler interviews. Dorsal fin spines or rays and scales were also collected for certain species for age estimation. Monthly target sample sizes for age analysis were based on a minimum number needed to provide a reasonable representation of the age structure of the harvest each month, balanced with the logistical feasibility of the creel clerk to collect biological data samples without negatively impacting angler interview numbers.

Results

Interview and Angler Effort

A total of 1,177 angler interviews were conducted on the St. Marys River from May 1-October 31, 2022. This represented 2,218 anglers, with an average angling party size of 1.9 anglers.

Total effort for the open water fishery (May 1-October 31, 2022) for the entire river was 438,188 angler hours (Table 1). Note that this does not include Site 403 (the Rapids), since it was not surveyed in all years. This is up considerably from the 2017 estimate of 232,921 angler hours but is slightly below the long-term average from 1999-2022 of 466,549 angler hours. Note that the 2017 estimate did not include site 404 (Upper River) which on average accounts for 51,708 angler hours. Total effort in Site 403 (the Rapids) was 12,192 angler hours in 2022, slightly below the average of 13,125 hours from the three years surveyed (Table 1a). In 2022, Site 210 (Potagannissing Bay) had the most fishing effort, followed by (in decreasing order of effort) Site 207 (Munuscong and Raber bays), Site 208 (Lake George), Site 209 (Sault Ste. Marie area and Lake Nicolet), Site 405 (St. Joseph Channel), and Site 404 (Upper River) (Table 1, Appendix 3). Walleye were the most popular fish to target, with 197,581 angler hours (45%) targeting that species (Table 2).

Harvest

A total of 17 different fish species were reported as caught during the 2022 Creel Survey (Table 3). Harvest estimates for these species are reported in Table 3, with some rarely encountered fish species grouped in the "other" category. Estimated harvest numbers and harvest rates by species for the survey series are reported in Appendix 2, Table 1.

Harvest numbers for the survey series are presented in Table 4 for Cisco, Northern Pike, Smallmouth Bass, Walleye, and Yellow Perch. Site-specific harvest numbers for each species are detailed in Appendix 3. Total catch by species, including released fish, is listed in Appendix 4.

Harvest Rates

Species-specific harvest rates (harvest per hour) for the survey series for the full river, based on total effort for all species, are presented in Table 5 for Cisco, Northern Pike, Smallmouth Bass, Walleye, and Yellow Perch. These rates are presented for all species by site-specific locations in Appendix 3, Tables 1-7.

Biological Summary of Angler Harvest

Biological data were collected from a total of 261 fish by creel clerks in 2022 and are summarized in Table 6. Structures used for aging fish, such as scales or fin spines/rays, were not collected from all samples as a much larger sample size of fish was aged during the 2022 fish community index netting survey. That survey is summarized by O'Connor et al. (2024), and provides a better view of the age and size structure of the sport fish population.

Angler Interview Summary

Angler origin

Most anglers fishing the St. Marys River were from Michigan and Ontario, but anglers from throughout the United States and Canada were interviewed. Where the angler provided their home mailing code, about 60% were U.S. and 40% were Canadian. In 2017, angler origin was approximately 68% of the anglers from the U.S. In 2022, most (64.8%) of anglers were considered "local," with a postal code within 40 km of the river. Expanding that "local" definition to 80 km, would include 67.4% of the anglers (Figure 3). Although 96.2% of the anglers were from Michigan and Ontario, other areas of the United States and Canada were represented. Anglers from nine states other than Michigan were interviewed (Pennsylvania, Virginia, Kentucky, Ohio, Indiana, Wisconsin, Illinois, Missouri, and Texas), while three provinces other than Ontario were represented (New Brunswick, Quebec, and British Columbia) (Figure 4). The map of angler origin for North America shows the distribution of angler origin, with the majority coming from Midwestern states and Ontario.

Angling Target Species, Angling Method, Mode, and Party Size

The St. Marys River provides diverse angling opportunities in the different species that can be targeted and the angling methods used. In 2022, anglers targeted a variety of species throughout the season (Table 7). Walleye were the most targeted species (22%), followed by those anglers who were fishing for Atlantic Salmon (15%), anything (8%). Rainbow Trout (14%) and Northern Pike (12%) were also popular targets.

The St. Marys River Rapids (Site 403) continues to be a popular fishing location, particularly for migratory salmonid species. The target species here changes seasonally based on seasonal migration patterns and what species are in the rapids habitat at that time (Table 8). Rainbow Trout (Steelhead) are the most targeted

species in May and June, while Atlantic Salmon are the most targeted species in July and August. The fishery focus turns to Chinook Salmon in October.

Discussion

Fishing Effort

Overall recreational fishing effort in the St. Marys River from May-October 2022, was 438,188 angler hours. This is close to the long-term average for the river and is 88% higher than the amount of fishing effort estimated in the 2017 survey (Table 9). It should be noted that 2022 was more typical and consistent with past years than 2017, which was unusually low, however the 2017 did not include an estimate for Site 404 which usually accounts for an average of 51,708 angler hours (based on previous surveys). Overall, the 2022 open water St. Marys River recreational fishery estimate is almost 64% as much as the total fishing effort in Michigan waters of Lake Huron during that same period. Compared with the historical angler hours for the Michigan waters, whereby the St. Marys River captured approximately 30% as much effort, the increase to 64% is substantial (Table 9). Clearly, the St. Marys River hosts a relatively intense recreational fishery.

This amount of fishing effort is even more impressive when viewed in comparison to other popular fisheries in the region on a per surface acreage basis. In 2022, the St. Marys River had more fishing effort per unit surface area than Big Bay de Noc and Saginaw Bay and compared favorably with Little Bay de Noc when looking at the fishing pressure per surface acre (Figure 5).

Harvest and Harvest Rates

Cisco

Cisco harvest in 2022 was 32,604 fish, which was similar to the 2017 harvest (Table 4). Both years are below the average of Cisco harvested (89,588) from the series. The harvest rate (number per hour) of Cisco in 2022 (0.0724, Table 5) was down from the harvest rate observed in 2017 (which was 0.1313). The mean age of Cisco in the catch was 2.3 years (Table 6).

The Cisco fishery in the St. Marys River can be extremely variable (Table 4). The fishery largely coincides with the emergence of burrowing mayflies, which draws the Cisco population together to feed. It is often influenced by factors such as weather conditions during the feeding congregation, in addition to the timing and duration of the mayfly emergence and feeding congregation, which can be reflected in the numbers harvested. It is important to note that the regulations for Cisco have changed over the years in both Ontario and Michigan waters. In 2008, Ontario fishing regulations changed, reducing the no daily possession limit of 25 Cisco or 12 Cisco depending on the type of license (sportfishing or conservation). In 2020, Michigan fishing regulations went from a daily possession limit of 12 Cisco to 10 (combined limit of Lake Whitefish, Cisco, and Round Whitefish). It is notable that since the regulation change in 2008, unlimited harvest to 25/12 fish in Ontario waters, both harvest and harvest rate have declined significantly in subsequent creel surveys. More conservative regulations have resulted in reduced Cisco harvest.

The catch-per-unit-effort (CPUE) of Cisco in the 2022 Fish Community Index Netting (FCIN) survey was up substantially in 2022 compared to 2017 (O'Connor et al. 2024). The trend in CPUE in the FCIN between 2017 and 2022 is opposite the harvest rate trend from the creel survey. While it is possible harvest rates are down for Cisco in 2022, using total effort for calculating harvest rate may confound the trend. The Cisco recreational fishery is very much a targeted fishery using specialized gear (long rods, light line, and tear drop jigs or wet flies) where boats congregate on schools of feeding Cisco. When schools are hard to locate and success is low, fishing effort likely dissipates rapidly. Cisco are also not often caught incidentally while

angling for other species. Therefore, targeted Cisco effort may not be proportional to overall trends in total effort due to the unique nature of this fishery. While the calculation of these metrics has been consistent in the survey series for comparison purposes, there are other conditions that should be considered. A new creel clerk was hired in mid-July for the lower river on the Michigan side and it is possible that the Cisco fishery was under sampled during the relatively short window of good activity for this species.

Northern Pike and Muskellunge

Northern Pike harvest and harvest rate were higher in 2022 compared to 2017 (Tables 4 and 5). These were continuing an upward trend since the low of 2005. As stated in the 2017 creel report, Northern Pike are likely beneficiaries of higher water levels in the St. Marys River in the last decade. Coastal wetlands along the St. Marys River provide critical spawning and nursery habitat for this species. Great Lakes water levels are generally higher since 2013. The compensating works/gates at the head of the St. Marys River rapids are regulated by the International Lake Superior Board of Control and control the outflow of Lake Superior into the rest of the St. Marys River and down to Lakes Huron and Michigan. River flows in the last 10 years have been higher than they had been for decades prior, which provided for additional flooded vegetation along the river margins, and increased pike spawning and nursery habitat. The mean age of Northern Pike harvested in 2022 was 3.9 years (Table 6).

Interestingly, the CPUE of Northern Pike in the FCIN survey was lower in 2022 compared to 2017. Northern Pike relative abundance (CPUE) has been increasing in the St. Marys River FCIN since 2002, but declined in 2022 (O'Connor et al. 2024).

Unfortunately, little information was gained about the Muskellunge fishery in the St. Marys River during the 2022 creel survey. Interviews of anglers targeting this species were few in 2022, and interviews of successful Muskellunge anglers were absent. No conclusions or trend identification can be derived from this, however, as informal angler reports point to a popular fishery for Muskellunge in certain reaches of the river. Note that regulations for Muskellunge changed in 2018 for Michigan waters of the St. Marys River downstream of the compensating gates to DeTour Village. The minimum size limit went from 42 inches to 46 inches. The possession limit remained at one Muskellunge per angler per angling year.

