

YELLOW PERCH

(06/03 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.

Average Commercial Landings and Value 1993-2002-- 76,529 lb, \$67,713

2002 Commercial Landings and Value--78,828 lb, \$76,482

Average Recreational Landings 1993-2002 and 2002--Unknown

Status of Fisheries Management Plan--No state or federal plan exists.

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

Historical and Current Minimum Size Limit--7 inches, currently none

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

Historical Maximum Age--13 years old

Juvenile Abundance Indices- 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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