

# Round Valley Trout Association

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# Agenda

- Division Updates
- 2015 Fieldwork Review
- Round Valley
- Open to Questions



# No Regulation Changes for RVR



<u>Year</u>	<u>Size (in.)</u>	<u>Daily Limit</u>
2001 - 2007	20	1
2008 - 2011	15 – 20 & ≥ 24 (protected slot no fish b/w 20 -24 inches)	3  1
2012 - 2017	15 to less than 24 & ≥ 24	6  1
2018 - 2019	may consider a change... <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- additional harvest?</li> <li>- smaller minimum size?</li> <li>- slot limit?</li> <li>- no closed season?</li> </ul>	



# Maintenance / Improvements

Near the Gravel Launch...

Moving some Earth





# Maintenance / Improvements



**-Excavation of embankment to expand parking area and turn radius at gravel launch**



# Maintenance / Improvements



## Near the Gravel Launch...

- Creation of 30 yard Cartop Access area
- regrade launch
- potentially use ACB's  
(but would have to regrade entire lot to minimize erosion)

## Miscellaneous

- New guide posts between lots
- Repair docks, bathrooms, chainlink fences



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## Round Valley Reservoir Dams Rehabilitation and Resource Preservation Project

March 3, 2016

The New Jersey Water Supply Authority is responsible for operating and maintaining the Spruce Run and Round Valley Reservoirs for drinking water supply. As part of the Authority's asset management program, it hired a team of internationally recognized dam experts to conduct a holistic review of the Spruce Run Reservoir and Round Valley Reservoir dams.

Based on the results and recommendations from this review, the Authority plans to make improvements that will extend the operating life of the Round Valley dams. This will also increase their durability and resilience. Design standards and construction techniques have evolved in the 50 plus years since the dams were built. Many dams of similar type to the Authority's that were built in the same era also require periodic rehabilitation. The Authority's plans for improvement of the dams will bring them to today's state of the art design standards and construction techniques.

The Authority will move forward with improvements to the Round Valley dams over the next few years. A Request for Proposals for design of these improvements has been issued. Visible construction activities are anticipated to start in 2018. These improvements will allow for safe dam operation for future generations.

Additional information will be posted to our website when it becomes available.

To view the Project Procurement information visit our [Procurement Page](#)

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# RVR Management



- Continued Monitoring of Lakers
- No Regulation changes in 2016
- Possibly liberalize Laker Regulations in 2018?
- Continued Rainbow Stocking
- Continued Shiner Evaluation & Stocking
- Lake Inventory / Management Plan





**Winter**  
**2014-2015**

**15-20**  
**lbs.**



**June**  
**2015**

**18.1 lbs.**  
**35 in.**





# Golden Shiner

Length: 8-12 in.

Habitat: shallow weedy lakes

Optimal Temperature: 63-75°F (<30 ft in summer)

Spawning: May to August 68°F (repeat spawners) as low as 55°F  
age 1 in south (2.5 inches) and age 3 in Canada  
broadcast over vegetation

Feeding: mid and surface water zooplankton & insect larvae, mollusks, fil. algae

Misc.: common baitfish, mostly warmwater, tough! 100°F

Found in our surveys in 1967 to 1972

Pros: cheaper than alewives, fine if they do no harm

Cons: may not get good reproduction, possible disease & parasites



2012

40,000 Anderson  
116 lbs. (approx.)  
2 – 3 inches

2013

500,000 raised in 2 ponds  
332,545 stocked  
966 lbs.  
2.1 – 3.1 inches

2014

1,000,000 raised in 4 ponds  
114,000 stocked  
855 lbs.  
3.5 – 4.5 inches



2015

500,000 raised in 2 ponds  
295,238 stocked  
1,669 lbs.

2016

- Commitment from DFW  
- 500,000 in 2 ponds



**Shoreline Seining**  
**6/12/15**  
**15 pulls**

**Banded Killifish (126)**  
**Spotfin Shiners (121)**  
**Bluegill (8)**  
**Redbreast Sunfish (7)**  
**Largemouth Bass (1)**  
**Rock Bass (1)**





# Salmonid Stomach Contents







Zoom  
Brush Hog







Round Valley Reservoir Salmonid Diet Study

Species: Brown Date: 4-25-15

Length (in.): 19 Weight (lbs.): 3.48 lbs


Tag / Fin clip: No Tag

Comments: Front (both) not normal

Angler's Name: From Behrer's Bait





A large lake trout is being held by a person on a boat. The fish is the central focus, with its head and upper body visible. The person's hands are visible, holding the fish. The background shows the boat's interior and some equipment. The text is overlaid on the left side of the image.