Smallmouth Bass

Both harvest and harvest rate of Smallmouth Bass were up in 2022 and were the highest observed in the survey series. Smallmouth Bass harvest was almost four times that of the harvest in 2017 (Table 4), however, fewer than 7% of angling parties reported they were targeting Smallmouth Bass in 2022 (Table 7). Almost 86% of the Smallmouth Bass harvest occurred in Site 210, Potagannissing Bay (Appendix 3, Table 5), with most of the harvest occurring in May, June, and July. Despite the increase in harvest of Smallmouth Bass, catch and release fishing for this species remains popular. The total catch of Smallmouth Bass in 2022, including harvest, sublegal release, and legal release, was approximately four times that of total harvest alone (Appendix 4, Table 1). Another explanation for the increase in bass harvest may be improvements in fishing technology, e.g. Garmin LivescopeTM.

Walleye

Walleye remain an important recreational fish in the St. Marys River and continue to be the most targeted species (Table 7). Overall harvest and harvest rate are higher than they were in 2017 but remain lower than the 2007 values (Tables 4, 5). Walleye harvest and harvest rates from 2007 are the highest in the survey series and represent the potential for the Walleye fishery in the river, but likely can't be achieved every year. The FCIN survey continued to show the Walleye population to be remarkably stable (O'Connor et al. 2024). The mean age of Walleye harvested in the St. Marys River in 2022 was 5.4 years (Table 6).

Yellow Perch

Yellow Perch support a popular fishery in the St. Marys River. Almost 7% of angling parties reported targeting Yellow Perch Table 7). Site 210 had the highest percentage (2.8%) of anglers targeting Yellow Perch, second to Walleye for that area (Table 7). Other areas that were popular for Yellow Perch fishing include site 404 (Upper River) and site 207 (Raber Bay and Lake Munuscong).

Yellow Perch harvest rate remained steady for 2022 compared to 2017, but harvest was up (Tables 4, 5). This is consistent with the increased fishing effort in the river. The overall harvest rate has remained relatively stable over the time series (Table 5). The FCIN survey reports likewise show a stable Yellow Perch population over the time series for that survey (O'Connor et al. 2024). The mean age of Yellow Perch harvested was 3.7 years (Table 6). Fishing regulations for Yellow Perch in Michigan waters of the St. Marys River changed in 2019, with a reduction in the daily possession limit from 50 to 25. The minimum size limit of 7 inches (178 mm) was also removed at that time.

Other Species

While the main species in the St. Marys River fishery are Cisco, Northern Pike, Smallmouth Bass, Walleye, and Yellow Perch, there are a few other important species in the fishery. Although the magnitude of these fisheries may not be that of the primary species, the creel did provide some insight into their status.

The 2022 harvest estimate of 5,811 Atlantic Salmon is more than double any previous year's estimate (Appendix 2, Table 1). Atlantic Salmon have been stocked in the St. Marys River since 1987. There is very little natural reproduction of this species, so it continues to be dependent upon stocking. Along with the increased popularity of this species, the increased harvest may also be a factor of changes in stocking practices. For many years, Atlantic Salmon stocked in the St. Marys River have been raised and stocked by Lake Superior State University (LSSU). In recent years, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources also began raising Atlantic Salmon and started stocking them in the St. Marys River in 2011 both to augment the numbers stocked by LSSU and to help evaluate the hatchery product. Although MDNR had stocked Atlantic Salmon before the 2017 survey, improvements in rearing methods and fish quality are likely leading to better survival and numbers in the fishery for the 2022 survey period.

Other salmonids in the survey include Lake Whitefish and Rainbow Trout. Lake Whitefish harvest is down considerably at only 10% of the 2007 peak value, while Rainbow Trout harvest and harvest rate are at all-time highs in 2022 for the time series at 1,944 (Appendix 2, Table 1).

Economic Value

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service conducted a national survey of fishing, hunting, and wildlife-associated recreation in 2022 and estimated daily expenditures for hunters and anglers (USDI 2022). The 2022 report estimates that the average daily expenditure by anglers is \$47, including both freshwater and saltwater anglers. Applying that \$47 per day value to the 99,441 angler days estimated for 2022 (Table 3), the economic impact of the St. Marys River recreation fishing would be approximately \$4,700,000 in 2022.

The US Fish and Wildlife Service did a similar survey in 2016 but split out expenditures by different angling types and regions. The 2016 report indicated that Great Lakes anglers spend \$153 per day on fish trip-related expenses. Using that value, the St. Marys recreational fishery would be valued at \$15,200,000. Recreational fishing in the St. Marys River has a substantial economic impact using either method for calculating its value!

Recommendations

This survey provides valuable information about recreational fishing activity in the St. Marys River, and is more valuable when combined with the FCIN survey. The creel survey should be conducted every five years along with the FCIN survey and should coincide with the year of intensive monitoring under the Cooperative Scientific Monitoring Initiative (CSMI).

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Figure 1. Map of the St. Marys River indicating major reaches of the river.



Figure 2. Creel Survey sites sampled in 2022.



Figure 3. Angler origin for "local" anglers, or those with mailing postal codes within 40 kilometers and 80 kilometers of the river.



Figure 4. Map of angler origin for those fishing the St. Marys River in 2017, based on U.S. Zip/Canadian postal codes provided during the interview.



Figure 5. Recreational fishing effort by surface area in 2022 for several popular fishing locations in Michigan. Note that the Lake Erie estimate is for Michigan waters only. *Indicates that the estimates are for the 2021 open water season.



Figure 6. Trends in St. Marys River open-water recreational fishing effort. *Site 404 was not included in the 2017 estimate.

Table 1. Estimated recreational effort (in hours) for all species from open-water recreational fisheries in the St. Marys River 1999-2001, 2005-2007, 2017, and 2022. Italics denotes data obtained through extrapolation methods described in the Methods section (Greenwood et al. 2011). Note that site 403 (Rapids) is not included, as it was not surveyed every year. Two standard errors are in parentheses.

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Year	207	208	209	210	404	405	Total
1999	112,283	96,732	68,441	140,743	58,561	65,307	556,399
	(19,570)	(16,256)	(11,010)	(27,674)	(11,454)	(12,611)	(42,820)
2000	93, 301	60,816	60,564	131,107	55,616	61,572	462,976
	(15,420)	(12,794)	(11,511)	(20,871)	(46,434)	(76,874)	(183,904)
2001	124,823	97,111	76,694	123,878	67,671	74,918	565,095
	(28,135)	(17,919)	(14,401)	(17,646)	(64,802)	(106,689)	(249,592)
2005	68,289	51,245	54,378	131,887	47,410	74,105	427,314
	(12,840)	(10,260)	(232,480)	(35,124)	(60,886)	(14,371)	(365,960)
2006	93,025	70,944	84,845	152,254	58,378	*52,984	512,430
	(24,502)	(14,685)	(15,437)	(36,035)	(72,178)	*(9,645)	(172,483)
2007	139,310	35,273	71,430	183,668	62,276	45,112	537,069
	(34,103)	(8,859)	(313,367)	(60,215)	(107,502)	(11,057)	(535,103)
2017	45,491	33,122	24,332	98,966	Not	31,010	232,921
	(26,153)	(17,306)	(9,559)	(47,311)	Surveyed	(12,455)	(112,784)
2022	86,591	61,794	56,585	172,662	12,043	48,513	438,188
	(45,008)	(22,748)	(19,894)	(91,086)	(6,840)	(11,949)	(104,365)
Average							
(1999-	95,389	63,380	62,159	141,896	51,708	57,220	466,549
2022)							

* In 2006, no interviews were conducted for Site 405, see Greenwood et al. (2011) for methods.

**In 2017, site 404 was not surveyed.

Table 1a. Estimated recreational effort (in hours) by month and year for all species from open-water recreational fisheries in the St. Marys River at site 403 (Rapids). Two standard errors are in parentheses. NS indicates the site was not surveyed that month.

Year	May	June	July	August	September	October	Season
1999	3,707	NS	2,230	493	6,382	1,518	14,330
	(1,154)		(1,600)	(447)	(2,120)	(655)	(3,002)
2017	4,604	2,469	1,796	869	1,641	1,475	12,854
	(1,338)	(1,342)	(752)	(460)	(732)	(727)	(5,350)
2022	3,911	2,316	862	1,301	1,740	2,062	12,192
	(1,377)	(679)	(493)	(464)	(442)	(405)	(3860)

Table 2. Estimated targeted effort (in hours) for selected species for the open-water recreational fisheries in the St. Marys River 1999-2001, 2005-2007, 2017, and 2022. Two standard errors are in parentheses.

1				Year				
	1999	2000	2001	2005	2006	2007	2017	2022
Walleye	126,988	119,122	161,526	168,031	168,333	200,006	118,484	197,581
	(25,083)	(24,654)	(28,699)	(53,463)	(37,817)	(63,957)	(16,713)	(889)
Yellow	89,238	60,607	78,869	32,414	58,191	65,326	39,885	69,975
Perch	(18,255)	(16,698)	(20,924)	(14,026)	(23,031)	(30,758)	(6,648)	(529)
Salmonids	122,280	56,988	79,529	76,419	49,241	66,488	29,635	30,058
	(20,238)	(14,007)	(21,306)	(43,360)	(14,674)	(44,801)	(3,985)	(347)

Table 3. Estimated harvest per hour and total number harvested by species for each month. Angler effort (angler hours, trips, and days) for the St. Marys River system (Michigan and Ontario), for all sites including Site 403 (Rapids) and all non-charter modes of sportfishing, for each month in 2022. Two standard errors are in parentheses. N/A indicates the value could not be generated.

