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ABSTRACT

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In 1980, a preliminary creel census, experimental gillnetting and biological sampling program was carried out on Dubawnt Lake, Northwest Territories. The total angler harvest of lake trout for the 1980 fishing season was estimated to be 572 fish (2 124 kg). Catches were 12.7 fish per angler-day and 1.8 fish per angler-hour. The harvest of lake trout per angler was 7.97 fish (29.50 kg).

Lake trout in Outlet Bay, Dubawnt Lake, comprised 95% of the gillnet catch. Other species caught included round whitefish and burbot. Catch per unit effort (CPE) for lake trout was 13.9 fish per 100 m of gillnet per 24 h.

Angled lake trout from Dubawnt Lake had a mean length of 693 mm, a mean weight of 3 723 g and a mean age of 23.3 years. Lake trout caught by the experimental gillnets had a mean length of 540 mm, a mean weight of 2 469 g and a mean age of 21.3 years. Fecundity was estimated to be 1 030 ova per kg body weight (3 017 ova per female). Sex ratio was 1:0.6 for males: females.

Sexual maturity was first reached at age 11 (375 mm) for males and age 12 (400 mm) for females. Full sexual maturity was attained at age 19 (475 mm) and age 15 (450 mm) for males and females, respectively. Instantaneous total mortality (Z) of lake trout was 0.21.

Key words: angling; catch/effort statistics; experimental gillnetting; lake trout; sport fishing statistics

RESUME

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En 1980, on a effectué un relevé préliminaire des prises de pêche sportive, de pêche expérimentale aux filets maillants, et réalisé un programme d'échantillonnage biologique, au lac Dubawnt, dans les Territoires du Nord-Ouest. On a estimé le total des prises de touladis des pêcheurs sportifs pendant la saison de pêche de 1980 à 592 poissons (2 190 kg), dont 8.97 (33.18 kg) touladis par pêcheur sportif. Les prises moyennes se chiffraient à 11.3 poissons par journée de pêche et à 1.8 poissons par heure de pêche.

Dans la baie Outlet du lac Dubawnt, 95% des prises aux filets maillants se composaient de touladis. On a également pêché des ménominis ronds et des lottes. Pour le touladi, les

prises par unité d'effort se chiffraient à 13.9 poissons par 100 mètres de filets maillants par 24 heures.

En moyenne, les touladis pêchés à la ligne dans le lac Dubawnt mesuraient 693 mm de long, pesaient 3 723 g et étaient âgés de 23.3 ans, tandis que les touladis pêchés aux filets maillants mesuraient 540 mm de long, pesaient 2 469 g et avaient 21.3 ans. On a estimé leur fécondité à 1 030 oeufs par kg (3 017 oeufs par femelle). Le rapport de masculinité était d'un mâle pour chaque 0.6 femelle.

Les mâles atteignent leur première maturité sexuelle à l'âge de 11 ans (375 mm), alors que les femelles l'atteingnent à 12 ans (400 mm). La pleine maturité sexuelle vient à 19 ans (475 mm) pour les mâles et à 15 ans (450 mm) pour les femelles. Le taux de mortalité instantané (Z) était de 0.21.

Mots-clés: pêche sportive; données prise/ effort; pêche expérimentale aux filets maillants; touladi; données sur la pêche sportive à la ligne.

INTRODUCTION

In 1979, the Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) began a five year program to evaluate sport fishing on the major lakes in the District of Keewatin, Northwest Territories, with particular emphasis on lake trout, Salvelinus namaycush (Walbaum). Past studies in the Keewatin District include the Barren Ground Fisheries Survey of inland lakes in the area north of the treeline and west of Hudson Bay conducted by the Fisheries Research Board of Canada in 1959 (Johnson 1976; Moshenko 1980), a commercial gillnetting assessment program conducted by the Department of Fisheries during 1963-1968 as part of an inland lakes survey (Johnson 1976; Moshenko 1980) and a fisheries/ aquatic resources survey of the Keewatin Region conducted during 1972-79 (Bond 1975; Lawrence et al. 1977; Lawrence and Davies 1978; MacDonald and Fudge 1979, MacDonald and Stewart 1980). However, information on lake trout from inland lakes in the district is limited.

The present study was undertaken in response to increased sport fishing lodge development in the district and a proposal from the lodge owners to have the major sport fishery lakes in the area evaluated to determine if they could be designated as "high quality" fishing lakes. The major lakes in the Keewatin under consideration are Kasba, North Henik, South Henik, Dubawnt, Mosquito, Snowbird and Nueltin lakes, all of which have existing or proposed sport fishing lodges (or outposts). It is intended that over the five year period these lakes will be surveyed to gain a better understanding of the sport fishino industry, to obtain lake trout population and harvest data and to assess the potential of these lakes to provide high quality fisheries for lake trout. Results of this program will culminate in a sport fishery management plan for these lakes.

A "high quality fishery" for lake trout is one in which the population structure of lake trout is maintained such that large lake trout are available to anglers on a long-term basis. This is accomplished primarily by allowing very limited exploitation of the stock (i.e. reduced catch and possession limits).

To date there are only two lakes in the Northwest Territories that are managed as high quality fishing lakes and thus have restricted catch and possession limits for lake trout. These are Great Bear and Great Slave lakes. Catch and possession limit for lake trout in both these lakes have been reduced to two and three per angler, respectively and only one lake trout over 700 mm (ca. 4.5 kg) may be retained. All other lakes in the Northwest Territories have at present a catch and possession limit of three and five lake trout. However, some lodges in the Territories have a voluntary lodge policy of reduced catch and possession limits.

In 1980, North Henik and South Henik lakes were selected to be surveyed in this second year of the program, (Roberge and Dahlke In prep.). In addition, a preliminary survey on Dubawnt Lake where an outpost camp of the Henik Lake Lodge is located, was to be undertaken. A

voluntary creel census was initiated at the two nutpost camps located on the lake by DFO personnel. At the same time experimental gillnetting was conducted in Outlet Bay, Dubawnt Lake by DFO personnel. This data report presents preliminary information on the harvest and biological status of lake trout and other species found to inhabit Dubawnt Lake. Information on the harvest and biological status of lake trout from North Henik and South Henik lakes is presented in Roberge and Dahlke (In prep.).

STUDY AREA

Dubawnt Lake (31°07'N, 101°24'W) is part of the Dubawnt River system and is situated north of the treeline and 430 km northwest of Eskimo Point (Fig. 1). The lake has a maximum length of 111.0 km, a maximum width of 73.3 km, and a total surface area of 383 320 ha. The topography surrounding Duhawnt Lake is typical tundra, a rolling treeless landscape. Surrounding ground cover includes short, dense communities of grasses, sedges, various flowers interspersed with Labrador tea and infrequent bluffs of stunted spruce.

