

Management Summary-Devil Track Lake

- Walleye and Northern Pike are the primary management species (2014 Management Plan)
- Current management goals: Maintain a walleye population with a minimum gill net catch of 5.0 fish/net. Maintain a northern pike population with a minimum catch of 0.7 fish/net, with some fish over 30 inches.
- Additional species present include Smallmouth Bass, Yellow Perch, Lake Whitefish, and White Sucker.
- Currently, Walleye (fingerlings) are stocked contingently (1,250 lb/stocking), based on the results of annual summer natural reproduction surveys
- Current evaluations: Determine whether long-range goals for Walleye and Northern Pike have been achieved. Evaluate contributions of stocked Walleye to the fishery.
- Special Regulations: Open to fall Whitefish sport netting, Walleye spawning areas on Junco Creek closed to fishing during late ice-out years to protect from excessive harvest
- 2015 survey summary
 - Walleye catch failed to meet goal, and was low for the lake historically (2.80 fish/net)
 - Walleye from stocked 2011 and 2013 year classes comprised nearly 70% of the sample
 - Walleye growth was slow, likely resulting from low Yellow Perch numbers
 - Northern Pike catch and size goals were not met; all fish sampled were age-4 or younger
 - Smallmouth Bass remained abundant and of quality size, 66% of fish sampled were 12 inches in length or longer
 - Lake Whitefish catch was similar to past survey results, suggesting sportfish netting has had a negligible effect on their abundance
- Next survey planned for 2023, management plan revision in 2025