

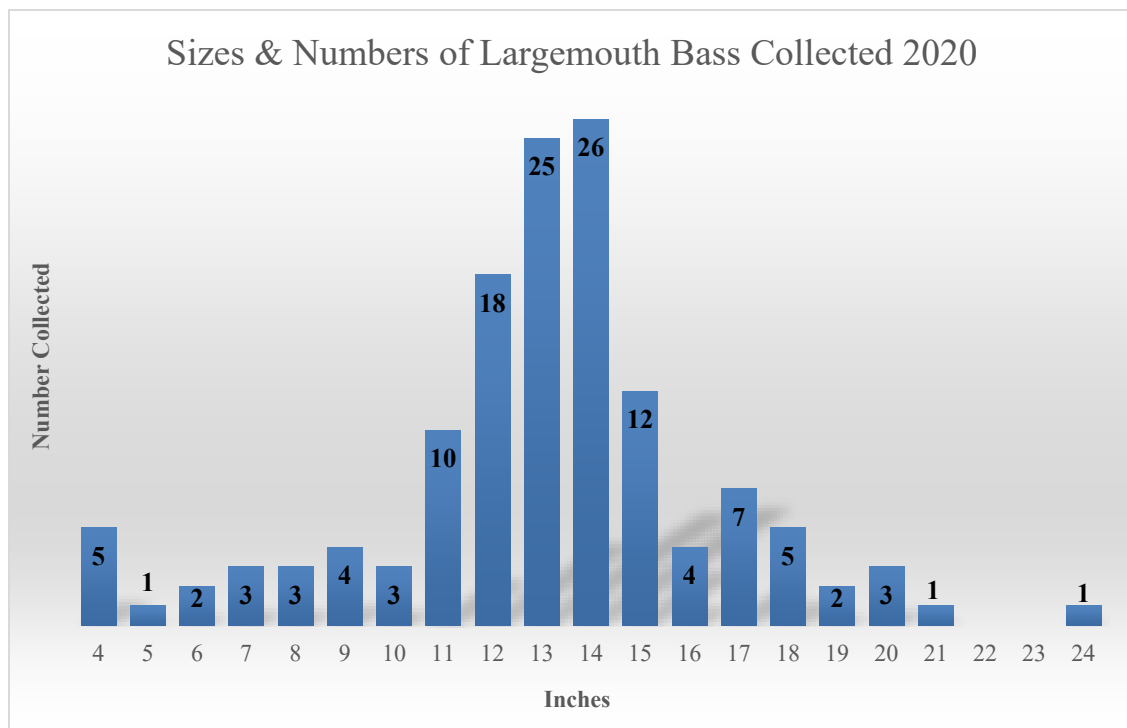


Fairy Stone Lake 2021 Management Report

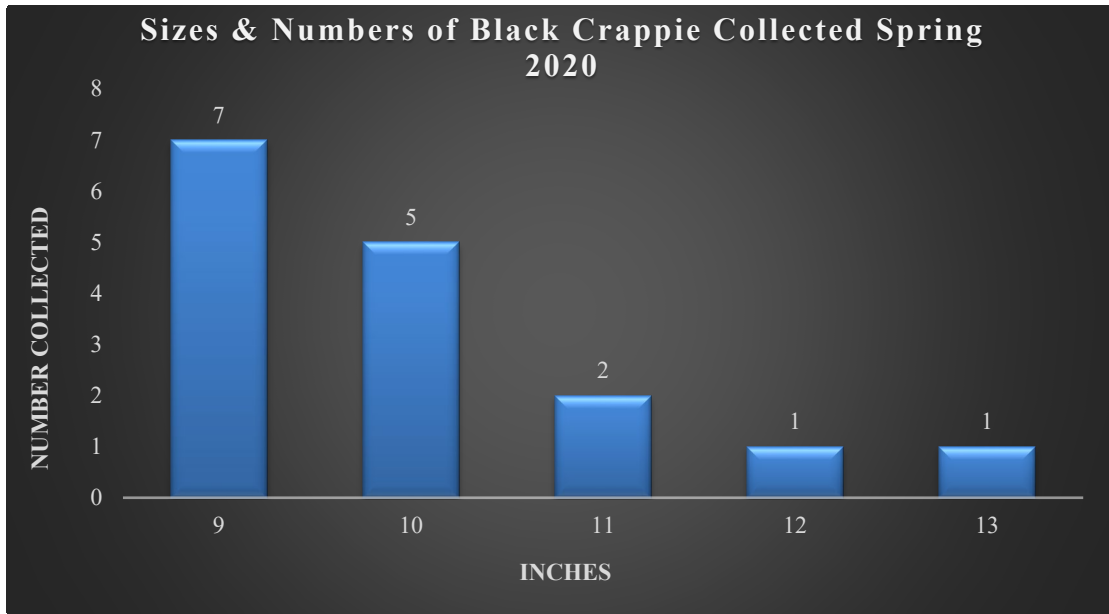
Fairy Stone Lake is a 168-acre reservoir located within Fairy Stone State Park. The park is located approximately 20 minutes Northwest of Martinsville, Virginia. Fishing is only one of the attractions offered at the park. The park also provides guests with other options such as lodging, camping, swimming, hiking, picnic facilities, and john boat or canoe rentals.