Round Valley Reservoir  
Lake Trout Monitoring  
2015  
156 lakers



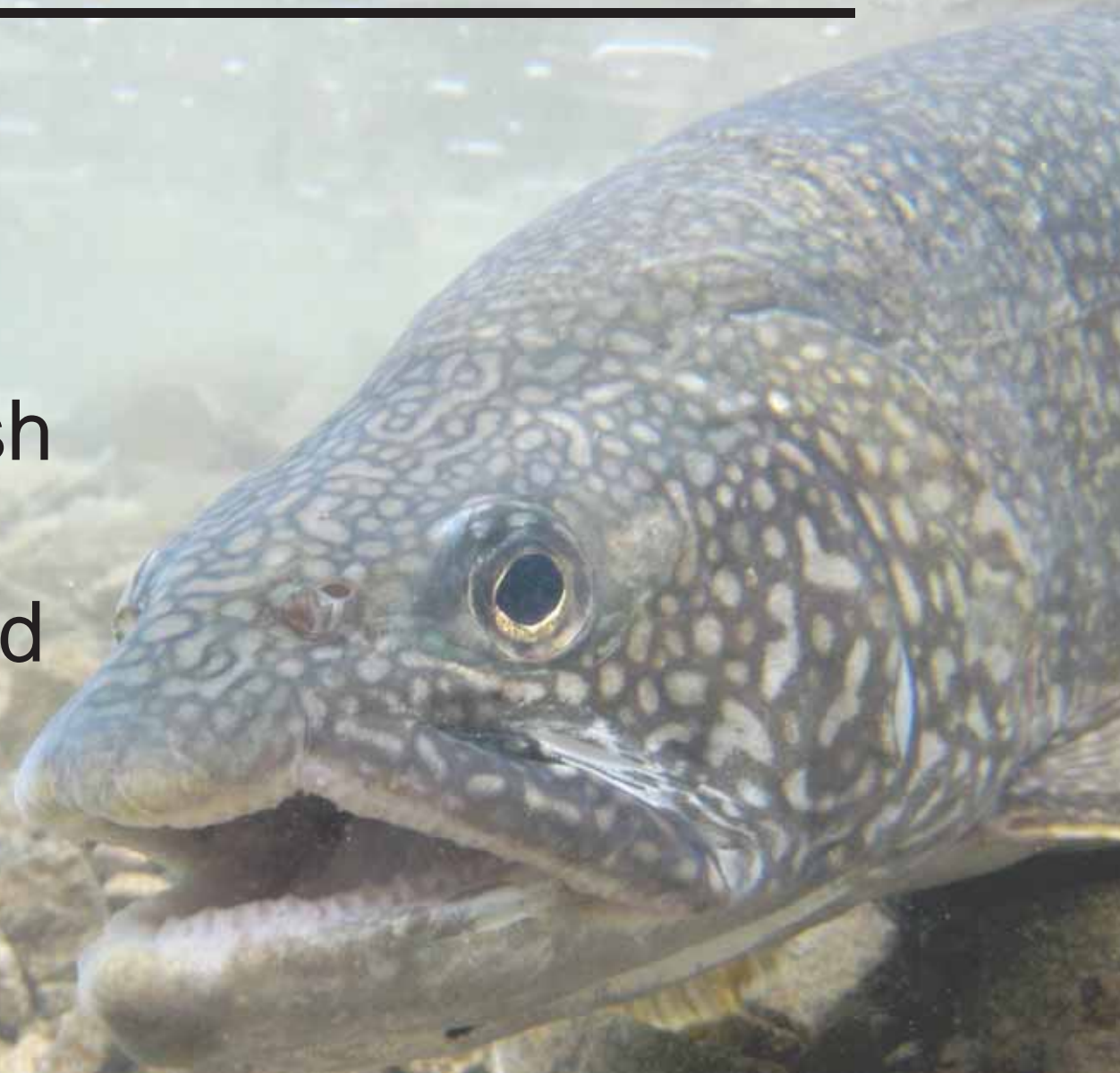
# Fall Gillnetting for Lakers





# Round Valley Reservoir: Lake Trout

- 156 Lake Trout
- 13 Rock Bass
- 10 Rainbow Trout
- 7 Channel Catfish
- 6 Yellow Perch
- 1 Yellow Bullhead