THE FISHERY

Dubawnt Lake has neither a record of heing commercially fished, though it has an existing annual quota of 214 000 kg for whitefish and trout, nor of being domestically fished. Scort fishing on Dubawnt Lake commenced in 1977 when a six quest-bed capacity outpost camp (Dubawnt Outpost Camp/East) of the Henik Lake Lodge was established (Fig. 2). A second outpost camp, Dubawnt Trophy Trout Camp/West, was set up on the north portion of Dubawnt Lake with an eight quest-bed capacity in 1979. The areas utilized for sport fishing for lake trout by each outpost camp are depicted in Fig. 3.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

CREEL CENSUS

During 1980, a voluntary creel census was initiated by DFO personnel and conducted by lodge personnel at the Duhawnt Outpost Camp/East and Duhawnt Trophy Trout Camp/West from 13 July to 30 August and 15 July to 12 August, respectively. Anglers were questioned at the end of each day as to the numbers of fish caught, released, retained and eaten for shore lunches by species as well as the hours spent fishing and the locations fished. When possible, the retained catch was sampled for later biological analysis.

EXPERIMENTAL GILLNETTING

Experimental gillnetting was carried out at a number of different locations within the northeast portion of Dubawnt Lake (Outlet Bay) only (Fig. 4). Standard gangs composed of 47.5

m lengths each of 38, 64, 89, 114 and 139 mm mesh (stretched measured) nylon gillnets were used. Catches were recorded by site number, mesh size and species. All fish were sampled for later biological analysis.

BIOLOGICAL SAMPLING

Fish were sampled from the anglers' creel and from oillnets for fork length (±1 mm), round weight (±50 g), aging structures (otoliths/scales), sex, stage of maturity, and stomach contents. Sex and the relative stage of maturity were determined by examination of the gonads and coded according to the stages described by Falk et al. (1982).

Sanittal otoliths were taken from lake trout and burbot and stored dry in coin envelopes. In the laboratory, the otoliths were selectively oround on a carborundum stone and placed in a cleaning solution of 3:1 henzylbenzoate and methyl salicylate hefore being read under a binocular dissecting microscope (30x). A reflecting light source against a black background was used to bring out the annual growth zones which were counted to determine the ages. Scales were taken from round whitefish as described by Hatfield et al. (1972) and stored dry in coin envelopes. In the laboratory, scales were placed between glass slides and read with the aid of an Eberbach microprojector (x40).

Ovaries were removed from mature female lake trout collected during the study and placed in a 10% formalin solution. In the laboratory, the ovaries were weighed (wet weight ± 1 g) and total number of ova from each ovary were counted after removal of the ovarian tissue. Mean ovum diameter was determined from an average of 20 ova taken from each of the anterior, middle and posterior portions of both ovaries.

DATA ANALYSIS

The Statistical Analysis System (1979) was used to generate length, weight, sex, age and maturity summaries and to perform basic calculations and analysis.

Weight-length relationships were calculated using least squares regression analysis on logarithmic transformations of fork length and round weights. The relationship is described by the following equations:

log[0 W = a + b (Log[0L)
where W = weight in grams
 L = fork length in centimeters

Relative condition factor (K), a measure of plumpness of a fish, was determined using the formula:

$$K = \frac{W \times 10^5}{L^3}$$

Instantaneous total mortality (Z) was calculated from the least squares regression lines fitted to the descending right hand limb of the catch curves. Moderate fluctuations in recruitment in different year-classes tend to create an

irregular shaped catch curve. To reduce these irregularities from unstable recruitment samples from successive years were combined (Ricker 1975). Smoother catch curves were obtained using a running average of three years. Ricker (1975) indicted that the modal age in the catch curve will commonly lie quite close to the first year in which recruitment can be considered effectively complete. Therefore, all age groups older than the modal age were considered fully vulnerable to the gear.

All data were manipulated using the IBM 370/168 computer based at the University of Manitoba, Winnipeg.

RESULTS

CREEL CENSUS - DUBAWNT OUTPOST CAMP/EAST

Duhawnt Outpost Camp/East, an outpost camp of Henik Lake Lodge, is located on Outlet Bay, Dubawnt Lake. In 1980, it operated from 13 July to 30 August (49 days) and accommodated 44 quests (Table 1). A total of 198 angler-interviews were conducted over the operational season.

Lake trout

During the creel census a total of 2 238 lake trout (8 281 kg) were caught (Table 2). Catch per unit effort (CPE) for angled lake trout was 11.3 fish per angler-day (1.6 per angler-hour). The angler caught on the average an estimated 50.9 fish.

Total harvest of lake trout was estimated to be 305 fish (1 129 kg) (Table 3). Harvest per hectare fished was estimated to be 0.01 fish (0.03 kg) while the yield for the entire lake was <0.01 fish <0.01 kg). The harvest per angler was 6.93 fish <25.66 kg).

Arctic orayling

During the creel census a total of 33 Arctic grayling were caught (Table 2). Catch per unit effort was 0.2 fish per angler-day or <0.01 fish per angler-hour. Total harvest for the season was estimated to be 21 fish. Harvest determined for the fishing area available was <0.01 fish. Harvest per angler was 0.55 fish.

CREEL CENSUS - DUBAWNT TROPHY TROUT CAMP/WEST

In 1980, Duhawnt Trophy Trout Camp/West (Dubawnt Camp/West), located in the northwest end of Dubawnt Lake, operated from 15 July to 12 August (29 days) and accommodated 28 quests (Table 1). A total of 131 angler-interviews were conducted during the fishing season.

Lake trout

During the creel census a total of 1 746 lake trout were caught (Table 2). Catch per unit effort (CPE) for lake trout was 15.1 fish per angler-day or 2.3 fish per angler-hour. The angler caught on the average an estimated 62.4 fish.

Total harvest of lake trout was estimated to be 269 fish (995 kg) (Table 3). Harvest per hectare fished was estimated to be 0.02 fish (0.06 kg) while the yield for the entire lake was <0.01 fish (<0.01 kg). The harvest per angler was 9.61 fish (35.54 kg).

CREEL CENSUS - DUBAWNT LAKE

The fishing pressure exerted on lake trout by the two outpost camps on Dubawnt Lake appears to be similar. The overall catch per unit effort for lake trout is 12.7 fish (47.0 kg) fish per angler-day or 1.8 fish (6.8 kg) per angler-hour (Table 2). Total harvest of lake trout from Dubawnt Lake was 574 fish $(2\ 124\ \text{kg})$ (Table 3). Harvest for available fishing area was $(0.01\ \text{fish})$ $(0.01\ \text{kg})$. Harvest per angler was $(0.97\ \text{fish})$ $(29.50\ \text{kg})$.

EXPERIMENTAL GILLNETTING

Ouring August, seven experimental gillnet sets were made in Outlet Bay only (Fig. 3). A total of 217 fish were caught. The catch (in numbers) was composed of lake trout (95%), round whitefish (5%) and burbot (<1%) (Table 4). Overall catch per unit effort (CPE) was 14.12 fish per 100 m gillnet per 24 h (range = 5.49-36.57 fish per 100 m gillnet per 24 h) (Appendix 1). The value for lake trout was 13.34 CPE and 0.71 CPE for round whitefish.