Species	Harvest per hour	May	June	July	August	September	October	Season
Atlantic	0.0129	226	52	2,476	2,149	152	756	5,811
Salmon	(0.0294)	(426)	(104)	(1,520)	(4)	(183)	(912)	(3,149)
Channel	0.0002	0	0	0	78	0	0	78
Catfish	(0.0000)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)
Chinook	0.0005	1	0	138	24	40	0	203
Salmon	(0.0021)	(3)	(0)	(132)	(27)	(60)	(0)	(222)
Coho Salmon	0.0013	0	0	41	558	0	0	599
	(0.0005)	(0)	(0)	(56)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(56)
Lake Trout	0.0001	51	0	0	0	0	0	51
	(0.0010)	(106)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(106)
Largemouth	0.0006	0	0	286	0	0	0	286
Bass	(0.0050)	(0)	(0)	(532)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(532)
Lake Herring	0.0724	0	3,927	28,677	0	0	0	32,604
(Cisco)	(0.2515)	(0)	(8,495)	(18,443)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(26,938)
Lake Whitefish	0.0123	1,224	1,057	1,062	281	56	1,852	5,532
	(0.0404)	(1,059)	(1,176)	(753)	(0)	(85)	(1,255)	(4,327)
Northern Pike	0.0195	928	2,968	2,123	1,322	476	968	8,785
	(0.1090)	(1,391)	(4,452)	(2,835)	(762)	(1,071)	(1,163)	(11,675)
Other	0.0009	0	0	0	425	0	0	425
	(0.0034)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(369)	(0)	(0)	(369)
Pink Salmon	0.0050	0	0	0	0	2,233	0	2,233
	(0.0161)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(1,720)	(0)	(1,720)

Table 3. – cont.

Species	Harvest per hour	May	June	July	August	September	October	Season
Pumpkinseed	0.0001	59	0	0	0	0	0	59
	(0.0011)	(119)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(119)
Rainbow Trout	0.0043	1,246	526	90	0	66	16	1,944
	(0.0087)	(397)	(311)	(115)	(0)	(89)	(17)	(929)
Rock Bass	0.0007	0	0	297	0	0	0	297
	(0.0057)	(0)	(0)	(607)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(607)
Smallmouth	0.0269	7,025	1,971	1,560	963	325	285	12,129
Bass	(0.1572)	(9,725)	(2,729)	(1,962)	(1,388)	(531)	(501)	(16,836
Walleye	0.0646	4,856	7,259	11,650	3,661	809	866	29,101
	(0.2618)	(4,018)	(9,561)	(12,609)	(0)	(1,201)	(650)	(28,038
Yellow Perch	0.1532	4,870	904	2,334	15,777	19,167	25,957	69,009
	(0.6643)	(6,684)	(1,890)	(2,876)	(12,300)	(21,201)	(26,204)	(71,154
Angler hours		50,091	70,708	147,792	76,526	69,631	35,632	450,380
C		(33,249)	N/A	(48,804)	(6,337)	N/A	(18,714)	(107,104
Angler trips		10,570	19,573	33,146	17,251	16,865	7,432	104,83
- *		(7,101)	N/A	(12,880)	(2,141)	(12,111)	(3,948)	(38,181
Angler Days		10,136	16,388	32,108	16,851	16,585	7,374	99,441
<i>c i</i>		(6,954)	N/A	(12,588)	(2,044)	(11,772)	(3,928)	(37,286

			Species		
Year	Cisco	Northern Pike	Smallmouth Bass	Walleye	Yellow Perch
1999	31,258	5,408	1,188	9,890	62,646
	(40,040)	(5,170)	(1,797)	(8,255)	(32,274)
2000	113,621	12,402	3,235	17,064	86,098
	(182,114)	(17,744)	(9,001)	(17,768)	(100,284)
2001	131,662	14,336	3,653	39,568	91,120
	(199,643)	(22,768)	(10,371)	(30,643)	(96,696)
2005	48,163	1,547	4,216	32,134	84,097
	(92,339)	(3,516)	(10,329)	(24,882)	(96,889)
2006	168,988	14,894	5,322	38,743	118,214
	(211,690)	(18,288)	(10,567)	(46,952)	(150,617)
2007	158,141	4,231	4,030	60,733	125,391
	(372,281)	(5,322)	(7,691)	(56,668)	(180,500)
2017	32,267	3,968	3,073	13,963	39,241
	(18,255)	(3,885)	(3,379)	(13,865)	(29,657)
2022	32,604	8,785	12,129	29,101	69,009
-	(26,938)	(11,675)	(16,836)	(28,038)	(71,154)

Table 4. Estimated harvest (numbers of fish) for Cisco, Northern Pike, Smallmouth Bass, Walleye, and Yellow Perch from open-water sport fisheries in the St. Marys River 1999-2001, 2005- 2007, 2017, and 2022. Two standard errors are in parentheses.

Year	Cisco	Northern Pike S	Smallmouth Bass	Walleye	Yellow Perch
1999	0.0562	0.0097	0.0021	0.0178	0.1126
	(0.0721)	(0.0093)	(0.0032)	(0.0149)	(0.0586)
2000	0.1631	0.0284	0.0069	0.0376	0.1314
	(0.1688)	(0.1626)	(0.1167)	(0.1606)	(0.3123)
2001	0.1790	0.0269	0.0055	0.0687	0.1462
	(0.1766)	(0.1685)	(0.1568)	(0.1872)	(0.3438)
2005	0.0708	0.0037	0.0072	0.0747	0.1297
	(0.2116)	(0.1457)	(0.1302)	(0.2265)	(0.3742)
2006	0.2303	0.0305	0.0108	0.0830	0.1705
	(0.2176)	(0.1775)	(0.1794)	(0.2294)	(0.4210)
2007	0.1587	0.0093	0.0080	0.0997	0.1686
	(0.5180)	(0.1829)	(0.2191)	(0.3410)	(0.3787)
2017	0.1313	0.0161	0.0125	0.0568	0.1597
	(0.1545)	(0.0329)	(0.0286)	(0.1174)	(0.2510)
2022	0.0724	0.0195	0.0269	0.0646	0.1532
-	(0.2515)	(0.1090)	(0.1572)	(0.2618)	(0.6643)

Table 5. Mean annual harvest per hour for Cisco, Northern Pike, Smallmouth Bass, Walleye, and Yellow Perch (based on total effort) from open-water sport fisheries in the St. Marys River (from all sites including Potagannissing Bay), 1999-2001, 2005-2007, 2017, and 2022. Two standard errors are in parentheses.

Table 6. Summary of biological data collected from the St. Marys River during the open water sport fishery of 2022, by capture sites. N = sample size and appears in parentheses if different than reported. Data for species with a sample size smaller than 5 were not included in this table.

Species	Year	Capture sites	N	Mean Age	Mean Length (cm)	Mean Wt (g)
Atlantic Salmon	2022	208, 209, 403	24	3.4 (23)	65.5	3134
Chinook Salmon	2022	404	9	2.2	58.4	2068
Cisco	2022	210	9	2.3	28.0	177 (7)
Lake Whitefish	2022	404	24	-	42.9	692
Northern Pike	2022	208, 209, 210, 404, 405	20	3.9	64.0	1678 (18)
Rainbow Trout	2022	208, 209, 403, 404	17	2.7 (7)	52.6	1315 (16)
Smallmouth Bass	2022	207, 210, 405	26	-	36.6	816 (24)
Walleye	2022	207, 208, 209, 210, 404, 405	81	5.4 (79)	48.8	1179 (80)
Yellow Perch	2022	207, 209, 210, 404, 405	51	3.7 (3)	24.1	181 (50)

Table 7. Percent of angling parties in the 2022 St. Marys River open water (May-Oct.) sport fishery reporting target species, by location as reported during angler interviews. N denotes number of respondents.

SITE	207	208	209	210	403	404	405	Total
Salmon or Trout	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%	0.0%	0.8%	0.0%	0.9%
ANY	0.8%	0.4%	1.6%	1.3%	0.1%	1.1%	2.5%	7.7%
Atlantic Salmon	0.0%	2.0%	9.0%	0.0%	3.4%	0.0%	0.1%	14.5%
Channel Catfish	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.2%	0.2%
Chinook Salmon	0.0%	0.1%	0.2%	0.0%	1.2%	0.0%	0.0%	1.5%
Coho Salmon	0.0%	0.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.4%	0.0%	0.0%	0.4%
Lake Herring/Cisco	0.1%	0.0%	0.0%	2.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%	2.5%
Lake Sturgeon	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%
Lake Trout	0.0%	0.4%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%	0.0%	0.4%
Lake Whitefish	0.0%	0.3%	0.9%	0.0%	0.0%	2.5%	0.0%	3.6%
Largemouth Bass	0.0%	0.2%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%	0.3%
Muskellunge	0.4%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.4%
Northern Pike	0.8%	4.1%	0.9%	1.0%	0.0%	0.7%	4.1%	11.6%
Other	0.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.2%	0.0%	0.1%	0.0%	0.4%
Pink Salmon	0.0%	0.1%	3.0%	0.0%	2.2%	0.0%	0.0%	5.3%
Rainbow Trout	0.0%	1.1%	0.8%	0.0%	9.4%	2.7%	0.1%	14.0%
Salmon	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.6%	0.0%	0.7%
Smallmouth Bass	0.4%	1.3%	0.6%	1.6%	0.0%	0.0%	2.6%	6.6%
Walleye	6.0%	3.8%	2.9%	4.4%	0.0%	0.7%	4.1%	22.0%
Walleye and Perch	0.0%	0.1%	0.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.2%
Yellow Perch	1.1%	0.3%	0.1%	2.8%	0.0%	1.6%	0.9%	6.8%
Ν	111	159	228	155	189	123	168	1133

Table 8. Percent of angler parties reporting species targeted in the St. Marys River rapids sport fishery (Site 403) by month in 2022. N denotes sample size.