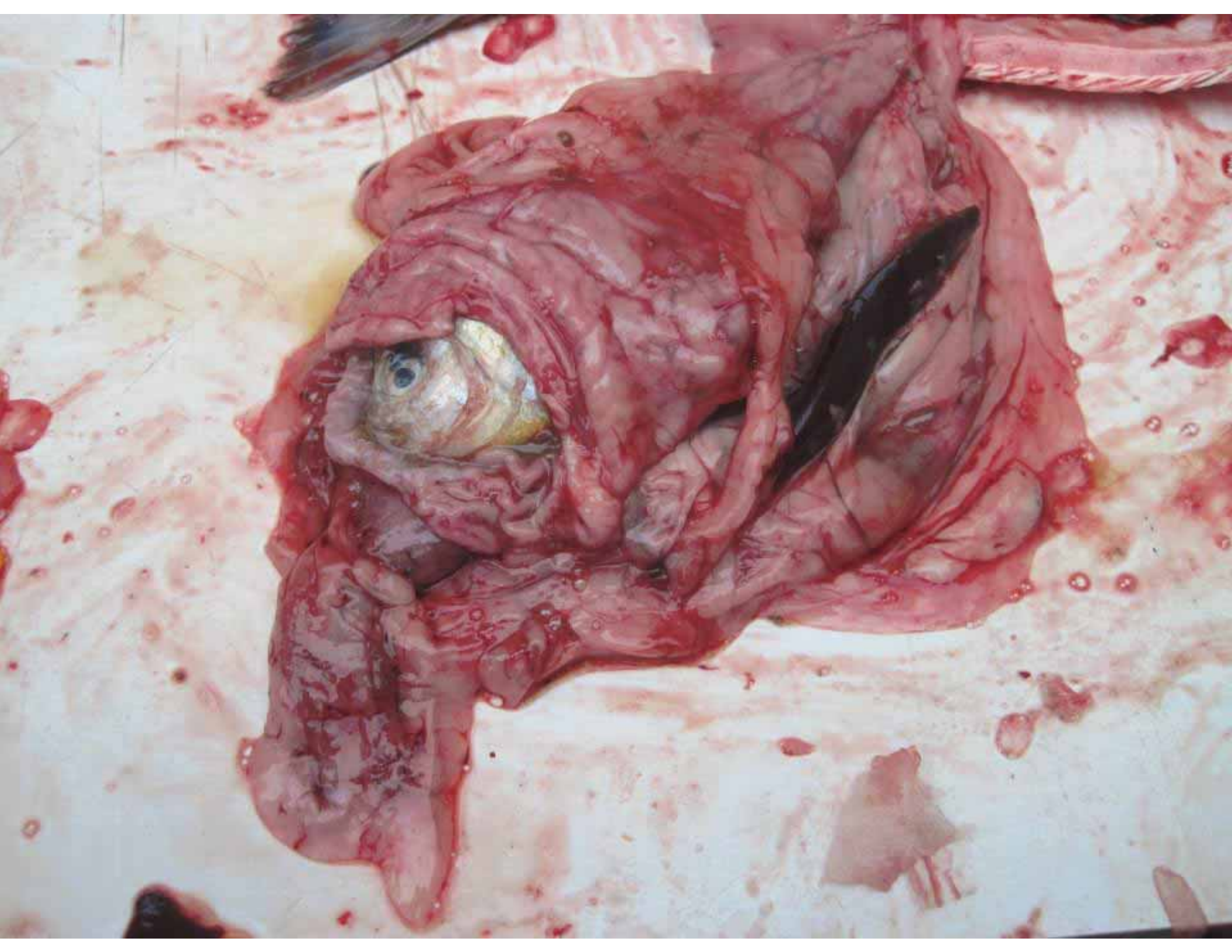
**8.9 lbs.**

**26.4 in.**

**North  
Dam**











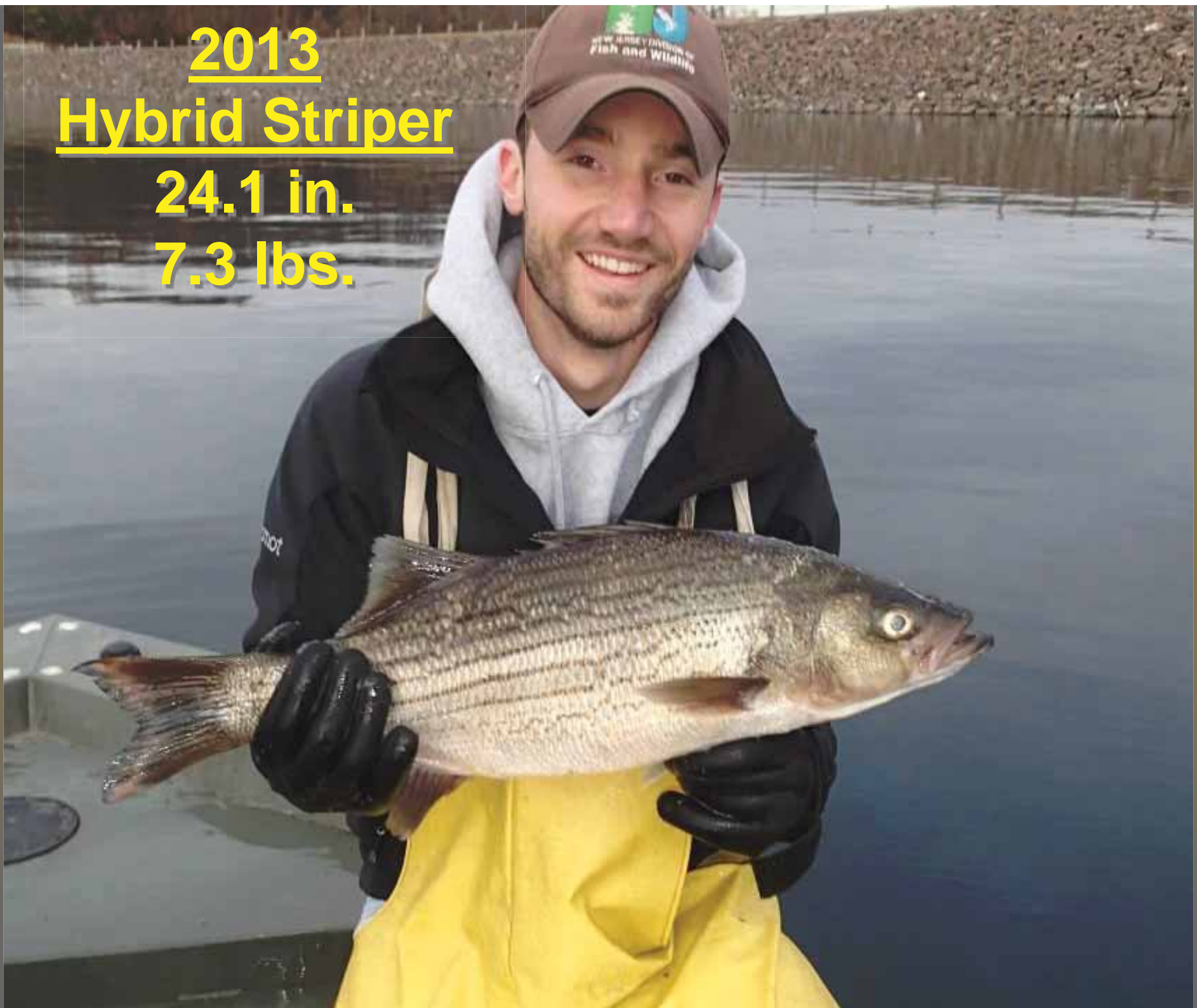


2013

Hybrid Striper

24.1 in.

7.3 lbs.

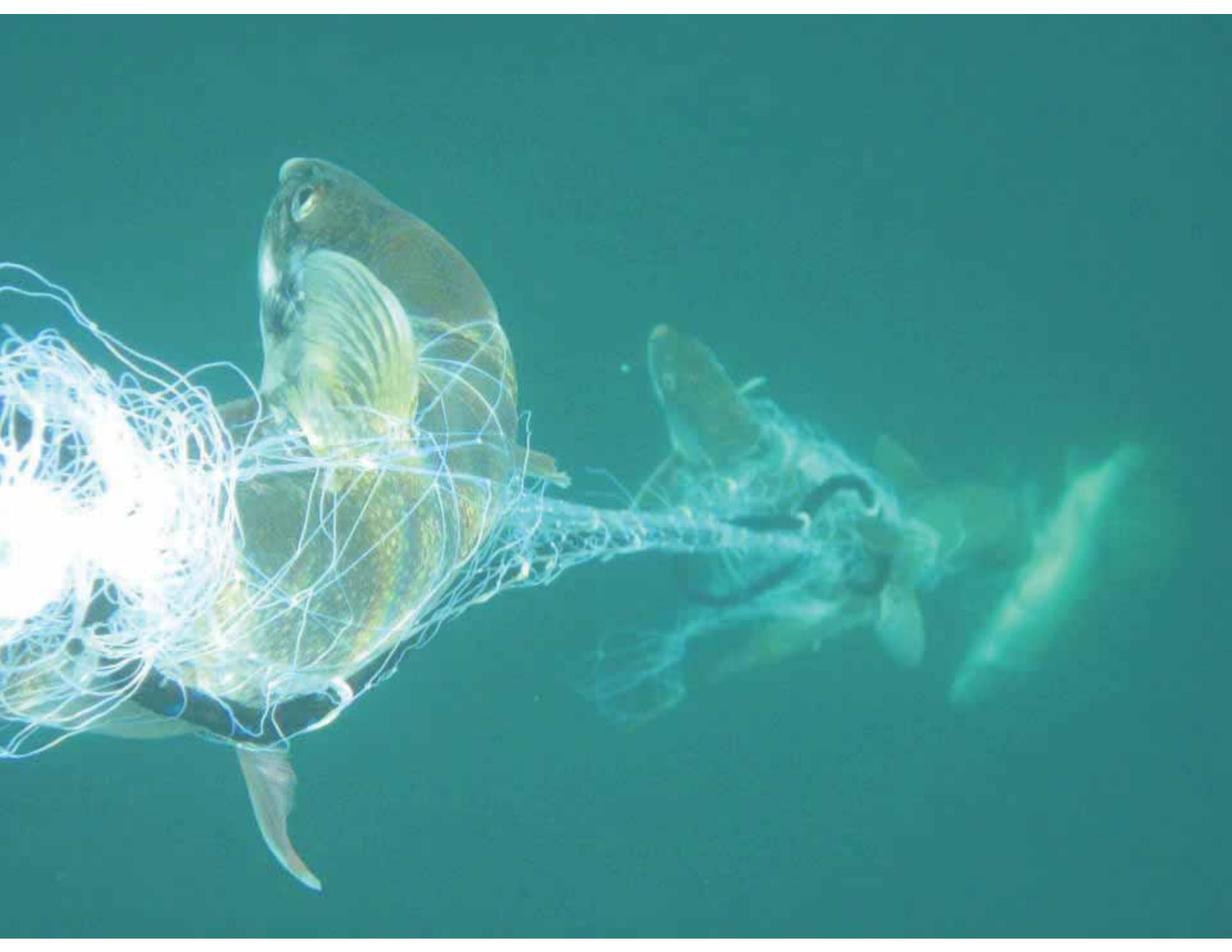






2002  
**3 Hybrid  
Stripers**

































**2015**

**North Dam**

**22.6 lbs.**

**39.3 in.**



**Wr = 90**



# Relative Weight

- Index of Condition

Compare an observed weight to a standard weight at a given length.

$$W_r = (W_o / W_s) \times 100$$



Length = 38 in.

$W_s = 22.5$  lbs.

$W_o = 23.75$  lbs.