CPE for lake trout from Dubawnt Lake is similar to that found for lake trout from North Henik and South Henik lakes (11.5 and 10.8 CPE, respectively), (Roberge and Dahlke In prep.) and Kasba Lake (14.0 CPE) (Falk et al. 1982).

BIOLOGICAL INVESTIGATION

Lake Trout

Mean length of angled (retained only) lake trout from Outlet Bay, Dubawnt Lake was 693 mm (range = 414-763 mm) (Table 5), mean weight was 3 723 g (range = 700-4 660 g) and mean age was 23.3 years (range = 14-34 years) (Table 6). Lake trout caught in the experimental gillnets had a mean length of 540 mm (range = 173-957 mm) (Table 7), a mean weight of 2 469 g (range = 50-8 400 g) and a mean age of 21.3 years (range = 5-52 years) (Table 8). The length and age frequency distributions for lake trout caught in the experimental gillnets are depicted in Fig. 5.

The weight-length relationship for lake trout from Dubawnt Lake (Table 9) is described by the following functional regressions:

 $loq_{10} W = -5.1546 + 3.057 (loq_{10} L) (angled)$ $loq_{10} W = -5.0654 + 3.039 (loq_{10} L) (gillnetted)$

The relative condition factor (K) was estimated to be 1.13 for males and 1.10 for females.

The ratio of males to females for lake trout caught by the experimental gillnets was 1:0.6. Sexual maturity was first reached at age

11 (375 mm) for males and age 12 (400 mm) for females. Full sexual maturity was attained at age 19 (475 mm) for males and age 15 (450 mm) for females.

The average number of ova per female was 3 017 ova (Table 10). Fecundity for lake trout was estimated to be $1\ 030$ ova per kg body weight.

Instantaneous total mortality (Z) was estimated to be 0.21 (S = 0.81) for lake trout from Outlet Bay.

Round whitefish

A total of 11 round whitefish were caucht in the experimental dillnets. The mean fork length was 357 mm (range = 227-515 mm) (Table 11), mean weight was 459 g (range = 100-750 g) and mean age was 8.5 years (range = 5-12 years) (Table 12). Information on weight-length relationship is given in Table 9. Condition factors were 1.10 for males and 0.82 for females.

Burbot

One burbot was caucht in the experimental qillnets with a fork length of $250\,$ mm, a weight of $50\,$ g and a condition factor of 0.32.

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Table 1. Summary of information pertaining to outpost operations and creel survey at Dubawnt Outpost Camp/East and Dubawnt Trophy Trout Camp/West,

		Lo	dge Operation					Creel	Census		
Location	Period	Duration (days)		f Guests License Sales ¹	Angler- days	Period	<u>Durati</u> Total	on (days) Censused	No. Anglers	Angler- days	Angler- hours
Dubawnt Outpost Camp/East	13 July - 30 August	49	44	na ²	198	14 July 30 August	49	47	44	198	1 416
Dubawnt Trophy Trout Camp/West	15 July - 12 August	29	28	47	116	15 July - 12 August	29	29	28	116	7603

Table 2. Observed catch, effort and catch/effort statistics by anglers during the creel survey at Dubawnt Lake, 1980.

Location	Species	Catch No. Wt(kg)	Angler effort days hours	Fish per angler No. Wt(kg)	Fish per angler-day No. Wt(kg)	Fish per angler-hour No. Wt(kg)
Dubawnt Lake East	lake trout Arctic grayling	2 238 8 281 33 -) 198 1 416	50.9 188.2 0.9 -	11.3 41.8 0.2 -	1.6 5.9 <0.1 -
Dubawnt Lake West	lake trout	1 746 -	116 760 ¹	62.4 -	15.1 -	2.3 -
Dubawnt Lake	lake trout Arctic grayling	3 984 14 741 ¹ 33 -) 314 2 176	55.3 204.7 0.5 -	12.7 47.0 0.1 -	1.8 6.8 <0.1 -

¹ Value calculated from Dubawnt Outpost Camp/East.

Table 3. Summary of harvest statistics for Dubawnt Lake, 1980.

Location	Species	Census Harves			re fished Wt(kg)	Harvest p Hectare a No.	per available Wt(kg)	Angler No. Wt(kg)
Dubawnt Lake (East)	lake trout Arctic grayling	152 562 20 -	21	129 0.01	0.03	<0.01 <0.01	<0.01	6.93 25.66 0.55 -
Dubawnt Lake (West)	lake trout	158 -	269	9953 0.02	0.06	<0.01	<0.01	9.61 35.54
Dubawnt Lake	lake trout Arctic grayling	310 1 147 20 -	574 2 21	124 ³ 0.01	0.04	<0.01 <0.01	0.01	7.97 29.30 0.32 -

¹ Provided by Dept. Renewable Resource, Government of Northwest Territories.
2 Not available - included in license sales for Henik Lake Lodge (Roberge and Dahlke In prep).
3 Value calculated from Dubawnt Outpost Camp/East.

 $^{^1}$ Includes fish retained and shore lunches. 2 Includes fish retained, shore lunches and release mortality. 3 Mean weight = 3.7 kg. calculated from Dubawnt Outpost Camp (East).

Table 4. Catch and catch per unit effort (CPE) data for fish caught by experimental gillnets from Dubawnt Lake, 1980.

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		1.5 38	2.5 64	3.5 89	4.5 114	5.5 (in) 139 (mm)	Catch (kg)	CPE1
Lake trout	No. %	58 28.2	54 26.2	49 23.8	30 14.6	15 7.3	206 94 . 9	13.34
Round whitefish	No. %	3 27.3	7 63 . 6	1 9.1	-	- -	11 5.1	0.71
Burbot	No. %	- - ,	-	1 100.0	-	-	1<0.1	<0.06
Total	No.	61	61	51	30	15	218	14.12

 $^{^{1}}$ No. fish caught/100 m gillnet/24 hours.

Table 5. Biological data by length interval for angled lake trout from Dubawnt Lake, 1980.

				MAL						F	E M A							MBI			
Length Interval (mm)	N	%	Mean Fork Length (mm)	Weigh Mean	t(g) SD	K	% Mat.	N	%	Mean Fork Length (mm)	Weigh Mean	t(g) SD	K	% Mat.	И	%	Mean Fork Length (mm)	Weigh Mean	t(g) SD	K	% Female
400	2	18	414	700	0	0.99	0	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	2	18	414	700	0	0.99	0
725	4	36	745	4063	214	0.98	100	-	_	-	-	-	-	-	4	36	745	4063	214	0.98	0
750	5	45	763	4660	204	1.05	100	-	-	-	-	~	-	-	5	45	763	4660	204	1.05	0
TOTAL	11						82	-						_	11						0
MEAN			693	3723	1531	1.02				_	_	-	_				693	3723	1531	1.02	

Table 6. Biological data by age group for angled lake trout from Dubawnt Lake, 1980.

