## **YELLOW PERCH**

(06/04 ARCHIVE - NCDMF)

**Stock Status** -- *Concern* - Significant increase in effort and landings since 1991. Fish are targeted during the winter and early spring during spawning. Yellow perch populations are rather system specific. Dependent and Independent sampling began in November 2003. Federal aid project F-80 began March 2004.

Average Commercial Landings and Value 1994-2003 -- 81,549 lbs., \$73,826

**2003 Commercial Landings and Value** -- 98,783 lbs., \$98,534

Average Recreational Landings 1994-2003 -- Unknown 2003 -- Unknown

Average Number of Award Citations -- N/A

**Average RCGL Landings 2002-2003** – N/A **2003** – N/A

Status of Fishery Management Plan -- No state or federal plan. State plan schedule 2010-2012

**Data/Research Needs** -- All types of fishery dependent and independent data.

Current Regulations -- 7 inches TL

Size and Age at Maturity -- Males - 5 inches TL at 2 years, Females - 6 inches TL at 3-4 years.

**Historical and Current Maximum Age -- 13** 

Juvenile Abundance Index Average (numbers of individuals per unit of effort) - Unknown

**Habits/Habitats**--Spawning occurs from late January to early March, depending on water temperatures, in rivers and creeks. Eggs are laid in a sticky gelatinous mass. Eggs will hatch into fry in 2-3 weeks, depending on water temperatures. The young form schools and utilize the rivers as a nursery area as do the adults.

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