Fairy Stone Lake borders Philpott Reservoir and contains warm-water fish species such as largemouth bass, crappie, bluegill, and redear sunfish. Outboard motor use is prohibited. However, boats with outboard motors can be used as long as the motors are trimmed up and are not in use, and electric trolling motors are used. Fishing regulations are governed by state fishing regulation.

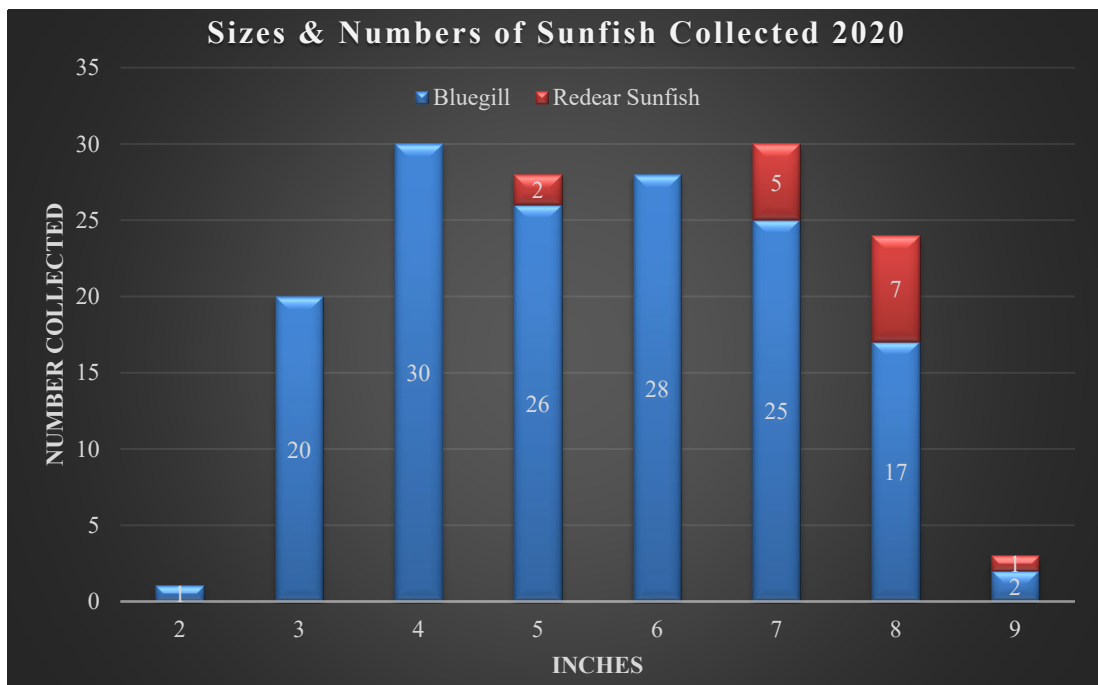
Fish surveys conducted in spring 2020 show the bass population is abundant with most adult bass in the 11 to 15 inch range. The reservoir currently provides good largemouth bass fishing opportunities. The following chart shows the size and abundance of largemouth bass collected in the 2020 samples.



Fairy Stone Lake supports a small black crappie fishery. Black crappies are low in number but decent in size, with most falling between 9-13 inches. This lake does occasionally produce big black crappie, but overall growth is slow with below average numbers. The following chart shows sizes and numbers collected in the spring 2020 samples.



For pan-fish (sunfish) fishing, the lake has both bluegill and redear sunfish. There are good numbers of bluegill up to eight inches and a few available over eight inches. Redear sunfish comprise a larger size structure than bluegill but contribute less to the fishery due to lower numbers. Since this lake does not contain shad, the sunfish provide most of the bass forage. Angling opportunities for sunfish at Fairy Stone Lake should remain good as long as shad are not introduced into the lake. The chart below shows the size distribution and numbers of what the spring samples contained in 2020 and is a good indicator of what can be caught by anglers fishing for sunfish.



Currently, there are no plans to change the management direction or fisheries regulations at Fairy Stone Lake. The Fairy Stone Lake fishery can be characterized as average when compared to other small lakes in the state.

**Prepared by: George Palmer, Fisheries Biologist with the Virginia Department of Wildlife
Resources: (434) 525-7522; george.palmer@dwr.virginia.gov**