therefore  $W_r = 105$







**2015**

**North Dam**

**22.6 lbs.**

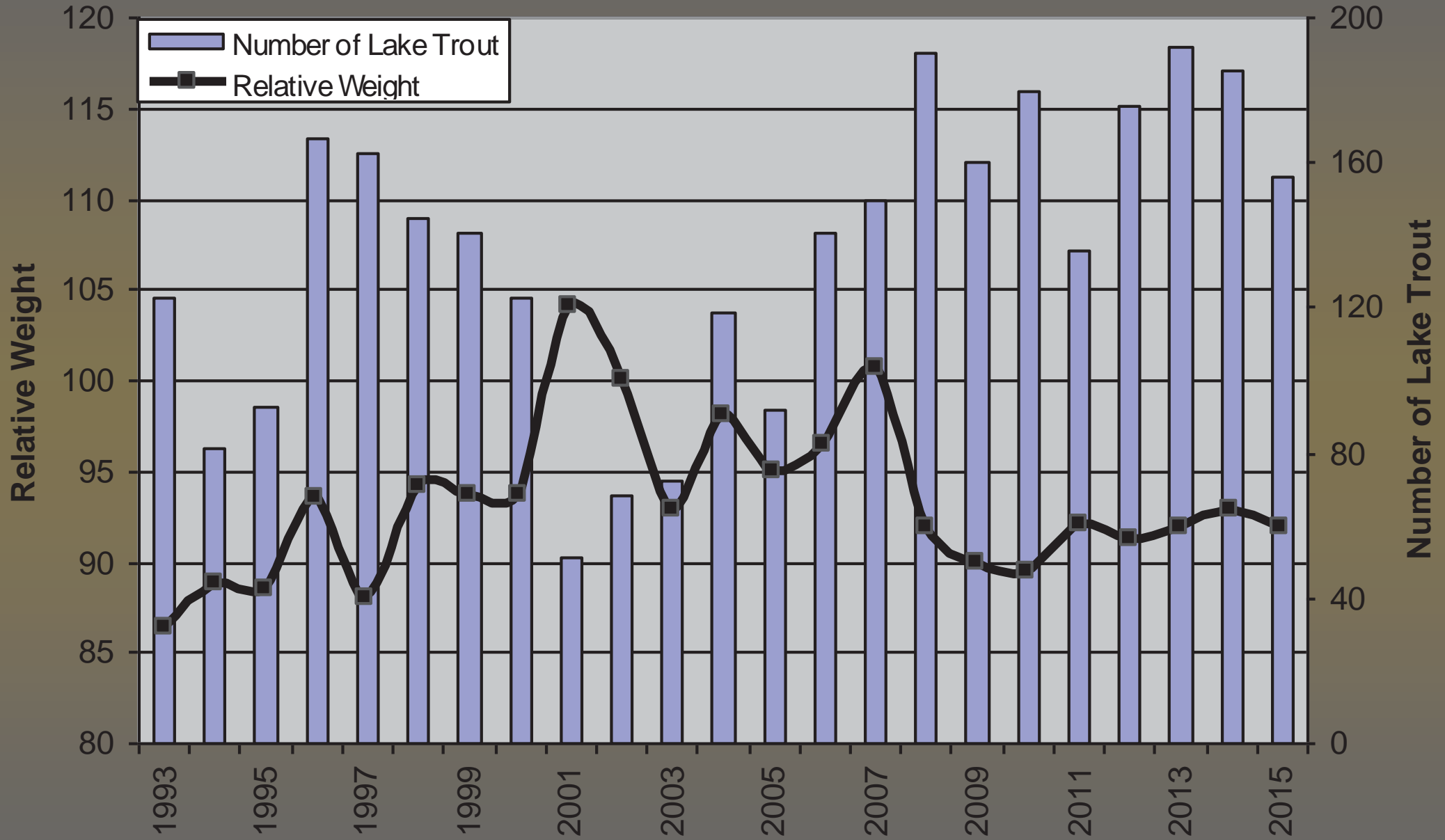
**39.3 in.**



**Wr = 90**

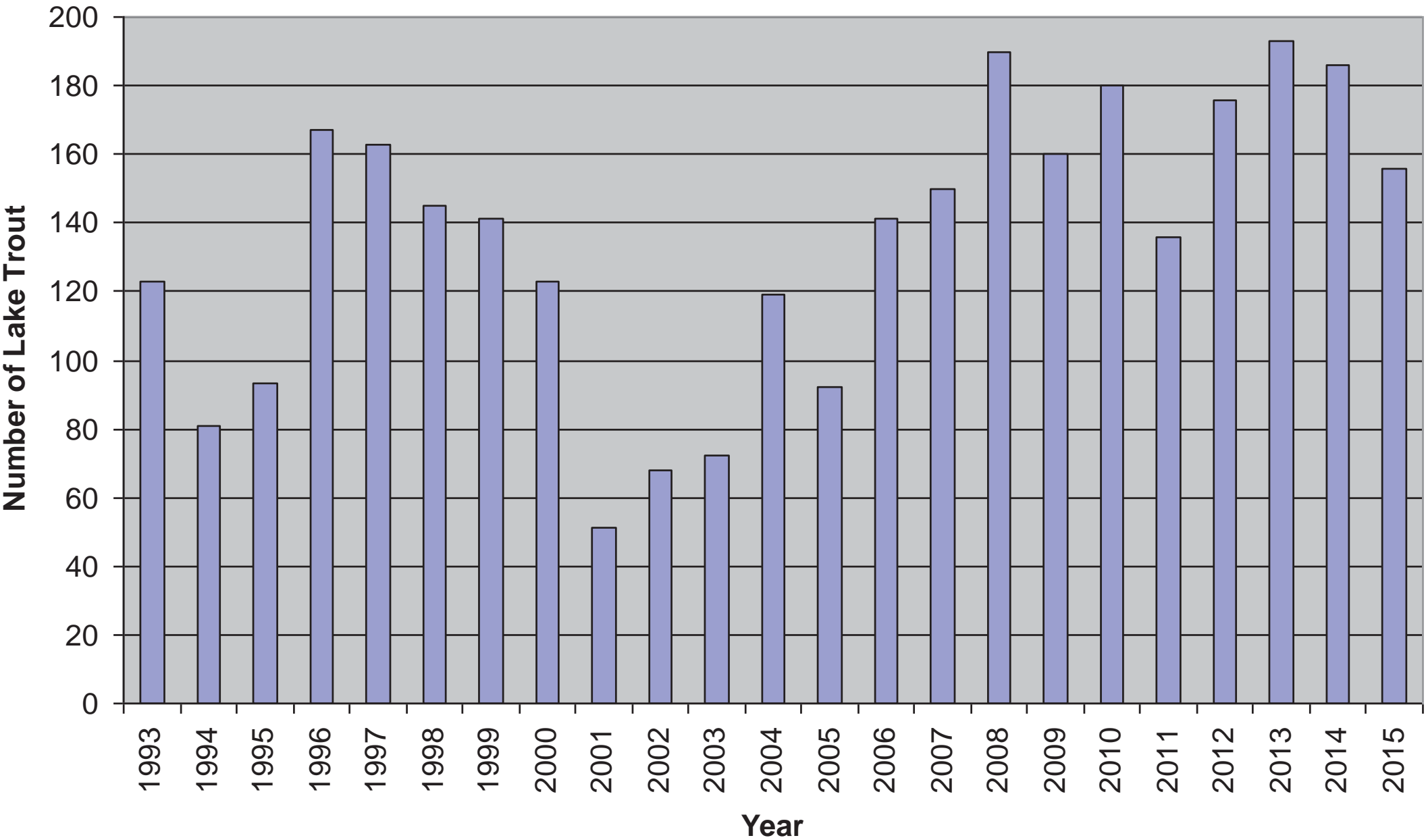


# All Lake Trout by Year



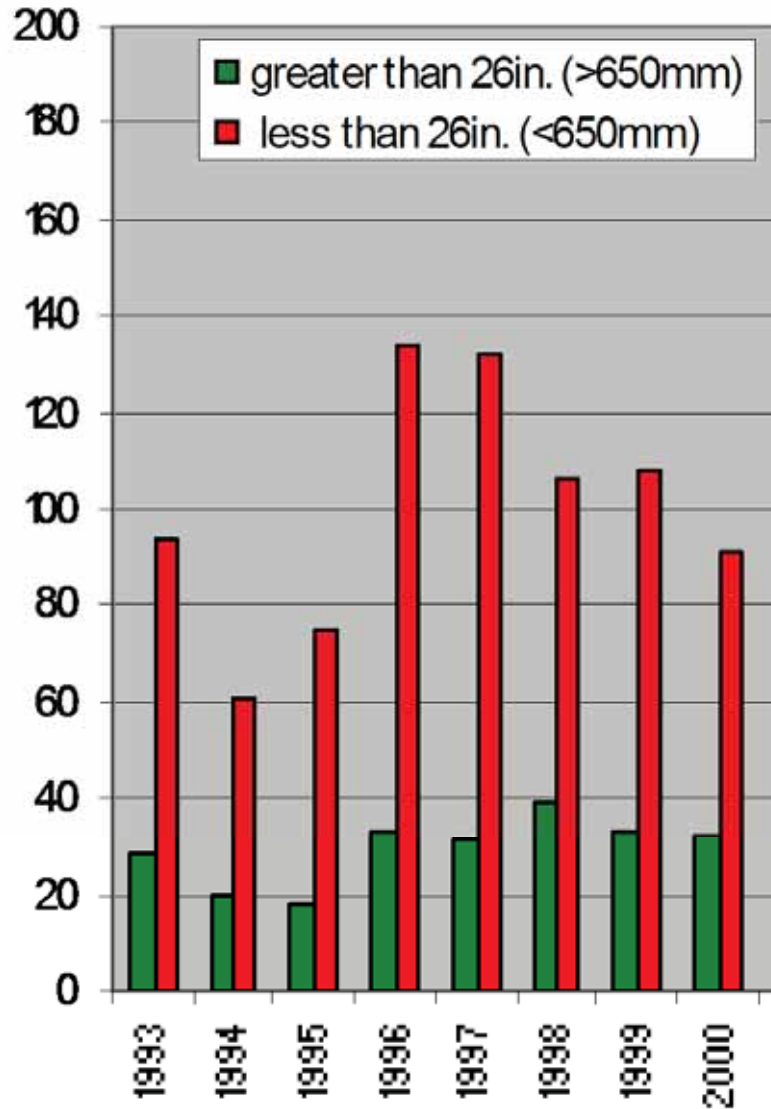


**Total Number of Lake Trout from 1993 - 