					MAL	E S						F	E M A	LES	,				C	0 M B 3	I N E	D	
Age (yr)	N	%	Fo Lengt Mean		Weigh Mean	t(g) SD	K	% Mat.	N	%	Fo Lengt Mean		<u>Weigh</u> Mean	t(g) SD	K	% Mat.	N	%	Mean Fork Length (mm)	<u>Weight</u> Mean	t <u>(g)</u> SD	К	% Female
14	1	9	422	_	700	_	0.93	0	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	1	9	422	700	_	0.93	0
15	1	9	406	_	700	_	1.05	Õ	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	î	ğ	406	700	_	1.05	Õ
19	2	18	757	12	4350	71	1.01	100	-	_	-	_	_	_	_	_	2	18	757	4350	71	1.01	0
22	1	9	749	_	4000	-	0.95	100	_	-	-	_	-	-	-	_	1	9	749	4000	_	0.95	0
23	1	9	747	-	4150	-	1.00	100	-	_	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	9	747	4150	-	1.00	0
22 23 25	1	9	755	-	4600	-	1.07	100	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	9	755	4600	-	1.07	0
26	1	9	766	-	4950	-	1.10	100	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	_	1	9	766	4950	-	1.10	0
28	1	9	734	-	3800	-	0.96	100	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	9	734	3800	-	0.96	0
31 34	1	9	764	-	4600	-	1.03	100	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	9	764	4600	-	1.03	0
34	1	9	763	-	4750	-	1.07	100	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.	9	763	4750	-	1.07	0
TOTAL	11							82	_							-	11						0
MEAN			693	138	3723	1531	1.02				-	-	-	-	-				693 138	3723	1531	1.02	
MEAN AGE	2	3.3							_								2	3.3					

Table 7. Biological data by length interval for lake trout caught by experimental nets from Dubawnt Lake, 1980.

				MALE						· F	E M A						C (MBI	NEI	D	
Length Interval (mm)	N	%	Mean Fork Length (mm)	Weight Mean	(g) SD	K	% Mat.	N	%	Mean Fork Length (mm)	<u>Weigh</u> Mean	t(g) SD	K	% Mat.	N	%	Mean Fork Length (mm)	Weigh Mean	t(g) SD	K	% Female
150 175 200 225 250 275 300 325 350 375 400 425 450 475 500 525 550 675 700 625 650 675 700 725 750 775 800 825 850 875 900 925 950	1 4 4 2 3 3 1 1 1 2 3 7 7 11 8 10 5 6 1 7 7 7 7 6 1 6 1 6 1 6 1 7 7 7 7 7 7	- 1 3 3 2 2 3 3 3 1 1 2 2 3 6 9 7 8 4 5 1 - 1 3 1 6 6 6 6 5 1 5 3 2 2 1 1	187 206 237 263 293 308 330 353 379 409 433 461 492 517 534 562 598 - 635 667 677 715 736 765 789 823 840 863 877 907 935 957	1255 1381 1675 1760 1742 2600 2700 3250 3800 3921 4250 4757 5208 6000 6617 7517 8050	80 29 0 29 55 - 71 76 189 123 194 140 248 307 - 173 325 240 629 341 - 942 777 71 212	1.15 1.64 0.93 1.10 1.06 0.91 0.97 1.14 1.19 0.97 1.18 1.28 1.16 1.21 1.15 0.98 1.22 - 1.05 1.07 1.06 1.06 1.06 1.06 1.06 1.06	0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 100 33 86 91 100 100 100 100 100 100 100 100 100	4 4 2 - 4 1 1 - 3 2 1 1 3 8 1 1 - 4 3 2 1 - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	5 5 5 3 3 - 5 1 1 - 4 3 3 1 4 10 14 12 5 3 3 1 - 5 4 3 3 1 5 5 4 3 3 1 5 5 6 6 7 6 7 6 7 6 7 6 7 6 7 6 7 6 7 6	190 218 233 - 292 300 335 - 381 412 428 469 491 512 543 555 588 602 - 731 759 789 - 835 868 892 -	-56 100 150 -275 300 350 -583 850 1267 1356 1550 1917 1988 1925 2450 -2850 -4263 4300 5000 -6633 7050 7300	- 13 0 0 0 - 29 76 0 0 76 145 157 168 206 318 232 577 141 153 919	0.82 0.97 1.19 - 1.10 1.11 0.93 - 1.05 1.22 1.08 1.23 1.14 1.16 0.95 1.12 - 0.95 - 1.09 0.98 1.02 - 1.14 1.08	- 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 100 100 1	1 60 10 7 2 7 4 2 1 5 5 8 14 16 21 14 10 8 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	0 3 5 3 1 3 2 1 0 0 2 2 4 4 7 8 10 7 5 1 0 0 2 0 3 5 5 5 4 0 4 2 1 1 0 0 0	173 190 214 236 263 292 306 333 353 380 410 433 492 514 540 559 591 602 635 668 677 715 734 764 789 823 838 865 882 907 935 957	50 58 116 136 200 271 276 350 500 610 740 1257 1369 1610 1861 1840 2150 2700 3150 3800 3921 4255 4620 5156 6000 6622 7330 7850 8500 8500 8500 8500 8500 8500 850	-13 51 24 0 27 48 0 -7 41 1179 112 166 159 206 288 450 -245 325 225 622 309 748 760 436 212 	0.97 0.85 1.24 1.03 1.10 0.96 0.95 1.14 1.17 1.17 1.15 1.18 1.05 1.04 1.12 1.07 1.08 1.04 1.05 1.04 1.05 1.04 1.05 1.04 1.05 1.04 1.05 1.04 1.05 1.06 1.09 1.09 1.09 1.09 1.09 1.09 1.09 1.09	0 67 40 29 0 57 25 0 60 40 13 21 50 52 64 40 67 100 25 0 36 30 25 0 33 40 33 0 0
TOTAL MEAN	120		569	2770 2:	379	1.13	81	76		516	2154	2182	1.10	73	201		540	2469	2321	1.11	38

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Table 8. Biological data by age group for lake trout caught by experimental nets from Oubawnt Lake, 1980.

