



Hammond Lake, Tioga County

Adult Walleye Survey



Area 4 Fisheries Biologist Riley Phelps with a Walleye collected from Hammond Lake.

Introduction

[Hammond Lake \(link to ACOE Hammond Lake info page\)](#) is a 640-acre U.S. Army Corps of Engineers impoundment located in Tioga County. The Army Corps provides many amenities for visitors including disk golf, boat launches, camping at [Ives Run Campground \(link to ACOE Ives Run campground page\)](#), and swimming. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has also added [habitat structures \(link to PFBC habitat map of Hammond Lake\)](#) throughout the lake. The current [state record Crappie \(link to PA state record fish page\)](#) was also caught out of Hammond Lake in 2000.

The Area 4 Fisheries Management Office conducted nighttime electrofishing on April 9, 2026. This survey was conducted to assess adult Walleye populations and the success of Walleye stockings in Hammond Lake. Since 2011, fingerling Walleye have been stocked at varying rates to support the Walleye fishery in Hammond Lake (Table 1).

Table 1: Year, total number stocked, and stocking rates of fingerling Walleyes at Hammond Lake

Year	Total Number Stocked	Stocking Rate (#/acre)
2011	6,400	10.0
2012	6,400	10.0
2013	38,200	59.7
2014	12,800	20.0
2015	12,800	20.0
2018	12,800	20.0
2019	12,800	20.0
2020	27,000	42.2
2021	28,800	45.0
2022	32,000	50.0
2023	32,000	50.0
2024	16,000	25.0
2025	48,000	75.0

Methods

Night-time boat electrofishing was conducted on the night of April 9, 2026. Electrofishing was conducted for 0.99 hours. Collected Walleyes were measured and released.

Results

A total of 57 adult Walleyes were collected during the survey. Collected Walleyes ranged in length from 14 to 23 inches (Table 2, Figure 1), and 83% of collected Walleyes were ≥ 18 inches in length. The electrofishing catch rate was 57.8 fish per hour which meets the Inland Walleye plan catch rate objective.

Table 2. Total length and catch of Walleyes at Hammond Lake during night-time boat electrofishing on April 9, 2026.

Length (inches)	Catch
10	0
11	0
12	0
13	0
14	1
15	4
16	1
17	4
18	12
19	14
20	14
21	5
22	11
23	1
24	0
25	0

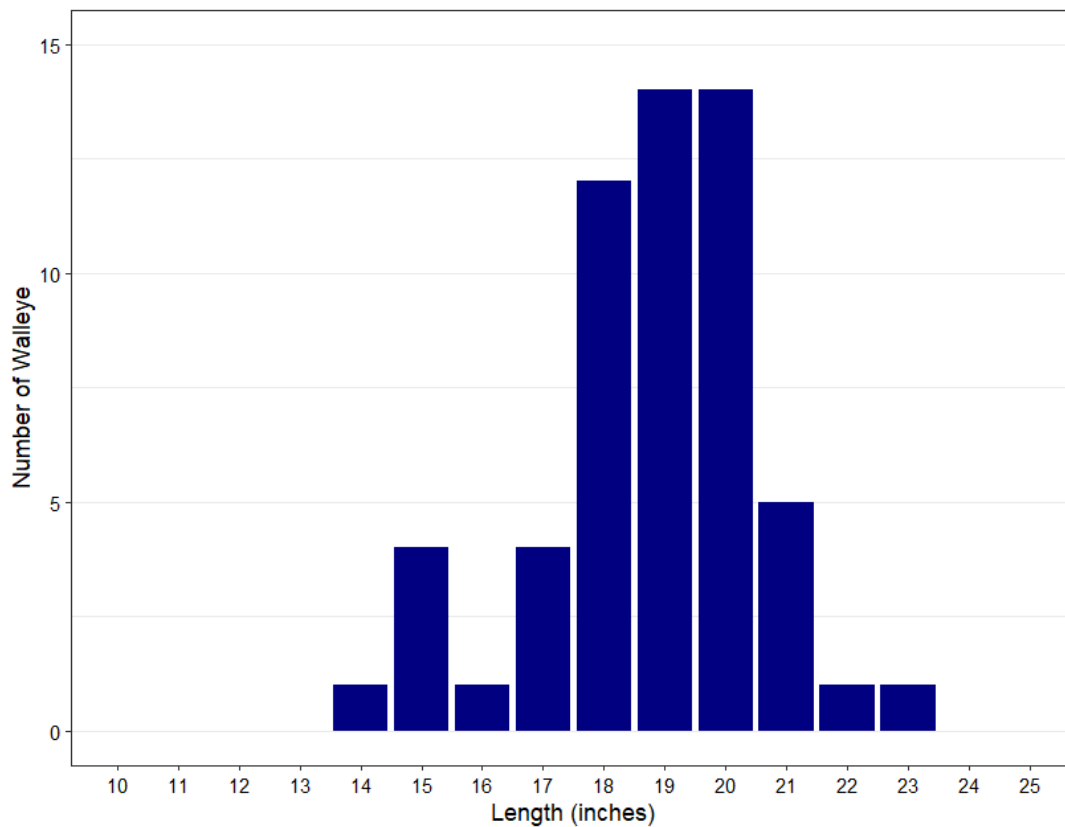


Figure 1. Length-frequency distribution of Walleyes at Hammond Lake collected during night-time boat electrofishing on April 9, 2026.

Discussion

All but one Walleye collected during the survey were above the 15-inch minimum size limit for harvest. Most Walleye collected were also 18 inches or greater and should provide anglers with good opportunities to harvestable-size Walleyes in Hammond Lake.

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