	May	June	July	August	September	October
ANY						8%
Atlantic Salmon		4%	70%	78%	3%	8%
Chinook Salmon				15%	12%	50%
Coho Salmon					9%	8%
Other				3%		5%
Pink Salmon				3%	71%	
Rainbow Trout	100%	94%	30%		6%	25%
Ν	70	26	20	27	34	12

Table 9. Comparison of open water fishing effort (May – Oct.) expressed as hours in the St. Marys River (excluding site 403 – the Rapids) to the lake wide fishery in the Michigan waters of Lake Huron and for Saginaw Bay. Site 403, the St. Marys rapids is excluded. *Site 404 (Upper River) was not surveyed in 2017.

Year	St. Marys River effort (Hours, May-Oct.)	% as much of Lake Huron effort (Hours, May-Oct.)	% as much of Saginaw Bay effort (Hours, May-Oct.)
1999	542,067	27.7	60.0
2000	462,976	26.7	61.2
2001	565,095	31.4	70.0
2005	427,314	32.3	57.3
2006	512,430	44.8	79.7
2007	537,069	38.7	62.7
2017	232,921*	34.5	53.2
2022	438,188	63.6	104.9

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Lake Herring (Cisco) Coregonus artedii
Lake Sturgeon Acipenser fulvescens
Lake Trout Salvelinus namaycush
Lake Whitefish Coregonus clupeaformis
Largemouth Bass Micropterus salmoides
Muskellunge Esox masquinongy
Northern Pike Esox lucius
Pink Salmon Oncorhynchus gorbuscha
Pumpkinseed Lepomis gibbosus
Rainbow Trout Oncorhynchus mykiss
Rock Bass Ambloplites rupestris
Round Whitefish Prosopium cylindraceum
Smallmouth Bass Micropterus dolomieu
Walleye Sander vitreus
White Bass Morone chrysops
White Perch Morone americana
Yellow Perch Perca flavescens

Appendix 1. List of common and scientific names for fish species mentioned in this report.

Species	1938	1987	1991	1999	2000	2001	2005	2006	2007	2017	2022
Atlantic Salmon	0	6	64	509	95	787	0	716	2,039	1,025	5,811
	0	<0.0001	0.0001	0.0009	0.0002	0.0014	0	0.0014	0.0038	0.0042	0.0129
Bluegill				107	0	0	0	0	0		0
				0.0002	0	0	0	0	0		0
Brown Trout										2	0
										0	0
Channel Catfish				109	5	12	131	0	13	69	78
				0.0002	0	0	0.0003	0	0	0.0003	0.0002
Chinook	0	4,662	469	6 249	5,707	6,785	1,619	3,632	4,042	138	203
Salmon	0	0.0062	0.0008	0.0112	0.0123	0.012	0.0038	0.0071	0.0075	0.0006	0.0005
Cisco	289	141,386	14,528	31,258	113,620	131,662	48,163	168,988	158,141	32,267	32,604
	0.15	0.1880	0.0244	0.0562	0.2454	0.233	0.1127	0.3298	0.2945	0.1313	0.0724
Coho Salmon				381	65	42	129	104	321	64	599
				0.0007	0.0001	0.0001	0.0003	0.0002	0.0006	0.0003	0.0013
Freshwater				0	19	0	1,180	1,729	1,168	95	0
Drum				0	0	0	0.0028	0.0034	0.0022	0.0004	0

Appendix 2, Table 1. Estimated species harvest numbers and harvest rate (in italics) from open-water sport fisheries in the St. Marys River, 1938 to 2022.

Appendix 2, Table 1 – cont.

Species	1938	1987	1991	1999	2000	2001	2005	2006	2007	2017	2022
Lake Trout				1	0	0	162	0	454	9	51
				0	0	0	0.0004	0	0.0008	0	0.0001
Lake Whitefish	16	25,187	204	19,769	13,154	16,594	17,877	37,880	50,973	6,011	5,532
	0.008	0.0335	0.0003	0.0355	0.0284	0.0294	0.0418	0.0739	0.0949	0.0245	0.0123
Largemouth				114	202	51	0	0	0	0	286
Bass				0.0012	0.0004	0.0001	0	0	0	0	0.0006
Muskellunge				34	8	56	110	0	0	0	0
				0.0001	0	0.0016	0.0003	0	0	0	0
Northern Pike	184	20,965	26,116	5,408	12,402	14,336	1,547	14,894	4,231	3,968	8,785
	0.09	0.0279	0.0438	0.0097	0.0268	0.0254	0.0036	0.0291	0.0079	0.0161	0.0195
Other				1,124	995	2,427	138	338	4,832	32	425
				0.002	0.0021	0.0043	0.0003	0.0007	0.009	0.0001	0.0009
Pink Salmon	0	5.699	17,573	2,073	1,899	5,042	1,437	3,719	2,743	123	2,233
	0	0.0076	0.0295	0.0037	0.0041	0.0089	0.0034	0.0073	0.0051	0.0005	0.0050
Pumpkinseed				161	0	0	175	0	1	220	59
				0.0003	0	0	0.0004	0	0	0.0009	0.0001
Rainbow Trout	13	1,990	192	380	133	89	220	449	359	807	1,944
	0.007	0.0026	0.0003	0.0007	0.0003	0.0002	0.0005	0.0009	0.0007	0.0033	0.0043

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Species	1938	1987	1991	1999	2000	2001	2005	2006	2007	2017	2022
Rock Bass	166	13,708	19,718	70	105	0	720	428	448	0	297
	0.08	0.0182	0.0311	0.0003	0.0002	0	0.0017	0.0008	0.0008	0	0.0007
Round				516	1,651	0	1,348	1,416	1,603		
Whitefish				0.0009	0.0036	0	0.0032	0.0028	0.003		
Smallmouth	3	2,779	9,497	1,188	3,235	3,653	4,216	5,322	4,030	3,073	12,129
Bass	0.002	0.0036	0.0159	0.0032	0.007	0.0065	0.0099	0.0104	0.0075	0.0125	0.0269
Walleye	102	25,602	26,435	9,898	17,064	39,568	32,134	38,743	60,733	13,963	29,101
	0.05	0.0340	0.0443	0.0178	0.0369	0.07	0.0752	0.0756	0.1131	0.0568	0.0646
White Bass					0	127	280	1,396	70		0
					0	0.0002	0.0007	0.0027	0.0001		0
White Perch					0	229	0	0	578		0
					0	0.0004	0	0	0.0011		0
Yellow Perch	2,465	316,436	91,019	62,646	86,098	91,120	84,097	118,214	125,391	39,241	69,009
	1.25	0.4207	0.1526	0.1126	0.186	0.1612	0.1968	0.2307	0.2335	0.1597	0.1532

Appendix 3, Table 1a. Estimated harvest per hour, number harvested, and effort (angler hours, trips, and days) of sport fishing for all sites combined on the St. Marys River (except Site 404, the Upper River), by all modes (non-charter) in 2022. Area covered is from the compensating works at the head of the rapids to DeTour (including Potagannissing Bay). Two standard errors in parentheses. N/A indicates the value could not be generated.

All Sites (except 404) - 2022

All Siles (except 40	- 2022			Month				
	Harvest			WIUITUI				
	per							
Species	hour	May	June	July	August	September	October	Season
Atlantic Salmon	0.0133	226	52	2476	2149	152	756	5811
	(0.0309)	(426)	(104)	(1520)	(4)	(183)	(912)	(3149)
Channel Catfish	0.0002	0	0	0	78	0	0	78
	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)
Chinook Salmon	0.0001	1	0	0	0	40	0	41
	(0.0006)	(3)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(60)	(0)	(63)
Coho Salmon	0.0013	0	0	0	558	0	0	558
	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)
Lake Trout	0.0001	51) 0	0	0	0	0	51
	(0.0010)	(106)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(106)
Largemouth Bass	0.0007	0	0	286	0	0	0	286
e	(0.0052)	(0)	(0)	(532)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(532)
Lake Herring	0.0744	0	3927	28677	0	0	0	32604
(Cisco)	(0.2647)	(0)	(8495)	(18443)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(26938)
Lake Whitefish	0.0080	0	262	1062	281	56	1852	3513
	(0.0255)	(0)	(507)	(753)	(0)	(85)	(1255)	(2600)
Muskellunge	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
U	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)
Northern Pike	0.0199	928	2968	2123	1322	451	936	8728
	(0.1139)	(1391)	(4452)	(2835)	(762)	(1028)	(1124)	(11593)
Pink Salmon	0.0051	0	0	0	0	2233	0	2233
	(0.0169)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(1720)	(0)	(1720)
Pumpkinseed	0.0001	59	0	0	0	0	0 0	5 9
1	(0.0012)	(119)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(119)
Rainbow Trout	0.0040	1103	508	90	0	41	16	1758
	(0.0087)	(397)	(311)	(115)	(0)	(50)	(17)	(889)
Rock Bass	0.0007	0	0	297	0	0	ົ໋	297
	(0.0060)	(0)	(0)	(607)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(607)
Smallmouth Bass	0.0277	7025	1967	1560	963	325	285	12125
	(0.1653)	(9725)	(2721)	(1962)	(1388)	(531)	(501)	(16828)
Walleye	0.0657	4856	7061	11540	3661	809	866	28793
5	(0.2724)	(4018)	(9393)	(12460)	(0)	(1201)	(650)	(27722)
Yellow Perch	0.1474	1858	904	2334	15459	18121	25949	64625
	(0.6460)	(2575)	(1890)	(2876)	(12024)	(20189)	(26193)	(65747)
Angler hours	()	46498	68149	145126	75325	68464	34775	438337
0		(30810)	N/A	(47318)	(5626)	N/A	(18030)	(101783)
Angler trips		9522	18827	32358	16953	16498	7170	101329
		(6596)	N/A	(12498)	(1865)	(12111)	(3814)	(36885)
Angler Days		9088	15642	31365	16552	16218	7126	95991
		(6449)	N/A	(12206)	(1769)	(11772)	(3797)	(35993)
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Appendix 3, Table 1b. Estimated harvest per hour, number harvested, and effort (angler hours, trips, and days) of sport fishing for all sites combined on the St. Marys River (including Site 404, the Upper River), by all modes (non-charter) in 2022. Area covered is from Point Iroquois downstream to DeTour (including Potagannissing Bay). Two standard errors in parentheses. N/A indicates the number could not be generated.