				e. I	MALE	Ş							MAL	E S						0 M B	INE	0	
Age			Mean Lengt		Weight	(g)		х			Mean Lengt		Weigh	t(g)		%			Mean Forl Length		ht(g) SO		2
(yr)	N	%	Mean	S0	Mean	\$0	K	Mat.	N	%	Mean	S0	Mean	50	K	Mat.	_ N	%	(mm)	Mean	\$0	K	Female
5	-	_	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	3	193	4	50	0	0.70	0	3	1	186	50	0	0.79	67
6	4	3	208	18	94	13	1.06	0	4	5	205	21	94	43	1.03	0	11	5	208	91	28	0.99	36
7	4	3	233	14	125	29	0.99	0	3	4	219	4	100	0	0.95	0	8	4	229	119	26	0.99	38
8	2	2	232	45	230	42	1.84	0	2	3	266	46	225	106	1.16	0	4	2	249	228	66	1.66	50
10	3	3	285	20	250	50	1.07	_ n	1 2	3	295 287	0	300 250	0	1.17	0	1 5	0	295 286	300 250	35	1.17	100 40
11	7	6	343	48		207	1.07	43	l	1	335	U	350	-	0.93	0	8	4	342	426	194	1.01	13
12	2	2	392	54		177	1.02	50	5	6	381	49	650	226	1.13	20	7	3	384	643	199	1.11	71
13	4	3	412	67		485	1.18	50	3	4	420	45	850	350	1.10	33	7	3	416	886	400	1.14	43
14	9	8	458	17		115	1.22	89	-	-	720		050	330	-	-	ģ	4	458	1167	115	1.22	0
15	á	3	436	20		345	1.22	75	2	3	475	12	1250	141	1.18	100	6	3	449	1108	296	1.21	33
16	7	6	508	109	1671 1		1.15	86	5	6	499	11	1380	164	1.11	100	12	6	504	1550	888	1.13	42
17	-	-	-		-	-	-	-	3	4	495	10	1500	0	1.24	100	3	ì	495	1500	0	1.24	100
18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	6	522	25	1680	335	1.17	100	5	2	522	1680	335	1.17	100
19	3	3	534	25	1667	301	1.10	100	1	1	545	-	2050	-	1.27	100	4	2	537	1763	312	1.14	25
20	8	7	544	58		775	1.16	100	2	3	577	35	2125	460	1.10	100	10	5	551	1965	705	1.14	20
21	12	10	686	104	3654 1		1.07	100	4	5	576	107	2275		1.13	100	16	8	658	3309	1482	1.08	25
22	6	5	- 646	120	3275 1		1.16	100	3	4	495	21	1433	202	1.18	100	9	4	596	2661	1473	1.17	33
23	2	2	714	73		990	1.05	100	3	4	546	_3	1850	100	1.14	100	5	2	613	2650	1204	1.10	60
24	2	2	749	49	4375 1		1.03	100	4	5	564	71	2138	545	1.19	100	6	3	626	2883	1349	1.14	67
25 26	3 5	3 4	668	113 74	3417 1 1910	314 703	1.12	100	2	3 1	. 638 563	127	3000 2250	1485	1.12	100	5 6	2	656 549	3250 1967	1211	1.12	40
27	2	2	546 593	170	2350 1		1.15	100 100	1 2	3	550	52	1775	530	1.25	100 100	4	2	549 571	2063	644 1042	1.17	17 50
28	1	1	837	170	6100	020	1.03	100	-	J	550	JZ	1//5	530	1.05	100	1	0	837	6100	1042	1.03	0
29	î	î	840	-		_	1.14	100	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	î	ñ	840	6750	_	1.14	ő
30	ī	ī	738	_		-	1.07	100	_	-	_	_	-	-	-	_	î	Ö	738	4300	_	1.07	Ö
31	2	2	679	161	3500 2	546	1.00	100	2	3	669	115	3025	1874	0.93	100	4	2	674	3263	1845	0.97	50
32	2	2	721	221	5050 4		1.18	100	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	721	5050	4172	1.18	0
33	2	2	660	87	3450 1		1.18	100	3	4	759	182	5250	2965	1.09	100	5	2	719	4530	2394	1.13	60
34	2	2	649	157	3750 2		1.25	100	1	1	519	-	1550	-	1.11	100	3	1	606	3017	2244	1.20	33
35	3	3	698	145	3700 2	052	1.03	100	2	3	763	46	4825	389	1.09	100	5	2	724	4150	1588	1.05	40
36	1	1	714	-	4050	-	1.11	100	1	1	757	-	3700	-	0.85	100	2	1	736	3875	247	0.98	50
39	l	1	823	-	6000	-	1.08	100	1	1	873	-	7700	1500	1.16	100	2	1	848	6850	1202	1.12	50
40 41	2	2	822	63	6575 2		1.16	100	2	3	780	64	5425	1520	1.13	100	4	2	801	6000	1693	1.14	50
41	2	2	852	35	7075 1	450	1.14	100	1	1	782 771	-	4900 4850	-	1.02	100 100	3 1	0	829 771	6350 4850	1621	1.10	33 100
43	2	2	861	105	6650 2	616	1.01	100	1	1	863	-	6400		1.00	100	3	1	862	6567	1856	1.06	33
44	3	3	910	48		917	1.01	100	_	_	-	-	0400	_		100	3	1	910	7683	917	1.01	33
45	1	1	843	40	5400	717	0.90	100	_	_	_	_	_	-	_	_	2	1	845	6100	990	1.02	50
46	î	î	863	_	7750	-	1.21	100	-	-	_	-	-	_	-	-	ì	Ô	863	7750	-	1.21	0
47	ī	ī	846	-	7700	-	1.27	100	1	1	1027	_	11550	_	1.07	100	2	1	937	9625	2722	1.17	50
50	1	1	902	-	7700	-	1.05	100	_	_		-	-	-	-	-	1	ō	902	7700	_	1.05	0
52	1	1	846	-	7700	-	1.27	100	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	0	846	7700	-	1.27	0
OTAL	119							81	76							73	201						38
IEAN			570	200	2781 2	386	1.13		-		516	192	2154	2182	1.10				540	2474	2325	1.11	
			370	200	2/01 2	300	1.13			_	210	193	C134	C 102	1.10				340	2414	2323	1.11	
1EAN AGE	22	. 3							20	8.0							2	1.3					

Table 9. Weight-length relationships, log $_{10}$ W = a + b (log $_{10}$ L), for each fish species (sexes combined) from Dubawnt Lake, 1959 and 1980.

Species	N	Y-intercept (a)	Slope (b)	Standard Dev. of b (S _b)	95% C.I.
Lake trout		-5.1546	3.057	0.072	2.913-3.201
angled gillnetted	11 202	-5.0654	3.039	0.072	2.988-3.110
Round whitefish	11	-4.2598	3.698	0.320	2.050-3.338
Longnose sucker (19	59) 46	-5.2758	3.151	0.031	3.089-3.213
Round whitefish (19	59) 69	-5.9285	3.360	0.074	3.212-3.508

Table 10. Fecundity of lake trout from Dubawnt Lake, 1980.

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Date	Fork Length (mm)	Weight (g)	Mean Ovum Diameter (mm)	Total Ovum Count
9 August	500	1650	5.3	2916
9 August	545	2250	5.1	2309
10 August	548	1850	5.1	2378
10 August	503	1650	5.1	1856
11 August	554	2050	4.9	2816
11 August	847	6800	5.4	6867
12 August	730	4550	5.2	2702
12 August	548	1950	5.1	2863
12 August	485	1500	5.3	1716
l3 August	468	1200	4.8	1482
13 August	727	4050	5.7	2737
13 August	795	5100	4.7	5570
13 August	733	4100	4.8	6237
13 August	735	4350	5.6	4457
13 August	563	2250	5.2	3983
13 August	472	1250	4.8	1858
14 August	587	2150	5.5	1712
14 August	519	1850	5.2	2329
14 August	494	1500	5.3	1434
15 August	825	6500	5.7	4254
Mean	609	2928	5.2	3017

Table 11. Biological data by length interval for round whitefish caught by experimental nets from Dubawnt Lake, 1980.