2015**





## Lake Trout Size Structure Shift in RVR



1977 - lake trout stocking began

1985 - lake trout reproduction documented

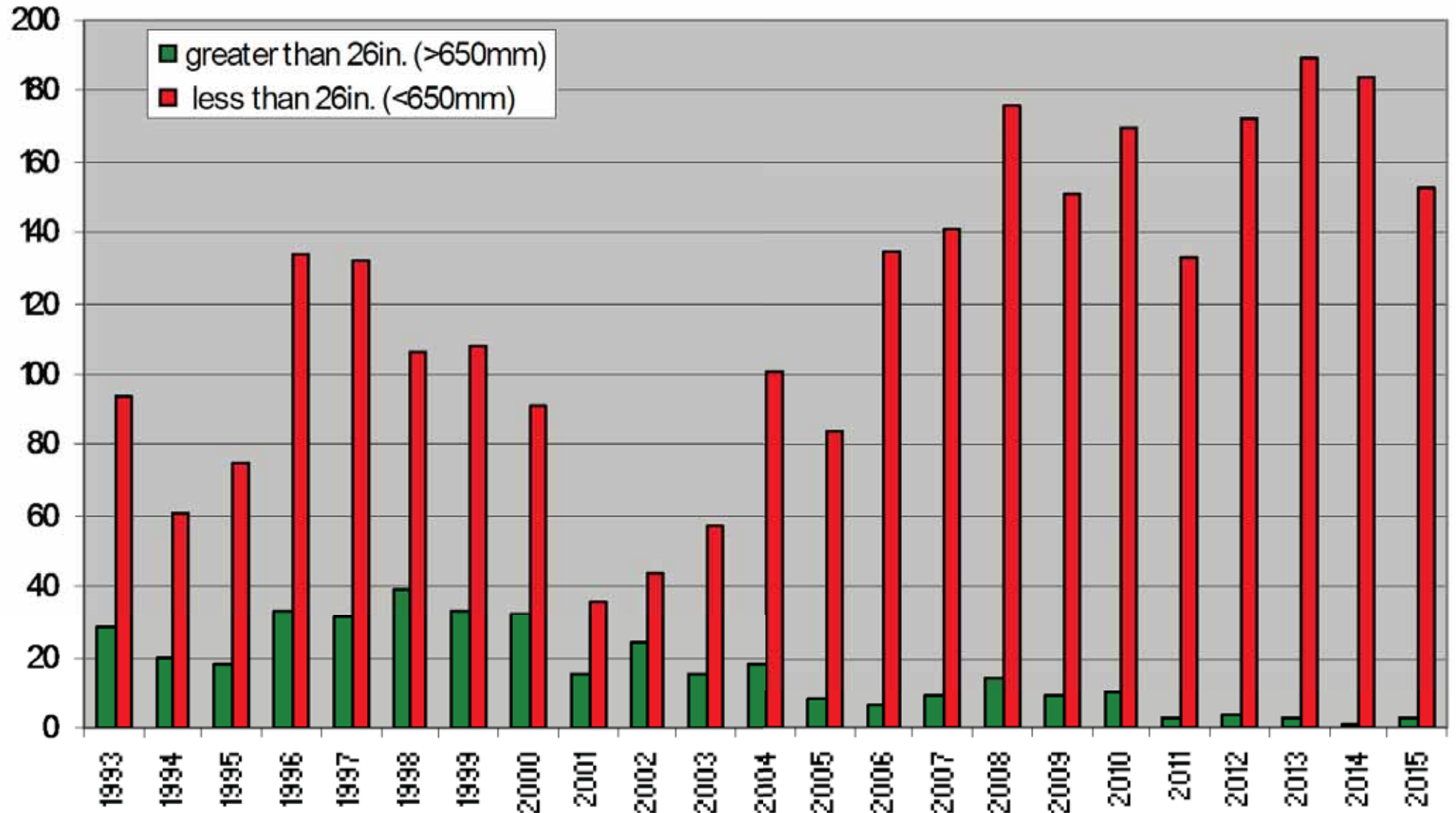
1995 - lake trout stocking discontinued

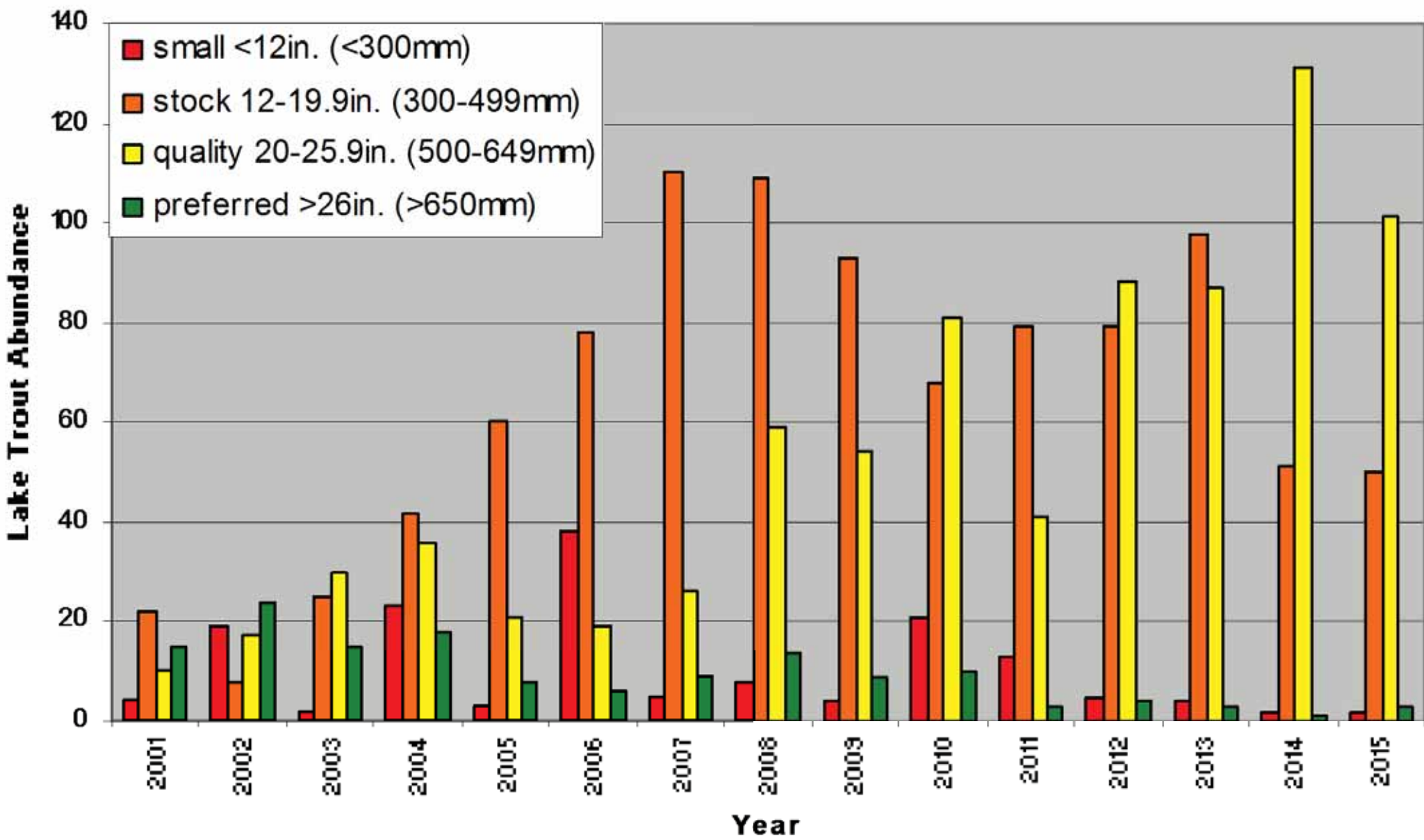
1997 - decline of alewives & laker Wr