Atlantic Salmon	0.0129 (0.0294)	226						
	(0.0294)	220	52	2476	2149	152	756	5811
		(426)	(104)	(1520)	(4)	(183)	(912)	(3149)
Channel Catfish	0.0002	0	0	0	78	0	0	78
	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)
Chinook Salmon	0.0005	1	0	138	24	40	0	203
	(0.0021)	(3)	(0)	(132)	(27)	(60)	(0)	(222)
Coho Salmon	0.0013	0	0	41	558	0	0	599
	(0.0005)	(0)	(0)	(56)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(56)
Lake Trout	0.0001	51	0	0	0	0	0	51
	(0.0010)	(106)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(106)
Largemouth Bass	0.0006	0	0	286	0	0	0	286
	(0.0050)	(0)	(0)	(532)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(532)
Lake Herring (Cisco)	0.0724	0	3927	28677	0	0	0	32604
	(0.2515)	(0)	(8495)	(18443)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(26938)
Lake Whitefish	0.0123	1224	1057	1062	281	56	1852	5532
	(0.0404)	(1059)	(1176)	(753)	(0)	(85)	(1255)	(4327)
Muskellunge	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)
Northern Pike	0.0195	928	2968	2123	1322	476	968	8785
	(0.1090)	(1391)	(4452)	(2835)	(762)	(1071)	(1163)	(11675)
Other	0.0009	0	0	0	425	0	0	425
	(0.0034)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(369)	(0)	(0)	(369)
Pink Salmon	0.0050	0	0	0	0	2233	0	2233
	(0.0161)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(1720)	(0)	(1720)
Pumpkinseed	0.0001	59	0	0	0	0	0	59
	(0.0011)	(119)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(119)
Rainbow Trout	0.0043	1246	526	90	0	66	16	1944
	(0.0087)	(397)	(311)	(115)	(0)	(89)	(17)	(929)
Rock Bass	0.0007	0	0	297	0	0	0	297
	(0.0057)	(0)	(0)	(607)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(607)
Smallmouth Bass	0.0269	7025	1971	1560	963	325	285	12129
	(0.1572)	(9725)	(2729)	(1962)	(1388)	(531)	(501)	(16836)
Walleye	0.0646	4856	7259	11650	3661	809	866	29101
	(0.2618)	(4018)	(9561)	(12609)	(0)	(1201)	(650)	(28038)
Yellow Perch	0.1532	4870	904	2334	15777	19167	25957	69009
	(0.6643)	(6684)	(1890)	(2876)	(12300)	(21201)	(26204)	(71154)
Angler hours		50091	70708	147792	76526	69631	35632	450380

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	(33249)	N/A	(48804)	(6337)	N/A	(18714)	(107104)
Angler trips	10570	19573	33146	17251	16865	7432	104837
	(7101)	N/A	(12880)	(2141)	(12111)	(3948)	(38181)
Angler Days	10136	16388	32108	16851	16585	7374	99441
	(6954)	N/A	(12588)	(2044)	(11772)	(3928)	(37286)

Appendix 3, Table 2. Estimated harvest per hour, number harvested, and effort (angler hours, trips, and days) of sport fishing for the area from Sweets Point to the Neebish Island Ferry (includes the Michigan and Ontario waters of Raber Bay, Munuscong Lake, and Neebish Channel), by all modes (non-charter) in 2022. Two standard errors in parentheses.

	Month							
	Harvest							
Species	per hour	May	June	July	August	September	October	Season
Channel Catfish	0.0009	0	0	0	78	0	0	78
	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)
Lake Herring (Cisco)	0.0122	0	0	1053	0	0	0	1053
	(0.0440)	(0)	(0)	(1980)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(01980)
Lake Whitefish	0.0007	0	0	61	0	0	0	61
	(0.0026)	(0)	(0)	(116)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(116)
Muskellunge	0.0000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)
Northern Pike	0.0260	15	957	155	499	0	622	2248
	(0.0588)	(31)	(1825)	(261)	(0)	(0)	(532)	(2648)
Smallmouth Bass	0.0013	0	0	0	38	0	72	110
	(0.0051)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(76)	(0)	(152)	(229)
Walleye	0.0820	144	2912	2241	1779	0	24	7100
	(0.1391)	(285)	(3823)	(2105)	(0)	(0)	(47)	(6260)
Yellow Perch	0.1580	0	90	1307	7593	2392	2298	13680
	(0.1961)	(0)	(186)	(1557)	(0)	(3337)	(3745)	(8826)
Angler hours		7482	14882	28000	18771	11959	5497	86591
		(8491)	(15583)	(10891)	(0)	(7881)	(2163)	(45008)
Angler trips		1098	3715	6008	4677	3357	1432	20287
		(1353)	(4094)	(2876)	(0)	(2430)	(580)	(11333)
Angler Days		1098	3715	6008	4677	3357	1432	20287
		(1353)	(4094)	(2876)	(0)	(2430)	(580)	(11333)

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Appendix 3, Table 3. Estimated harvest per hour, number harvested, and effort (angler hours, trips, and days) of sport fishing for Lake George to Green Point (includes Little Lake George, and the area from Bellview Marina to Stribling Point in Ontario, Canada), by all modes (non-charter) in 2022. Two standard errors in parentheses.

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	Month							
	Harvest							
Species	per hour	May	June	July	August	September	October	Season
Atlantic Salmon	0.0162	0	0	758	240	0	0	998
	(0.0342)	(0)	(0)	(777)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(777)
Chinook Salmon	0.0000	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
	(0.0001)	(3)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(3)
Coho Salmon	0.0090	0	0	0	558	0	0	558
	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)
Largemouth Bass	0.0046	0	0	286	0	0	0	286
	(0.0234)	(0)	(0)	(532)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(532)
Northern Pike	0.0381	590	704	824	0	237	0	2355
	(0.1577)	(866)	(1067)	(1145)	(0)	(510)	(0)	(3588)
Smallmouth Bass	0.0234	666	0	433	344	0	0	1443
	(0.1373)	(1587)	(0)	(885)	(650)	(0)	(0)	(3122)
Walleye	0.0540	0	664	1145	0	683	842	3334
	(0.2089)	(0)	(879)	(2270)	(0)	(1001)	(603)	(4753)
Yellow Perch	0.0890	1333	100	0	2518	1546	0	5497
	(0.4119)	(1904)	(203)	(0)	(4662)	(2600)	(0)	(9369)
Angler hours		4699	6918	19854	17915	8740	3668	61794
		(3287)	(4397)	(6032)	(294)	(6859)	(1878)	(22748
Angler trips		1049	1447	4541	2952	1648	662	12299
		(957)	(989)	(1682)	(92)	(1618)	(386)	(5724)
Angler Days		1042	1447	4541	2949	1499	662	12140
		(946)	(989)	(1682)	(79)	(1370)	(386)	(5453)

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Appendix 3, Table 4. Estimated harvest per hour, number harvested, and effort (angler hours, trips, and days) of sport fishing for the area from the Neebish Island Ferry to the rapids in Sault Ste. Marie (includes Lake Nicolet, the St. Marys River below the rapids and the area from the rapids to Bellview Marina in Ontario, Canada), by all modes (non-charter) in 2022. Two standard errors in parentheses.

	Month Harvest per							
Species	hour	May	June	July	August	September	October	Season
Atlantic Salmon	0.0811	25	52	1696	1907	152	756	4588
	(0.0987)	(50)	(104)	(713)	(0)	(183)	(912)	(1963)
Chinook Salmon	0.0007	0	0	0	0	40	0	40
	(0.0030)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(60)	(0)	(60)
Lake Trout	0.0009	51	0	0	0	0	0	51
	(0.0053)	(106)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(106)
Lake Whitefish	0.0610	0	262	1001	281	56	1852	3452
	(0.1248)	(0)	(507)	(636)	(0)	(85)	(1255)	(2484)
Northern Pike	0.0162	206	236	207	268	0	0	917
	(0.0426)	(298)	(348)	(201)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(847)
Pink Salmon	0.0393	0	0	0	0	2222	0	2222
	(0.0857)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(1704)	(0)	(1704)
Rainbow Trout	0.0049	25	144	70	0	41	0	280
	(0.0171)	(55)	(150)	(86)	(0)	(50)	(0)	(341)
Smallmouth Bass	0.0003	0	0	18	0	0	0	18
	(0.0019)	(0)	(0)	(38)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(38)
Walleye	0.0439	502	26	360	1471	126	0	2485
	0.0515)	(446)	(50)	(331)	(0)	(199)	(0)	(1025)
Yellow Perch	0.0133	147	0	200	408	0	0	755
	(0.0233)	(180)	(0)	(284)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(464)
Angler hours		4377	5136	18105	13905	10205	4857	56585
		(3532)	(3542)	(4119)	(0)	(6653)	(2047)	(19894)
Angler trips		692	1050	3471	2774	1712	980	10680
		(633)	(776)	(941)	(108)	(1170)	(422)	(4052)
Angler Days		692	1013	3437	2774	1620	935	10471
		(633)	(737)	(937)	(108)	(1090)	(405)	(3912)

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Appendix 3, Table 5. Estimated harvest per hour, number harvested, and effort (angler hours, trips, and days) of sport fishing for Potagannissing Bay (Michigan and Ontario), by all modes (non-charter), in 2022. Two standard errors in parentheses.