			M	ales						· Fe	males						Co	mbined			
Length Interval (mm)	N	%	Mean Fork Length (mm)	Weigh Mean	t(g) SD	K	% Mat.	N	%	Mean Fork Length (mm)	Weigh ¹ Mean	t (g) SD	К	% Mat.	N	%	Mean Fork Length (mm)	Weigh Mean	t (g) SD	К	% Female
220	1	13	227	100	_	0.85	0	_	-	-	-	_	_	_	1	9	227	100	_	0.85	0
290	ī	13	294	200	_	0.79	Ö	_	_	-	_	_	_	-	ī	9	294	200	_	0.79	0
310	1	13	312	300	_	1.11	0	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	1	9	312	300	_	1.11	0
320	-	-	-	_	_	_	_	1	33	327	400	-	1.14	0	1	9	327	400	_	1.14	100
340	1	13	343	450	_	1.12	0	_	_	-	_	~	_	_	1	9	343	450	_	1.12	0
350	1	13	356	450	-	1.00	0	-	~	-	-	_	-	_	1	9	356	450	_	1.00	0
360	2	25	366	525	-	1.07	0	_	_	_	_	-	_	-	2	18	366	525	-	1.07	0
400	-	-	-	_	-	-	_	1	33	402	600	-	1.02	0	1	9	402	600	-	0.92	100
410	1	13	419	750	_	1.02	0	_	_	_	-	-	-	-	1	9	419	750	-	1.02	0
510	-	13	-	-	-	-	-	1	33	515	. 750	-	0.55	0	1	9	515	750	-	0.55	100
Total	8							3							11						
Mean	_		335	413	-	1.10	0	_		415	583	_	0.82	0			357	459	-	1.01	27

Table 12. Biological data by age group for round whitefish caught by experimental nets from Dubawnt Lake, 1980.

				Ma	les							Fen	nales					Combined								
Age (yr)	N	%	Mean F Length Mean		Weigh Mean	t (g) SD	к	% Mat.	N	92	Mean Fo Length(Mean		Weigh [*] Mean	(g) SD	К	Mat.	N	%	Mean Fork Length (mm)	Weight Mean	t (g) SD	К	% Female			
 -		<u>,</u>		JU			IN .	παυ•	- 11			<u> </u>				7140	۰۱۱		(1184)							
5	1	13	227	_	100	_	0.85	0	~	_	_	_	_	-	_	_	1	10	227	100	_	0.85	0			
7	2	25	303	_	250	_	0.90	0	1	50	327	_	400	_	1.14	0	3	30	311	300	_	1.00	33			
8	1	13	356	-	450	-	1.00	0	_	_	_	_	-	_	_	-	1	10	356	450	-	1.00	0			
9	2	25	353	_	475	~	1.08	0	-	~	-	-	-	_	-	-	2	20	353	475	-	1.08	0			
10	1	13	3 68	_	550	-	1.10	0	_	_	_	-	_	_	-	-	1	10	368	550	-	1.10	0			
11	-	~	_	-	-	_	-	-	1	50	515	-	750	_	0.55	-	1	10	515	750	_	0.55	100			
12	1	13	419	-	750	-	1.02	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	10	419	750	-	1.02	00			
Total	8								2								10									
Mean	_		335	_	413	_	1.10	0	_		421	_	575	_	0.77	0	-		352	445	_	1.02	20			
Mean age		8.4								9.0	_							8.5								

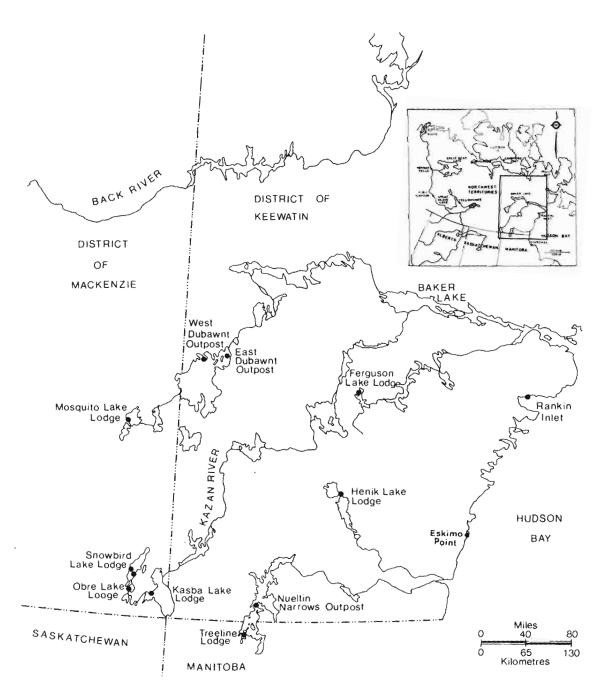


Fig. 1. Map of the District of Keewatin, Northwest Territories, showing the locations of sport fishing lodges and outpost camps.

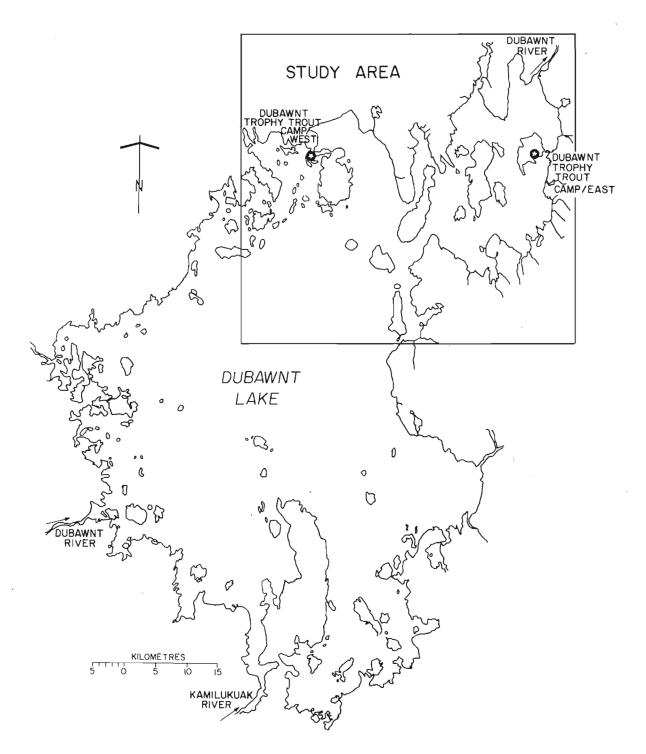


Fig. 2. Map of Dubawnt Lake showing the location of the outpost camps.