1990's - many large lakers and popular

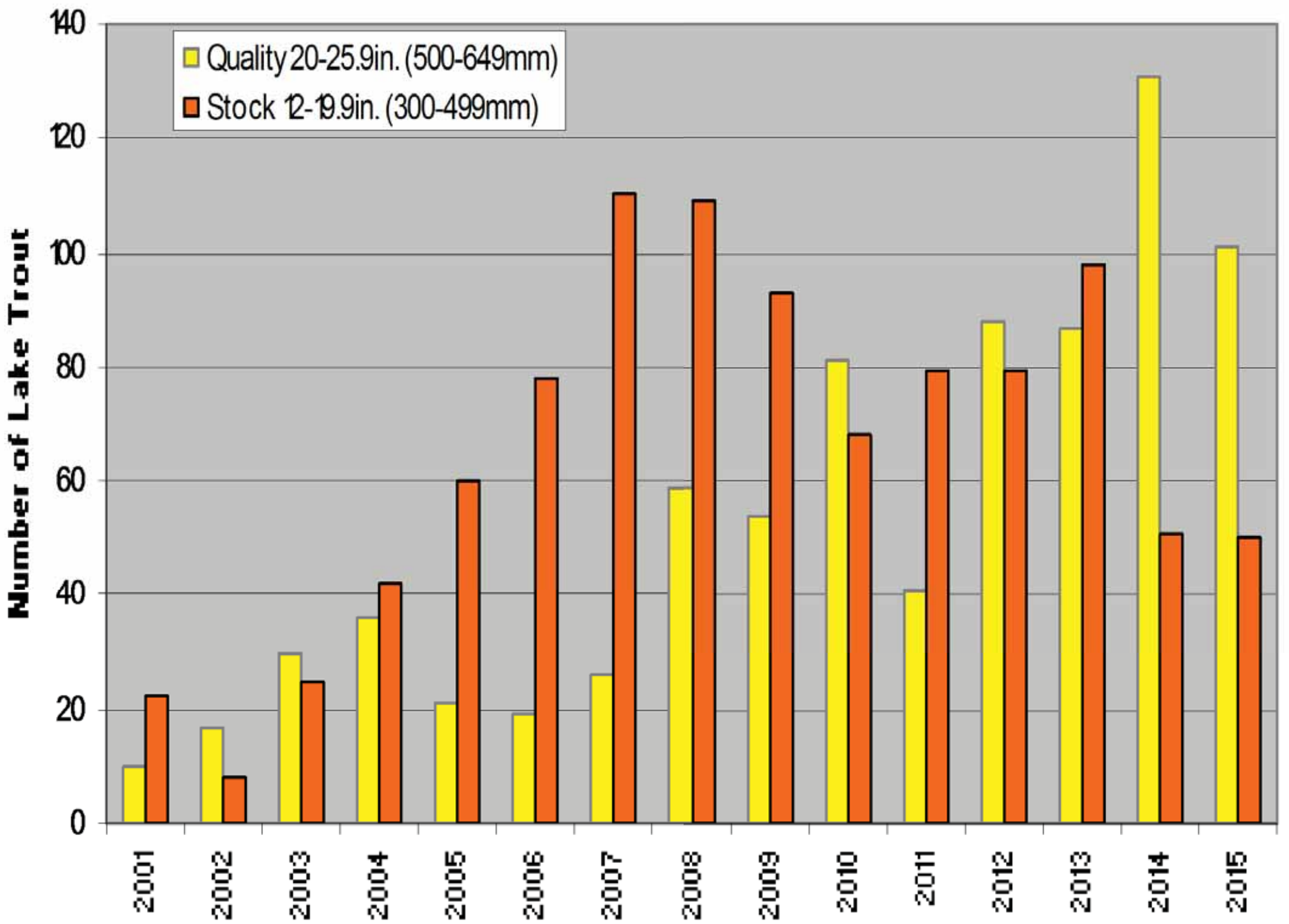


## Lake Trout Size Structure Shift in RVR









# Percentage of Lake Trout

under 20 inches

1997

n=163

31%

2007

n=150

81%

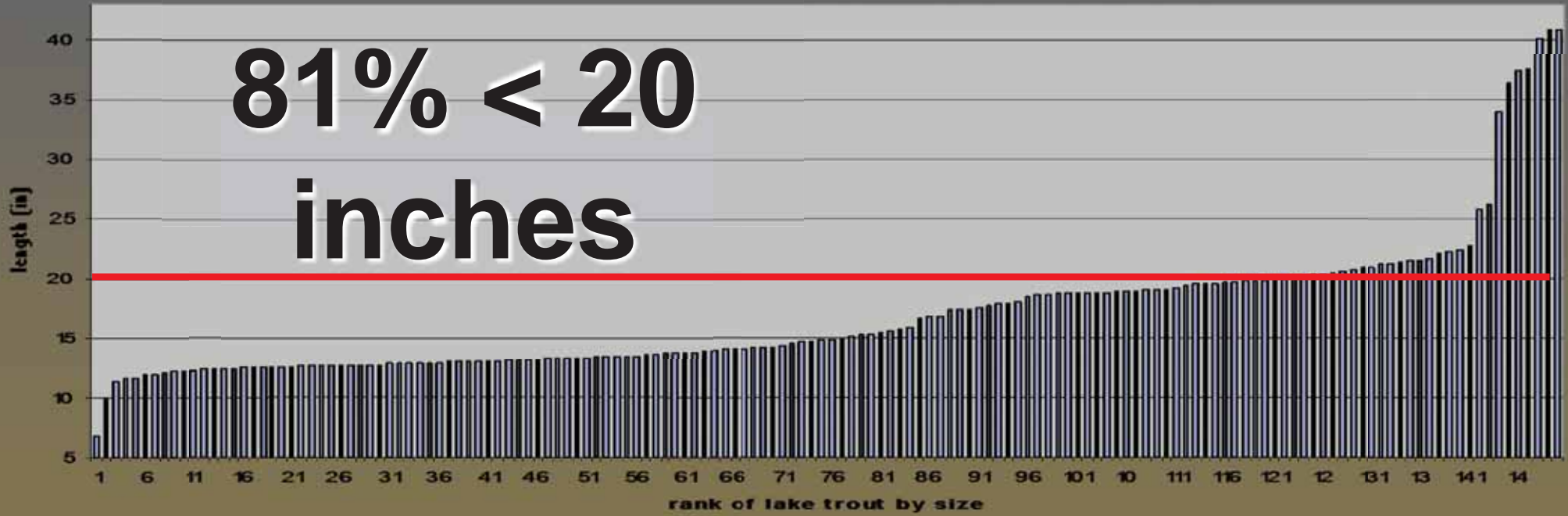
2015

n=156

38%



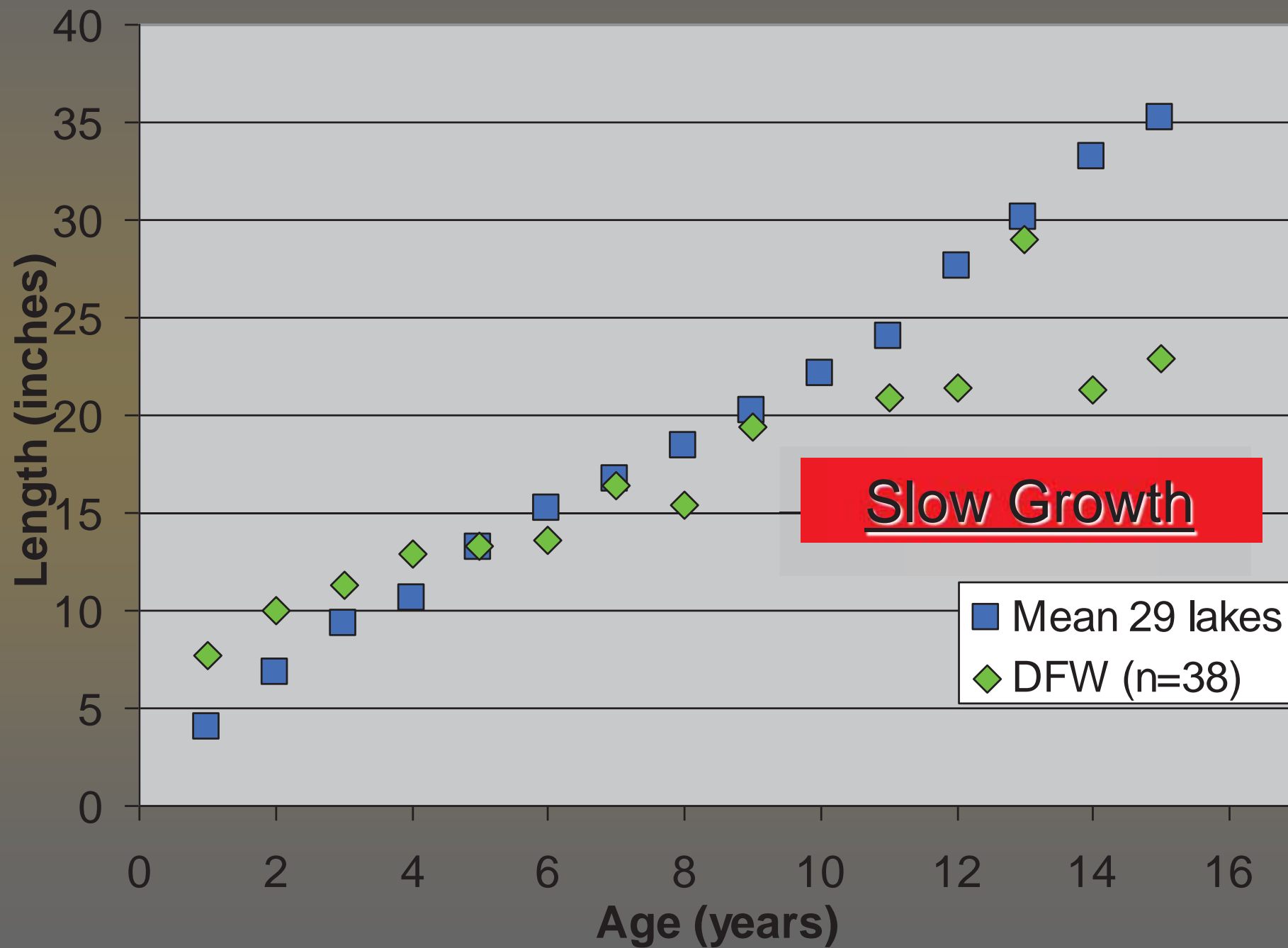