	Month Harvest per							
Species	hour	May	June	July	August	September	October	Season
Atlantic Salmon	0.0012	201	0	0	0	0	0	201
	(0.0041)	(376)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(376)
Lake herring	0.1729	0	3927	25934	0	0	0	29861
	(0.2421)	(0)	(8495)	(13558)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(22053)
Northern Pike	0.0065	9	79	297	349	67	314	1115
	(0.0232)	(0)	(157)	(465)	(762)	(140)	(593)	(2116)
Pumpkinseed	0.0003	59	0	0	0	0	0	59
	(0.0013)	(119)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(119)
Rock Bass	0.0017	0	0	297	0	0	0	297
	(0.0067)	(0)	(0)	(607)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(607)
Smallmouth Bass	0.0601	6359	1967	1019	512	314	213	10384
	(0.1454)	(8138)	(2721)	(868)	(661)	(507)	(349)	(13244)
Walleye	0.0722	4210	3459	4795	0	0	0	12464
	(0.1384)	(3288)	(4642)	(4677)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(12607)
Yellow Perch	0.2559	378	714	827	4872	13742	23651	44184
	(0.5032)	(492)	(1501)	(1035)	(7243)	(13119)	(22447)	(45837)
Angler hours		22437	33028	58271	11877	30008	17041	172662
		(11510)	(25499)	(17692)	(4868)	(21225)	(10292)	(91086)
Angler trips		4485	10871	13388	3175	7260	3198	42376
		(2394)	(9696)	(4457)	(1557)	(4934)	(2013)	(25051)
Angler Days		4237	7736	12884	2796	7260	3198	38110
<i>c i</i>		(2351)	(6664)	(4345)	(1477)	(4934)	(2013)	(21784)
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Appendix 3, Table 6. Estimated harvest per hour, number harvested, and effort (angler hours, trips, and days) of sport fishing for the Rapids in Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, by all modes (non-charter) in 2022. Two standard errors in parentheses.

Site 403-2022		Month						
	Harvest per							
Species	hour	May	June	July	August	September	October	Season
Atlantic Salmon	0.0020	0	0	22	2	0	0	24
	(0.0086)	(0)	(0)	(29)	(4)	(0)	(0)	(33)
Pink Salmon	0.0009	0	0	0	0	11	0	11
	(0.0041)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(16)	(0)	(16)
Rainbow Trout	0.1212	1078	364	20	0	0	16	1478
	(0.1420)	(342)	(160)	(29)	(0)	(0)	(17)	(548)
Angler hours		3911	2316	862	1301	1740	2062	12192
		(1377)	(679)	(493)	(464)	(442)	(405)	(3860)
Angler trips		1121	622	240	281	478	569	3312
		(443)	(239)	(162)	(108)	(174)	(155)	(1281)
Angler Days		1105	609	240	262	440	569	3224
		(440)	(237)	(162)	(104)	(162)	(155)	(1261)

Appendix 3, Table 7. Estimated harvest per hour, number harvested, and effort (angler hours, trips, and days) of sport fishing for the St. Joseph Channel, Ontario, Canada, by all modes (non-charter) in 2022. Two standard errors in parentheses. N/A indicates the number could not be generated.

	Month Harvest per							
Species	hour	May	June	July	August	September	October	Season
Lake Herring (Cisco)	0.0348	0	0	1690	0	0	0	1690
	(0.2431)	(0)	(0)	(2905)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(2905)
Northern Pike	0.0431	108	992	640	206	147	0	2093
	(0.2002)	(196)	(1055)	(763)	(0)	(378)	(0)	(2393)
Smallmouth Bass	0.0035	0	0	90	69	11	0	170
	(0.0163)	(0)	(0)	(171)	(0)	(24)	(0)	(195)
Walleye	0.0703	0	0	2999	411	0	0	3410
	(0.2575)	(0)	(0)	(3077)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(3077)
Yellow Perch	0.0105	0	0	0	68	441	0	509
	(0.1047)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(119)	(1133)	(0)	(1252)
Angler hours		3592	5869	20034	11556	5812	1650	48513
-		(2613)	N/A	(8091)	(0)	N/A	(1245)	(11949)
Angler trips		1077	1122	4709	3094	2044	330	12375
		(816)	N/A	(2380)	(0)	(1784)	(258)	(5238)
Angler Days		915	1122	4255	3094	2044	330	11759
		(726)	N/A	(2204)	(0)	(1784)	(258)	(4972)

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Appendix 3, Table 8. Estimated harvest per hour, number harvested, and effort (angler hours, trips, and days) of sport fishing for the Upper River, from Iroquois Point downstream to the compensating works at the head of the rapids, including Waishkey Bay and Ashmun Bay. This site covers U.S. waters only.

Species	Month Harvest per hour	May	June	July	August	September	October	Season
Chinook Salmon	0.0134	<u> </u>	0	138	24	0	0	162
ennioon Sunnon	(0.0232)	(0)	(0)	(132)	(27)	(0)	(0)	(159)
Coho Salmon	0.0034	0	0	41	0	0	0	41
	(0.0081)	(0)	(0)	(56)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(56)
Lake Whitefish	0.1677	1224	795	0	0	0	0	2019
	(0.2525)	(1059)	(668)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(1727)
Northern Pike	0.0047	0	0	0	0	25	32	57
	(0.0120)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(43)	(39)	(82)
Other	0.0353	0	0	0	425	0	0	425
	(0.0540)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(369)	(0)	(0)	(369)
Rainbow Trout	0.0154	143	18	0	0	25	0	186
	(0.0058)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(40)	(0)	(40)
Smallmouth Bass	0.0003	0	4	0	0	0	0	4
	(0.0012)	(0)	(8)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(8)
Walleye	0.0256	0	198	110	0	0	0	308
	(0.0461)	(0)	(167)	(149)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(316)
Yellow Perch	0.3640	3012	0	0	318	1046	8	4384
	(0.7905)	(4109)	(0)	(0)	(276)	(1012)	(11)	(5407)
Angler hours		3593	2559	2666	1201	1167	857	12043
		(2439)	(1305)	(1486)	(711)	(215)	(684)	(6840)
Angler trips		1048	746	788	299	367	261	3508
		(505)	(371)	(382)	(275)	(0)	(134)	(1667)
Angler Days		1048	746	743	299	367	248	3450
		(505)	(371)	(382)	(275)	(0)	(131)	(1664)

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Appendix 4, Table 1a. Estimated catch including legal and nonlegal release plus harvest for all sites combined on the St. Marys River (except Site 404, the Upper River) in 2022. Two standard errors are in parentheses. N/A indicates the number could not be generated.

	Month							
a .	Catch			T 1				G
Species	per hour	May	June	July	August	September	October	Season
Atlantic Salmon	0.0192	228	53	3333	3768	180	852	8414
	(0.0408)	(426)	(104)	(2354)	(88)	(212)	(965)	(4149)
Channel Catfish	0.0025	204	786	0	79	10	0	1079
	(0.0196)	(410)	(1566)	(0)	(0)	(15)	(0)	(1992)
Chinook Salmon	0.0003	3	0	0	0	99	51	152
	(0.0017)	(6)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(105)	(62)	(173)
Coho Salmon	0.0014	0	0	0	566	9	30	605
	(0.0006)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(13)	(16)	(32)	(61)
Freshwater Drum	0.0009	0	0	205	0	191	0	396
	(0.0084)	(0)	(0)	(442)	(0)	(407)	(0)	(850)
Lake Trout	0.0006	52	0	0	229	0	0	281
	(0.0053)	(106)	(0)	(0)	(430)	(0)	(0)	(536)
Largemouth Bass	0.0052	0	0	573	1	12	1707	2292
	(0.0512)	(0)	(0)	(1063)	(0)	(22)	(4131)	(5216)
Lake Herring (Cisco)	0.0943	0	5499	35858	0	0	0	41356
	(0.3420)	(0)	(11893)	(22919)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(34812)
Lake Whitefish	0.0094	0	263	1175	282	66	2332	4118
	(0.0297)	(0)	(507)	(795)	(0)	(101)	(1623)	(3026)
Northern Pike	0.0728	3684	7992	8041	7697	2526	1983	31924
	(0.3028)	(5232)	(11471)	(7207)	(0)	(3656)	(3252)	(30818)
Other	0.0126	1100	549	1820	230	1831	0	5529
	(0.0988)	(2397)	(1125)	(2759)	(486)	(3286)	(0)	(10053)
Pink Salmon	0.0103	0	0	0	0	4058	457	4515
	(0.0474)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(4534)	(292)	(4826)
Pumpkinseed	0.0006	180	0	0	76	0	0	256
	(0.0026)	(267)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(267)
Rainbow Trout	0.0087	2182	1334	112	14	102	81	3825
	(0.0211)	(740)	(1053)	(143)	(28)	(116)	(70)	(2150)
Rock Bass	0.0021	0	83	784	68	0	0	935
	(0.0135)	(0)	(170)	(1081)	(119)	(0)	(0)	(1370)
Smallmouth Bass	0.1082	15459	7274	13528	7216	3455	479	47412
	(0.4960)	(17552)	(8341)	(14834)	(4939)	(4185)	(632)	(50482)
Walleye	0.0940	5302	9747	16136	7451	1690	888	41214
	(0.3749)	(4424)	(12728)	(16777)	(500)	(3069)	(662)	(38159)

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	Catch per							
Species	hour	May	June	July	August	September	October	Season
Yellow perch	0.5154	4882	8118	22170	40169	77417	73165	225921
	(2.1361)	(6310)	(12897)	(17134)	(25068)	(86271)	(69742)	(217422)
Angler hours		46498	68149	145126	75325	68464	34775	438337
		(30810)	N/A	(47318)	(5626)	N/A	(18030)	(101783)
Angler trips		9522	18827	32358	16953	16498	7170	101329
		(6596)	N/A	(12498)	(1865)	(12111)	(3814)	(36885)
Angler Days		9088	15642	31365	16552	16218	7126	95991
		(6449)	N/A	(12206)	(1769)	(11772)	(3797)	(35993)

Appendix 4, Table 1b. Estimated catch including legal and nonlegal release plus harvest for all sites combined on the St. Marys River in 2022. Area covered is from Point Iroquois downstream to DeTour (including Potagannissing Bay). Two standard errors are in parentheses. N/A indicates the number could not be generated.