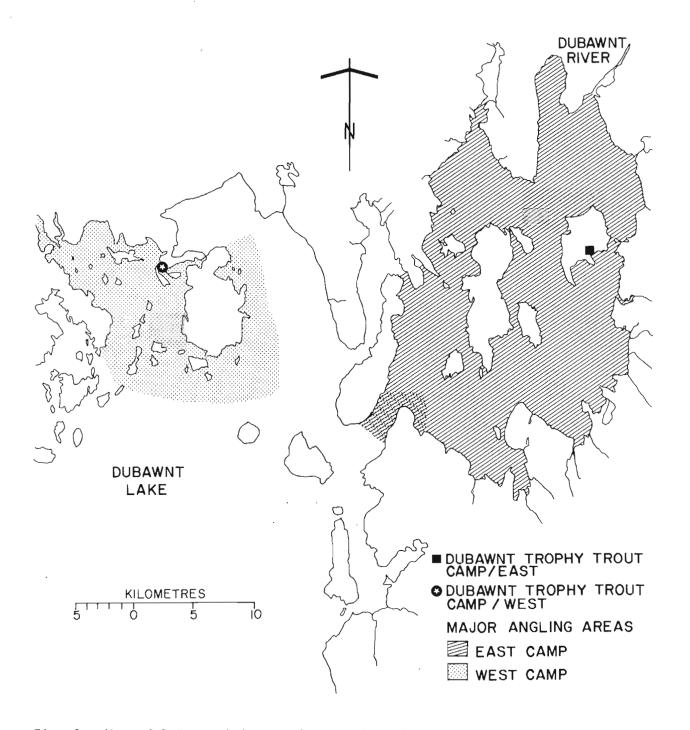


Fig. 3. Map of Dubawnt Lake showing the location of the outpost camps and the major angling areas.

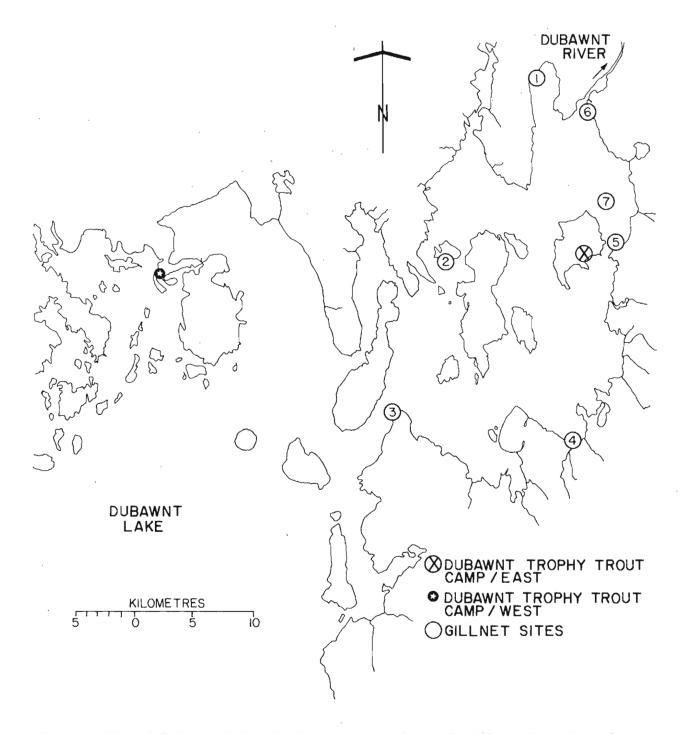


Fig. 4. Map of Dubawnt Lake showing the experimental gillnet locations for 1980.

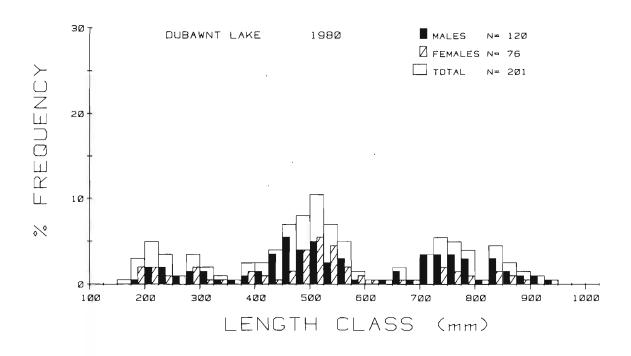




Fig. 5. Length and age frequency distributions for lake trout from Dubawnt Lake, 1980.

Appendix 1. Summary of information on sample dates, sample locations, set duration and catch per unit of effort for experimental gillnet sets on Dubawnt Lake, 1980.

Date	Set Number	Location Number	Set Duration (h)	Total Catch (kg)	CPE ¹
August 9	1	1	20.0	14	7.37
10	2	2	23.0	32	14.65
11	3	3	25.0	32	13.47
12	4	4	23.0	32	14.65
13	5	5	23.0	29	13.27
14	6	6	19.0	66	36.57
15	7	7	23.0	12	5.49

 $^{^{1}}$ No. fish caught/100 m gillnet/24 hours.

Appendix 2. Biological data by length interval for round whitefish caught by experimental nets from Dubawnt Lake, 19591.

LENGTH			MAL							IALES					COMB	INED			
INTERVAL	81	ď	LENGTH (MM)	WEIGHT		V	A1	av	LENGTH (MM)	WEIGH		V		~	LENGTH (MM)	WEIGH			%
(MM)	N	76	MEAN	MEAN	SD	K	N	76	MEAN	MEAN	ŠĎ	K	N	%	MEAN	MEAN	SD	K	FEMALE
190	-	-	-		_	-	1	3	198	70		0.90	1	1	198	70		0.90	
200	1	3	201	7 0	-	0.86	2	5	205	70	0	0.81	3	4	204	70	0	0.83	67
210	1	3	210	75	-	0.81	1	3	216	80	_	0.79	3	4	213	82	8	0.85	50
220	2	7	223	95	7	0.86	5	14	224	94	4	0.83	9	13	224	93	4	0.83	71
230	2	7	235	103	4	0.79	-	-	-	-	-	, -	2	3	235	103	4	0.79	-
240	1	3	249	130	-	0.84	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	249	130	-	0.84	-
250	2	7	254	138	11	0.84	1	3	254	130	-	0.79	3	4	254	135	9	0.83	33
270	1	3	276	190	-	0.90	2	5	274	153	88	0.74	3	4	. 275	165	66	0.79	67
280	-	-	-			. -	1	3	287	210	-	0.89	1	1	287	210	-	0.89	-
290	2	/	297	263	18	1.01	-			-	-	-	2	3	297	263	18	1.01	_
300	3	10	305	257	16	0.91	7	19	304	264	13	0.94	10	14	304	262	13	0.93	70
310	3	10	316	300	25	0.95	1	3	316	350	_	1.11	4	6	316	313	32	0.99	25
320 330	3	10 14	325	312	13	0.90	4	11	325	338	14	0.98	/	10	325	326	19	0.95	57
	4	14	330	366	14	1.02	þ	14	333	360	29	0.97	9	13	332	363	22	0.99	56
340 350	1	7	345 351	363 400	18	0.88 0.92	2	14	343	410	38	1.02	/	10	343	396	39	0.98	71
360	1	3	368	500	-	1.00	2	- 5	365	438	53	0.90	1	1	351 366	400 458	52	0.92 0.93	6 7
			J00			1.00		. 	303	430		0.90	3	4	300	4 3 0	52	0.93	0 /
OTAL	29						37					_ ,	69						
IEAN			294	254	117	0.91			294	261	129	0.92			291	251	125	0.91	56

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Appendix 3. Biological data by age group for round whitefish caught by experimental nets from Dubawnt Lake,19591.