2007



2015

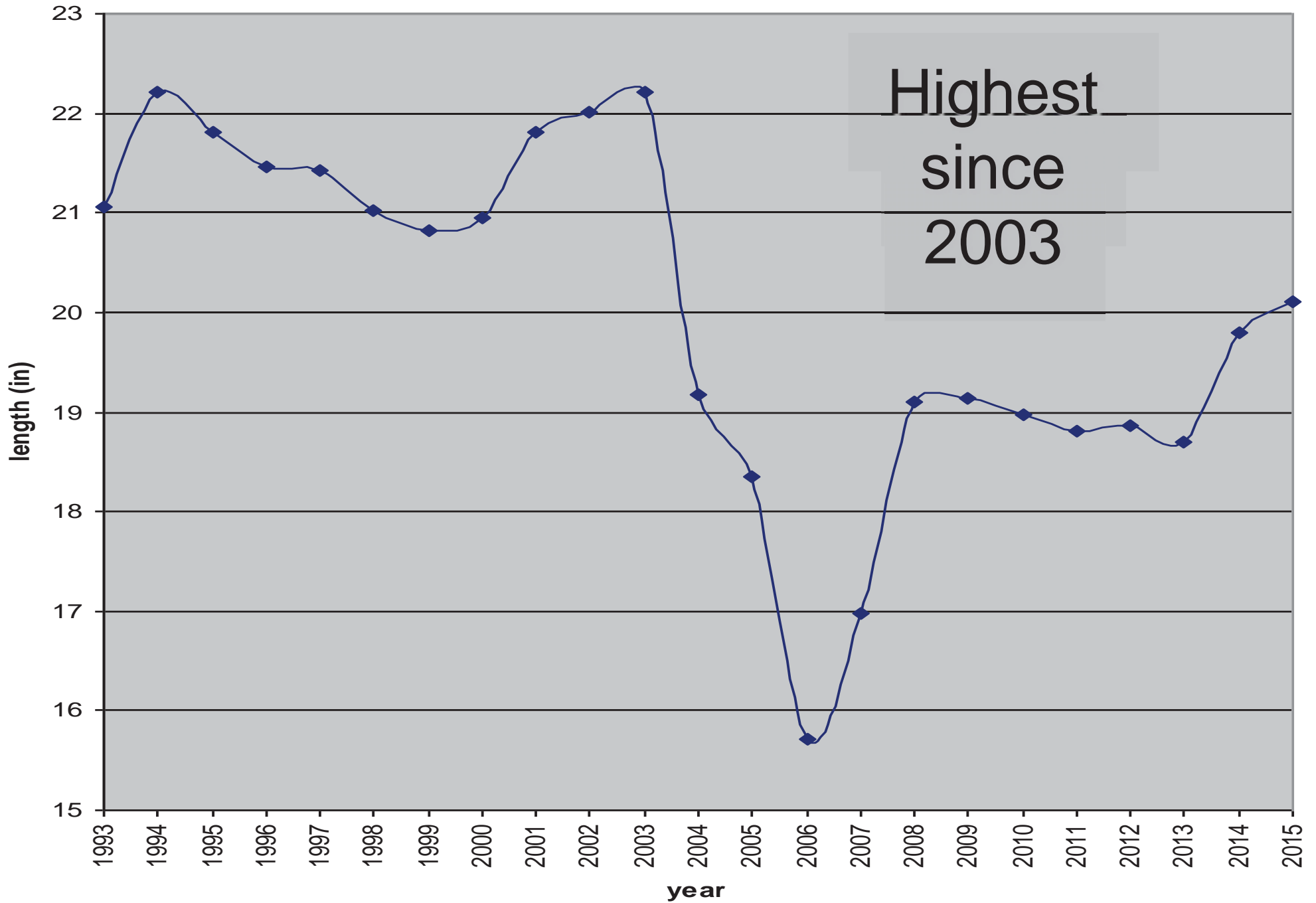


# Average Length of Lake Trout by Age





Average Length of Lake Trout by year



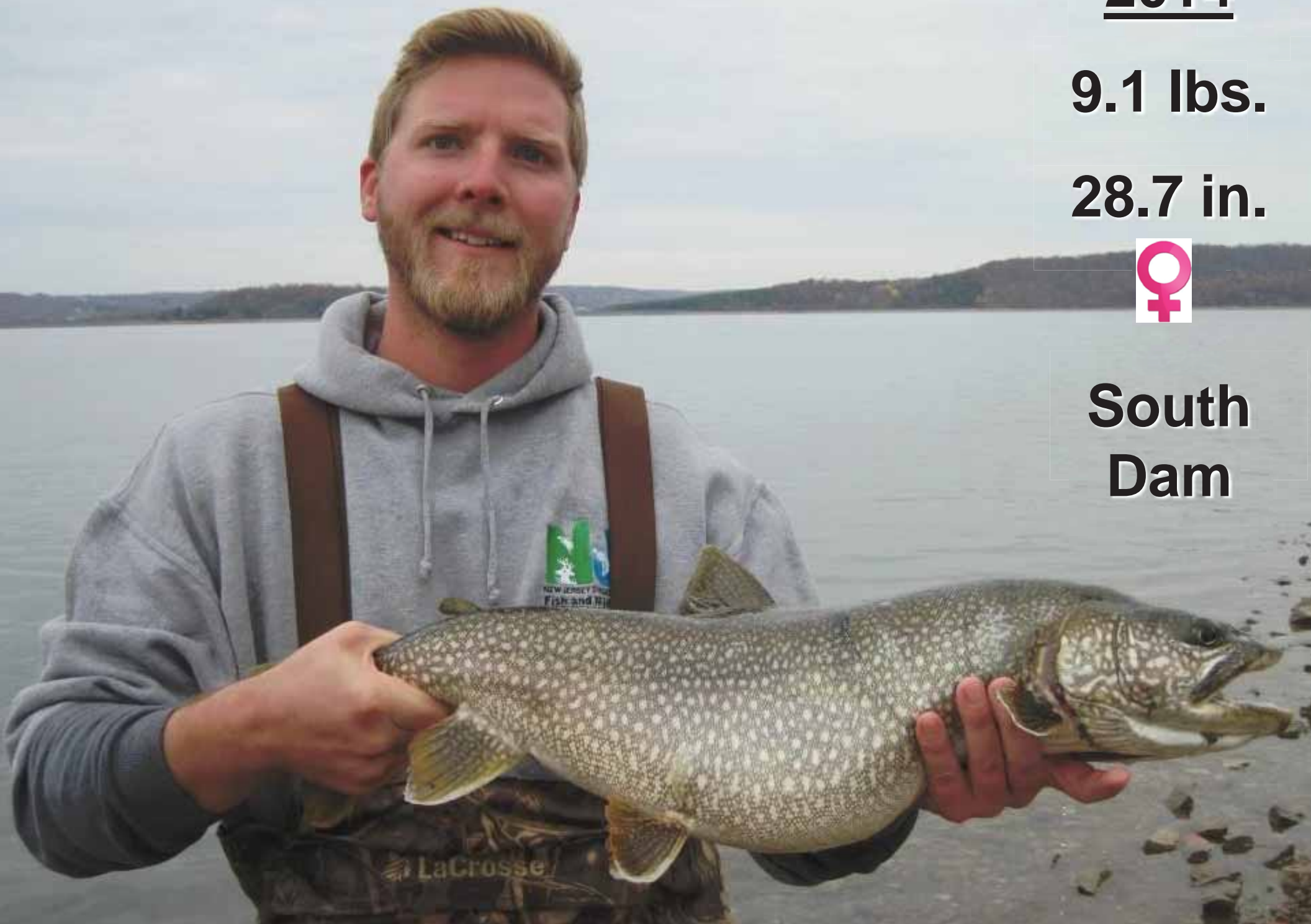
**2014**

**9.1 lbs.**

**28.7 in.**



**South  
Dam**





2013

34.6 in.

17.0 lbs.

Wr 102