All Sites (life $+0+)$ - 2	2022	Month						
	Catch							
	per		_					_
Species	hour	May	June	July	August	September	October	Season
Atlantic Salmon	0.0187	228	53	3333	3768	180	852	8414
	(0.0387)	(426)	(104)	(2354)	(88)	(212)	(965)	(4149)
Channel Catfish	0.0024	204	786	0	79	10	0	1079
	(0.0186)	(410)	(1566)	(0)	(0)	(15)	(0)	(1992)
Chinook Salmon	0.0007	3	0	138	24	99	51	314
	(0.0031)	(6)	(0)	(132)	(27)	(105)	(62)	(331)
Coho Salmon	0.0014	0	0	41	566	9	30	647
	(0.0011)	(0)	(0)	(56)	(13)	(16)	(32)	(117)
Freshwater Drum	0.0009	0	0	205	0	191	0	396
	(0.0079)	(0)	(0)	(442)	(0)	(407)	(0)	(850)
Lake Trout	0.0006	52	0	0	229	0	0	281
	(0.0050)	(106)	(0)	(0)	(430)	(0)	(0)	(536)
Largemouth Bass	0.0051	0	0	573	1	12	1707	2292
	(0.0487)	(0)	(0)	(1063)	(0)	(22)	(4131)	(5216)
Lake Herring	0.0918	0	5499	35858	0	0	0	41356
	(0.3250)	(0)	(11893)	(22919)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(34812)
Lake Whitefish	0.0157	1854	1304	1217	282	66	2332	7055
	(0.0493)	(1345)	(1361)	(846)	(0)	(101)	(1623)	(5276)
Muskellunge	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)
Northern Pike	0.0712	3684	7992	8041	7697	2600	2035	32051
	(0.2883)	(5232)	(11471)	(7207)	(0)	(3656)	(3317)	(30883)
Other	0.0132	1100	549	1820	655	1831	0	5955
	(0.0973)	(2397)	(1125)	(2759)	(856)	(3286)	(0)	(10422)
Pink Salmon	0.0100	0	0	0	0	4058	457	4515
	(0.0451)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(4534)	(292)	(4826)
Pumpkinseed	0.0006	180	0	0	76	0	0	256
	(0.0025)	(267)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(267)
Rainbow Trout	0.0089	2325	1352	112	14	127	81	4011
	(0.0204)	(740)	(1053)	(143)	(28)	(155)	(70)	(2190)
Rock Bass	0.0021	0	83	784	68	0	0	935
	(0.0128)	(0)	(170)	(1081)	(119)	(0)	(0)	(1370)
Smallmouth Bass	0.1057	15459	7296	13663	7216	3468	482	47584
	(0.4731)	(17552)	(8375)	(14963)	(4939)	(4205)	(636)	(50670)

All Sites (Incl 404) - 2022

Appendix	4,	Table	1b,	-cont.
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	Catch per							
Species	hour	May	June	July	August	September	October	Season
Walleye	0.0923	5302	9945	16246	7451	1728	888	41560
	(0.3598)	(4424)	(12895)	(16925)	(500)	(3129)	(662)	(38534)
Yellow perch	0.5509	15015	8136	22225	44138	84094	74488	248096
	(2.2827)	(20274)	(12931)	(17219)	(28553)	(94211)	(71299)	(244487)
Angler hours		50091	70708	147792	76526	69631	35632	450380
		(33249)	N/A	(48804)	(6337)	N/A	(18714)	(107104)
Angler trips		10570	19573	33146	17251	16865	7432	104837
		(7101)	N/A	(12880)	(2141)	(12111)	(3948)	(38181)
Angler Days		10136	16388	32108	16851	16585	7374	99441
		(6954)	N/A	(12588)	(2044)	(11772)	(3928)	(37286)

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Species	Catch per hour	May	June	July	August	September	October	Season
Channel Catfish	0.0026	144	0	0	79	0	0	223
	(0.0063)	(285)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(285)
Freshwater Drum	0.0029	0	0	62	0	191	0	253
	(0.0119)	(0)	(0)	(130)	(0)	(407)	(0)	(537)
Lake Herring (Cisco)	0.0122	0	0	1054	0	0	0	1054
	(0.0440)	(0)	(0)	(1980)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(1980)
Lake Whitefish	0.0007	0	0	62	0	0	0	62
	(0.0026)	(0)	(0)	(116)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(116)
Northern Pike	0.1268	449	3282	2834	2428	1145	838	10976
	(0.2562)	(696)	(5997)	(2458)	(0)	(1665)	(716)	(11532
Other	0.0049	0	0	0	230	191	0	420
	(0.0187)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(486)	(353)	(0)	(840)
Pumpkinseed	0.0009	0	0	0	76	0	0	76
	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)
Smallmouth Bass	0.0609	0	2325	280	2231	193	240	5269
	(0.1165)	(0)	(4175)	(427)	(0)	(412)	(232)	(5245)
Walleye	0.1750	289	4550	5698	4591	0	24	15152
	(0.2550)	(387)	(5746)	(5297)	(0)	(0)	(47)	(11478
Yellow Perch	0.4920	433	4466	6000	19038	7083	5580	42600
	(0.6834)	(854)	(7509)	(4524)	(0)	(9405)	(8466)	(30758
Angler hours		7482	14882	28000	18771	11959	5497	86591
		(8491)	(15583)	(10891)	(0)	(7881)	(2163)	(45008
Angler trips		1098	3715	6008	4677	3357	1432	20287
		(1353)	(4094)	(2876)	(0)	(2430)	(580)	(11333
Angler Days		1098	3715	6008	4677	3357	1432	20287
		(1353)	(4094)	(2876)	(0)	(2430)	(580)	(11333

Appendix 4, Table 2. Estimated catch including legal and nonlegal release plus harvest for Site 207. Two standard errors are in parentheses.

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Appendix 4, Table 3. Estimated catch including legal and nonlegal release plus harvest for Site 208. Two standard errors are in parentheses.

Site 208 - 2022

		Month						
	Catch per							_
Species	hour	May	June	July	August	September	October	Season
Atlantic Salmon	0.0511	0	0	1516	1641	0	0	3157
	(0.0683)	(0)	(0)	(1555)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(1555)
Chinook Salmon	0.0000	3	0	0	0	0	0	3
~ . ~ .	(0.0003)	(6)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(6)
Coho Salmon	0.0090	0	0	0	559	0	0	559
	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)
Freshwater Drum	0.0023	0	0	143	0	0	0	143
	(0.0137)	(0)	(0)	(313)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(313)
Lake Trout	0.0037	0	0	0	229	0	0	229
	(0.0189)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(430)	(0)	(0)	(430)
Largemouth Bass	0.0095	0	0	573	1	12	0	585
	(0.0477)	(0)	(0)	(1063)	(0)	(22)	(0)	(1085)
Northern Pike	0.0821	1347	1500	1219	234	731	43	5074
	(0.2970)	(1749)	(2100)	(1655)	(0)	(1158)	(94)	(6756)
Other	0.0096	494	101	0	0	0	0	594
	(0.0541)	(1014)	(218)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(1232)
Pink Salmon	0.0227	0	0	0	0	1404	0	1404
	(0.1127)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(2563)	(0)	(2563)
Smallmouth Bass	0.0628	1383	0	1439	583	477	0	3882
	(0.3162)	(3176)	(0)	(2167)	(1125)	(725)	(0)	(7194)
Walleye	0.0723	0	1239	1146	229	992	864	4469
	(0.2707)	(0)	(1647)	(2270)	(500)	(1127)	(614)	(6158)
Yellow Perch	0.1375	1334	101	0	2518	4520	22	8495
	(0.6862)	(1904)	(203)	(0)	(4662)	(8794)	(47)	(15610)
Angler hours		4699	6918	19854	17915	8740	3668	61794
		(3287)	(4397)	(6032)	(294)	(6859)	(1878)	(22748)
Angler trips		1049	1447	4541	2952	1648	662	12299
		(957)	(989)	(1682)	(92)	(1618)	(386)	(5724)
Angler Days		1042	1447	4541	2949	1499	662	12140
- ·		(946)	(989)	(1682)	(79)	(1370)	(386)	(5453)
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Appendix 4, Table 4. Estimated catch including legal and nonlegal release plus harvest for Site 209. Two standard errors are in parentheses.