				MAI	ES.						FEMA	LES				COMBINED									
AGE (YR)	N	%	MEAN	H (MM) SD	WEIGH MEAN	T (G) SD	К	N	%	LENGT ME AN	H (MM)	MEAN	SD (G)	K	N	%	LENGT MEAN	H (MM)	WEIGH MEAN	T (G) SD	K	% FEMALE			
6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14	4 4 2 3 7 3 4 2	14 14 7 10 24 10 14	214 244 263 309 316 336 329 349	10.9 10.8 19.1 4.5 19.8 10.7 11.1 26.9	84 120 160 267 301 350 346 440	14 21 42 14 53 25 33 85	0.85 0.82 0.87 0.90 0.95 0.93 0.97	4 7 1 6 6 8 4	11 19 3 16 16 22 11	218 236 308 301 328 318 343	13.8 43.0 - 19.8 22.2 22.1 1.9	89 126 270 254 342 308 413	13 101 42 56 99 43	0.85 0.84 0.92 0.93 0.96 0.92 1.03	9 13 3 9 13 11 8	13 19 4 13 19 16 12	216 237 278 304 321 323 336 349 367	11.0 31.5 29.5 16.4 21.1 20.7 10.2 26.9	87 119 197 258 320 320 379 440 475	12 73 70 35 56 85 50 85	0.86 0.82 0.89 0.92 0.96 0.92 1.00 1.03 0.96	50 64 33 67 46 73 50			
TOTAL MEAN MEAN A	 29 GE	9.2	294	47.2	254	117	0.91	37	·	294	50.8	261	129	0.92	69		291	50.0	251	125	0.91	56			

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Appendix 4. Biological data by length interval for longnose sucker caught by experimental nets from Dubawnt Lake, 19591.

LENGTH			MAL		~~~~ ~					ALES	-705					INED	- Co V		~
INTERVAL (MM)	N	%	MEAN	WE I GH	SD	K	N	%	MEAN	WEIGHT	SD SD	K	N	%	LENGTH (MM) MEAN	WEIGHT MEAN	SD	K	FE'MALE
150	-		~	-							-	-	2	4	157	45	0	1.16	_
160	2	9	164	53	4	1.20	-	-	-	-	-	_	2	4	164	53	4	1.20	-
170		-	-	-	-	-	1	6	177	60	-	1.08	2	4	178	60	0	1.07	-
180	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	11	185	70	0	1.11	2	4	185	70	0	1.11	-
250	1	4	256	210	-	1.25	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	256	210	-	1.25	-
260	1	4	262	220	-	1.22	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	262	220	-	1.22	-
280	1	4	281	290	-	1.31	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	281	290	-	1.31	-
290	1	.4	292	300	-	1.20	~	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	292	300	-	1.20	-
300	2	9	300	338	18	1.25	-	-	-	_	-	-	2	4	300	338	18	1.25	-
330	2	9	335	500	0	1.34	-				-	-	2	4	335	500	0	1.34	-
340	1	4	343	525	-	1.30	1	6	349	550	-	1.29	2	4	346	538	18	1.30	50
350	ļ	4	355	625	4.	1.40	-	-	-	-	-	-	Ī	. 2	355	625	-	1.40	-
360	5	22	365	670	41	1.38	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	11	365	670	41	1.38	-
370	2	9	375	625	0	1.19	-	-	-	-	-		3	/	373	642	29	1.24	-
380	2	9	383	700	0	1.25	1	6	383	750	-	1.33	3	/	383	717	29	1.28	33 50
390 400	1	4	398	775	-	1.23	Ī	6	395	750	20	1.22	3	12	394	775	25 83	1.26	83
	1	4	402	1025	-	1.58	2	28	405	840	38 53	1.27	0	13	404 412	871 938	53	1.32	63
410 420	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	11	412 428	938 1000		1.34	1	4	428	1000	55	1.28	-
440	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	6	440	950	-	1.12	1	2	440	950	-	1.12	_
450	_	_	-	-	-	-	2	17	453	1275	7 1	1.12	1	7	453	1275	71	1.38	_
460	_	_	-	_	_	_	1		460	1275	, 1	1.31	1	2	460	1275	/ 1	1.30	_
			- 		- -	-			400	12/3	. .								
	23						18						46						
MEAN			327	511	246	1.30			375	783	382	1.26			338	597	351	1.27	44

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Appendix 5. Biological data by age group for longnose sucker caught by experimental nets from Dubawnt Lake,19591.

				MAL	ES						FEMA	LES						COMB	INED			
AGE (YR)	N	%	L E N G T M E A N	H (MM)	WEIGH MEAN	T (G <u>)</u> SD	К	N	%	L E N G T M E A N	H (MM)	MEAN	GHT (G) SD	К	N	%	L E N G M E A N	TH (MM) SD	WEIGH MEAN	T(G) SD	K	FEMALE
4 5	 1	-	163	- -	50	-	1.15	2	12	181	5.7	65	7	1.09	3 2	7 5	180 160	4.4 4.2	63 48	6 4	1.08	- - -
6 8	2	9 9	278	123.7 31.1	278 268	315 81	1.27 1.23	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	5	252 278	123.7	278 268	315 81	1.27	-
9 10	6 4	26 17	326 368	40.3	465 638	176 113	1.29	1 4	6 24	383 395	33.3	750 781	186	1.33	7 8	16 18	334 381	42.6	506 709	194 162 188	1.29 1.27 1.30	14 50 40
11 12 13	2	26 9	351 384	45.2 25.5	599 838	190 265	1.33 1.45	1 3	24 6 18	414 451 425	17.5 - 31.2	881 1225 1017	55 - 240	1.24 1.34 1.31	12	27 7 7	377 406 425	43.6 42.7 31.2	716 967 1017	292 240	1.41	33
14 16	-	- -	- - -	-	-	- -	-	1	6	411 454	-	900 1325	_	1.30	1	2 2	411 454	-	900 1325	-	1.30	-
TOTAL MEAN MEAN A	23 GE	9.8	327	66.6	511	246	1.30	17		386	82.0	825	348	1.26	44		345	84.6	622	339	1.28	43

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