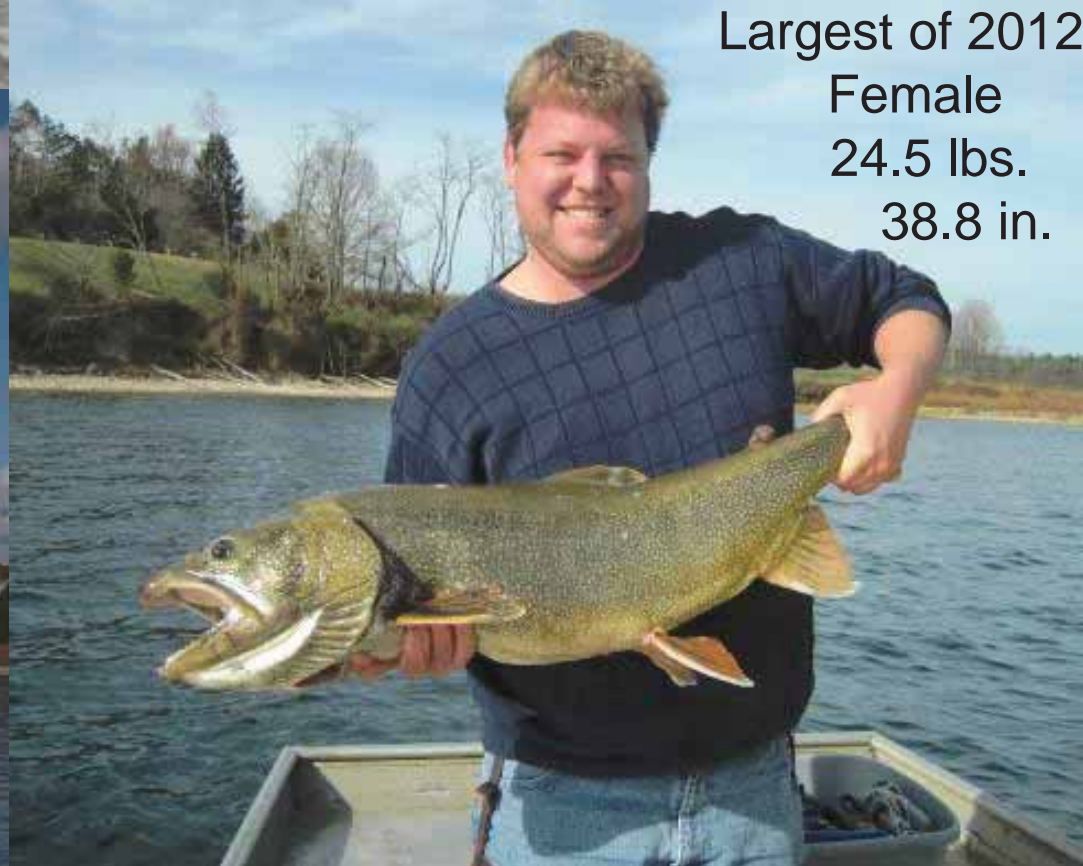


2013  
39.2 in.  
20.2 lbs.  
Wr 81





They're in there!  
...but very few and far between



Largest of 2012  
Female  
24.5 lbs.  
38.8 in.





2009

40.9 in.

32 lbs. 11oz.

3 oz. over record



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Questions ?