Site 209 - 2022

		Month						
	Catch							
Species	per hour	May	June	July	August	September	October	Season
Atlantic Salmon	0.0848	26	53	1771	1974	180	793	4796
Atlantic Samon	(0.1011)	(50)	(104)	(741)	(0)	(212)	(905)	(2011)
Chinook Salmon	0.0007	(30)	(104)	(741)	0	(212)	(903)	(2011)
CIIIIOOK SaiiiiOii	(0.0030)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(60)	(0)	(60)
Lake Trout	0.0009	52	$\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$	0	0	0	$\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$	52
Lake mout	(0.0053)	(106)	(0)	(0)	(0)	0 (0)	(0)	(106)
Lake Whitefish	0.0712	0	263	1113	282	56	2316	4031
Lake whitehsh	(0.1446)	(0)	(507)	(679)	(0)	(85)	(1606)	(2877)
Northern Pike	0.0281	595	355	338	302	0	(1000)	1589
	(0.0281)	(609)	(413)	(290)	(0)	0 (0)	(0)	(1313)
Other	0.0003	0	0	(2)0)	0	0	0	19
other	(0.0018)	(0)	(0)	(37)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(37)
Pink Salmon	0.0398	0	0	0	0	2250	(0)	2250
I IIIK Sailloli	(0.0857)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(1705)	(0)	(1705)
Rainbow Trout	0.0124	26	553	71	14	41	0	704
Rumoow Hour	(0.0426)	(55)	(628)	(86)	(28)	(50)	(0)	(847)
Smallmouth Bass	0.0155	432	0	419	0	0	25	876
Sinaimo atti Dass	(0.0664)	(452)	(0)	(818)	(0)	(0)	(51)	(1321)
Walleye	0.0487	503	26	472	1601	153	0	2755
() unoye	(0.0611)	(446)	(50)	(513)	(0)	(206)	(0)	(1215)
Yellow Perch	0.0192	192	0	201	680	14	0	1086
	(0.0245)	(176)	(0)	(284)	(0)	(27)	(0)	(487)
Angler hours		4377	5136	18105	13905	10205	4857	56585
e		(3532)	(3542)	(4119)	(0)	(6653)	(2047)	(19894)
Angler trips		692	1050	3471	2774	1712	980	10680
		(633)	(776)	(941)	(108)	(1170)	(422)	(4052)
Angler Days		692	1013	3437	277Á	1620	935	1047Í
<i>c i</i>		(633)	(737)	(937)	(108)	(1090)	(405)	(3912)

	Month							
	Catch							
Species	per hour	May	June	July	August	September	October	Season
Atlantic Salmon	0.0012	202	0	0	<u>0</u>	0	0	202
	(0.0041)	(376)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(376)
Channel Catfish	0.0049	60	786	0	0	0	0	845
	(0.0186)	(126)	(1566)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(1692)
Lake Herring (Cisco)	0.2187	0	5499	32268	0	0	0	37767
6()	(0.3126)	(0)	(11893)	(16582)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(28475)
Northern Pike	0.0304	429	869	1218	2095	225	419	5255
	(0.0608)	(758)	(961)	(1117)	(1552)	(363)	(790)	(5541)
Other	0.0222	606	393	1196	0	1640	0	3835
	(0.0725)	(1383)	(794)	(1494)	(0)	(2932)	(0)	(6603)
Pumpkinseed	0.0010	180	0	0	0	0	0	180
*	(0.0029)	(267)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(267)
Rock Bass	0.0040	0	79	612	0	0	0	691
	(0.0111)	(0)	(165)	(844)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(1009)
Smallmouth Bass	0.1989	13643	4734	9588	3562	2596	214	34338
	(0.3804)	(13923)	(3866)	(9960)	(3813)	(2735)	(349)	(34646
Walleye	0.0826	4510	3932	5821	0	0	0	14264
	(0.1591)	(3591)	(5285)	(5619)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(14495)
Yellow Perch	0.9624	2385	3552	10808	17619	64249	67564	166176
	(1.7851)	(2312)	(5184)	(7466)	(20406)	(66002)	(61229)	(162599
Angler hours		22437	33028	58271	11877	30008	17041	172662
C		(11510)	(25499)	(17692)	(4868)	(21225)	(10292)	(91086
Angler trips		4485	10871	13388	3175	7260	3198	42376
		(2394)	(9696)	(4457)	(1557)	(4934)	(2013)	(25051
Angler Days		4237	7736	12884	2796	7260	3198	38110
<i>c i</i>		(2351)	(6664)	(4345)	(1477)	(4934)	(2013)	(21784

Appendix 4, Table 5. Estimated catch including legal and nonlegal release plus harvest for Site 210. Two standard errors are in parentheses.

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Appendix 4, Table 6. Estimated catch including legal and nonlegal release plus harvest for Site 403. Two standard errors are in parentheses.

Site 403 - 2022								
	Month Catch							
Species	per hour	May	June	July	August	September	October	Season
Atlantic Salmon	0.0212	0	0	46	153	0	59	258
	(0.0537)	(0)	(0)	(58)	(88)	(0)	(61)	(207)
Channel Catfish	0.0008	0	0	0	0	10	0	10
	(0.0040)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(15)	(0)	(15)
Chinook Salmon	0.0089	0	0	0	0	58	51	109
	(0.0276)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(45)	(62)	(106)
Coho Salmon	0.0038	0	0	0	8	9	30	47
	(0.0159)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(13)	(16)	(32)	(61)
Lake Whitefish	0.0021	0	0	0	0	9	16	26
	(0.0085)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(16)	(17)	(33)
Pink Salmon	0.0706	0	0	0	0	404	457	861
	(0.1445)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(265)	(292)	(558)
Rainbow Trout	0.2517	2157	729	42	0	61	81	3069
	(0.3106)	(684)	(321)	(58)	(0)	(66)	(70)	(1199)
Angler hours		3911	2316	862	1301	1740	2062	12192
		(1377)	(679)	(493)	(464)	(442)	(405)	(3860)
Angler trips		1121	622	240	281	478	569	3312
		(443)	(239)	(162)	(108)	(174)	(155)	(1281)
Angler Days		1105	609	240	262	440	569	3224
		(440)	(237)	(162)	(104)	(162)	(155)	(1261)

	Month Catch per							
Species	hour	May	June	July	August	September	October	Season
Largemouth Bass	0.0352	0	0	0	0	0	1707	1707
	(0.3457)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(4131)	(4131)
Lake Herring	0.0523	0	0	2535	0	0	0	2535
(Cisco)	(0.3647)	(0)	(0)	(4357)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(4357)
Northern Pike	0.1861	864	1986	2433	2639	425	683	9029
	(0.6049)	(1420)	(2000)	(1686)	(0)	(470)	(1652)	(7227)
Other	0.0136	0	56	606	0	0	0	661
	(0.1123)	(0)	(113)	(1228)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(1342)
Rainbow Trout	0.0011	0	52	0	0	0	0	52
	(0.0087)	(0)	(104)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(104)
Rock Bass	0.0050	0	3	172	68	0	0	244
	(0.0302)	(0)	(5)	(237)	(119)	(0)	(0)	(361)
Smallmouth Bass	0.0628	0	216	1801	840	189	0	3046
	(0.1737)	(0)	(300)	(1462)	(0)	(314)	(0)0	(2076)
Walleye	0.0943	0	0	3000	1031	544	0	4574
	(0.4028)	(0)	(0)	(3077)	(0)	(1736)	(0)	(4813)
Yellow Perch	0.1559	537	0	5162	314	1551	0	7564
	(0.6667)	(1064)	(0)	(4860)	(0)	(2042)	(0)	(7967)
Angler hours		3592	5869	20034	11556	5812	1650	48513
-		(2613)	(N/A)	(8091)	(0)	(N/A)	(1245)	(11949)
Angler trips		1077	1122	4709	3094	2044	330	12375
		(816)	(N/A)	(2380)	(0)	(1784)	(258)	(5238)
Angler Days		915	1122	4255	3094	2044	330	11759
- •		(726)	(N/A)	(2204)	(0)	(1784)	(258)	(4972)

Appendix 4, Table 7. Estimated catch including legal and nonlegal release plus harvest for Site 405. Two standard errors are in parentheses.

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Appendix 4, Table 8. Estimated catch including legal and nonlegal release plus harvest for Site 404. Two standard errors are in parentheses.

Month

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		WIUIT						
Species	Harvest per hour	May	June	July	August	September	October	Season
Chinook Salmon	0.0134	0	0	138	24	0	0	162
	(0.0232)	(0)	(0)	(132)	(27)	(0)	(0)	(159)
Coho Salmon	0.0034	0	0	41	0	0	0	41
	(0.0081)	(0)	(0)	(56)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(56)
Lake Whitefish	0.2439	1854	1041	42	0	0	0	2937
	(0.3289)	(1345)	(854)	(50)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(2249)
Northern Pike	0.0105	0	0	0	0	74	53	127
	(0.0095)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(65)	(65)
Other	0.0353	0	0	0	425	0	0	425
	(0.0540)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(369)	(0)	(0)	(369)
Rainbow Trout	0.0154	143	18	0	0	25	0	186
	(0.0058)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(40)	(0)	(40)
Smallmouth Bass	0.0144	0	22	135	0	13	3	173
	(0.0274)	(0)	(34)	(129)	(0)	(20)	(4)	(188)
Walleye	0.0287	0	198	110	0	38	0	346
	(0.0548)	(0)	(167)	(149)	(0)	(59)	(0)	(375)
Yellow Perch	1.8414	10133	18	55	3969	6677	1323	22175
	(3.9569)	(13964)	(35)	(84)	(3485)	(7940)	(1557)	(27065)
Angler hours		3593	2559	2666	1201	1167	857	12043
		(2439)	(1305)	(1486)	(711)	(215)	(684)	(6840)
Angler trips		1048	746	788	299	367	261	3508
		(505)	(371)	(382)	(275)	(0)	(134)	(1667)
Angler Days		1048	746	743	299	367	248	3450
		(505)	(371)	(382)	(275)	(0)	(131)	(1664)