

Upriver Lakes Sturgeon Spearing Harvest Data 1952 - present (Does Not Include Lake Winnebago Harvest)

Yr	Season Length Days	Bag Limit	Min Size Limit (in)	Opening Day Shanty Count	License Sales	Lottery Applicants	Registered Sturgeon Harvest	Ave Len (in)	Ave Wt (lbs)	Juvenile Females			Adult Females			Males		
										Number Examined	Ave Len (in)	Ave Wt (lbs)	Number Examined	Ave Len (in)	Ave Wt (lbs)	Number Examined	Ave Len (in)	Ave Wt (lbs)
1952	16	3	30	200	NA	NA	200	47.0	29.0	15.0	44.0	24.0	14	62.0	56.0	74	45.0	24.0
1953	14	3	30	315	NA	NA	784	46.0	25.0									
1954	14	3	30	606	NA	NA	879	47.0	25.0	178	42.0	17.0	86	61.0	52.0	220	45.0	21.0
1955	14	3	40	1190	NA	NA	715	50.0	30.0									
1956	9	2	40	851	NA	NA	587	50.0	29.0									
1957	5	2	40	859	NA	NA	422	50.0	27.0									
1959	3	1	40	954	NA	NA	297	48.0	25.0									
1962	2	1	40	950	NA	NA	217	48.0	25.0									
1965	2	1	40	1378	NA	NA	325	48.0	25.0									
1968	2	1	40		NA	NA	80	50.0	26.0									
1971	2	1	40		NA	NA	227	46.0	20.0									
1976	2	1	45	550	NA	NA	85	51.0	28.0									
1981	2	1	45	947	NA	NA	57	51.0	28.0									
1986	2	1	45	1789	NA	NA	36	52.0	27.0									
1991	2	1	45	629	NA	NA	186	54.0	39.0	41	50.0	30.0	37	62.0	61.0	89	53.0	35.0
1996	2	1	45	1656	NA	NA	455	55.0	41.0	51	49.0	26.0	113	61.0	62.0	278	53.0	34.0
2000	2	1	36	2079	NA	NA	2169	49.0	30.0	576	43.0	17.0	294	62.0	63.0	1295	49.0	28.0
2005	1	1	36	2055	4169	NA	345	50.0	29.0	97	44.6	18.0	55	61.1	55.2	193	49.2	27.0
2007	6	1	36	431	485	2795	313	53.4	37.5	72	46.9	20.0	51	61.8	58.5	190	53.7	38.5
2008	4	1	36	512	484	3902	300	53.4	35.8	85	46.8	21.6	50	62.4	59.2	165	52.3	36.1
2009	5	1	36	537	490	4031	275	53.4	35.4	67	46.6	17.9	53	63.3	63.9	155	53.0	33.2
2010	6	1	36	490	494	4228	312	54.2	42.3	47	47.1	23.4	75	62.7	67.6	190	52.4	36.8
2011	10	1	36	372	490	4114	335	54.3	44.1	52	47.0	23.7	71	63.7	74.5	212	52.9	39.0
2012	2	1	36	418	498	4597	242	58.3	53.2	26	49.3	27.4	85	64.7	76.6	131	56.0	43.2

Harvest estimates derived from creel census 1952-1954

Spearing License and Regulation information (relavant to Upriver Lakes seasons)

Upriver lakes sturgeon spearing season was initiated in 1952 to replace the sturgeon set line fishery that had existed there from 1932 to 1951

Mandatory registration of sturgeon harvested during the Winnebago and Upriver Lakes spear fisheries began in 1955

Separate spearing license first required in 1960, but possession of fishing license required before spearing license could be purchased

Harvest cap system instituted in 1999 (Caps apply to Lake Winnebago and Upriver Lakes harvest combined during years with both seasons)

2005 season set for 1 day only. Spearers had to choose to spear either Lake Winnebago OR the Upriver Lakes when they purchased their license.

2007 season 1st year of annual lottery.

Fish > 100 lbs.		% Juv Fenmale	% Adult Female	% Male
		14.6%	13.6%	86.4%
		36.8%	17.8%	82.2%
0	0.0%			
0	0.0%			
1	0.2%			
0	0.0%			
0	0.0%			
1	0.3%			
0	0.0%			
0	0.0%			
1	1.2%			
0	0.0%			
0	0.0%			
0	0.0%	24.6%	22.2%	77.8%
4	0.9%	11.5%	25.6%	74.4%
9	0.4%	26.6%	13.6%	86.4%
1	0.3%	28.1%	15.9%	84.1%
4	1.3%	23.0%	16.3%	83.7%
2	0.7%	28.3%	16.7%	83.3%
5	1.8%	24.4%	19.3%	80.7%
7	2.2%	15.1%	24.0%	76.0%
13	3.9%	15.5%	21.2%	78.8%
15	6.2%	10.7%	35.1%	64.9%