

GFP Region III 2008 Winterkill Report

Beadle County

Water: Byron

Severity of Winterkill: Light

Species Found Dead: freshwater drum, bigmouth buffalo, carp, crappie

Live Species Sampled: northern pike, walleye, crappie, carp, freshwater drum

2008 Fishing Potential: good

Fish Stockings Planned for 2008: walleye

Brookings County

Water: East Oakwood

Severity of Winterkill: Moderate

Species Found Dead: carp, northern pike

Live Species Sampled: northern pike, walleye, carp, buffalo, perch

2008 Fishing Potential: good for pike and perch, poor for walleye

Fish Stockings Planned for 2008: walleye

Comments: Substantial netting efforts showed that only a few small walleyes survived the winter.

Water: Campbell

Severity of Winterkill: light

Species Found Dead: walleye, perch, pike, carp, bullhead

Live Species Sampled: test netting was not conducted

2008 Fishing Potential: fair

Fish Stockings Planned for 2008: none

Kingsbury County

Water: Henry

Severity of Winterkill: Moderate

Species Found Dead: walleye, carp, pike, catfish, sucker

Live Species Sampled: carp, white sucker, crappie, pike

2008 Fishing Potential: poor

Fish Stockings Planned for 2008: walleye

Water: Thisted

Severity of Winterkill: Heavy

Species Found Dead: carp, pike

Live Species Sampled: carp, pike

2008 Fishing Potential: poor

Fish Stockings Planned for 2008: none

Water: Whitewood
Severity of Winterkill: Light
Species Found Dead: carp, walleye, perch
Live Species Sampled: pike, perch, walleye, carp, bullhead
2008 Fishing Potential: good for pike and perch, poor for walleye
Fish Stockings Planned for 2008: none

Lake County

Water: Madison
Severity of Winterkill: Light
Species Found Dead: carp, walleye, catfish, bass, crappie, buffalo, perch
Live Species Sampled: walleye, perch, crappie, carp, buffalo, bullhead
2008 Fishing Potential: good
Fish Stockings Planned for 2008: walleye

McCook County

Water: Forsch Lake
Severity of Winterkill: Light
Species Found Dead: carp
Live Species Sampled: no test netting was done
2008 Fishing Potential: poor
Fish Stockings Planned for 2008: none, lake is still too shallow

Minnehaha County

Water: Beaver
Severity of Winterkill: Heavy
Species Found Dead: carp, crappie, walleye
Live Species Sampled: only seven bullheads
2008 Fishing Potential: poor
Fish Stockings Planned for 2008: northern pike, walleye, crappie, perch

Water: Grass Lake
Severity of Winterkill: Heavy
Species Found Dead: carp, bullheads, pike
Live Species Sampled: bullheads
2008 Fishing Potential: poor
Fish Stockings Planned for 2008: possibly walleye or perch
Comments: Grass Lake is used primarily to raise fish for restocking into other lakes but it is open to fishing.

Sanborn County

Water: Twin

Severity of Winterkill: Heavy

Species Found Dead: walleye, pike, crappie, carp, bullhead

Live Species Sampled: carp and bullhead

2008 Fishing Potential: poor

Fish Stockings Planned for 2008: walleye and crappie

Turner County

Water: Swan

Severity of Winterkill: Very Light

Species Found Dead: carp, about 10 total

Live Species Sampled: no test netting was conducted

2008 Fishing Potential: good

Fish Stockings Planned for 2008: none