

Management Summary-Tait Lake

- Walleye and Northern Pike are the primary management species (2011 Management Plan)
- Current management goals: Maintain a self-sustained Walleye population with a minimum gill net catch of 5.0 fish/net. Maintain a minimum Northern Pike gill net catch of 2.0 fish/net, with some fish over 25 inches present
- Additional species present include Bluegill, Pumpkinseed Sunfish, Yellow Perch, and White Sucker
- Walleye were last stocked in 1967
- Current evaluations: Monitor the fish community in support of the DNR Long-term monitoring (LTM) program (formerly SLICE program).
- 2017 survey summary
 - Walleye catch slightly below goal (4.11 fish/net), lowest seen to date (by a slim margin)
 - Strong 2015 Walleye year classes, comprised 39% of the total catch
 - Walleye reproduction remains consistent
 - Northern Pike catch below goal, but size goal met
 - Bluegill remain present in but low numbers, compared to other regions
 - Yellow Perch remain important forage species, small proportion desirable to anglers
- Adult Walleye Population Estimates (DNR, 1854 TA, FDL data combined)
 - 2009: 2,207 Walleye \geq 10 inches
 - 2011: 1,604 Walleye \geq 10 inches
 - 2013: 1,981 Walleye \geq 10 inches
 - 2015: 2,126 Walleye \geq 11 inches
 - 2017: 1,330 Walleye \geq 11 inches
- Initial baseline monitoring for LTM complete, management plan revision scheduled for 2021 or earlier will determine new survey frequency (likely 5 years)