



WISCONSIN DNR
FISHERIES INFORMATION SHEET

STREAM: Border Brule River

COUNTY: Forest & Florence

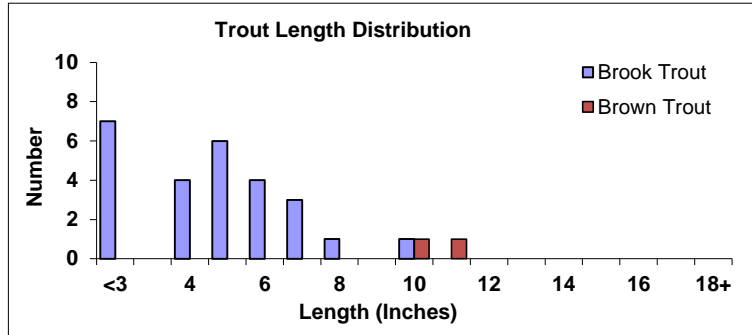
YEAR: 2013

The Department of Natural Resources surveyed 12 stations on the Border Brule River, from June 17 through June 20, 2013, to determine the health of its trout fishery. The survey focused on assessing sites on the river at major access points used by fishermen on the Wisconsin side of the river. Three crews from the WDNR and USFS used tow barge stream electrofishing units to assess all of the stations. Native brook and brown trout were found at every station assessed in moderate to low numbers.

Station # FC 10 - FR 2150

This station covers 1,150 feet downstream from Forest Road 2150.

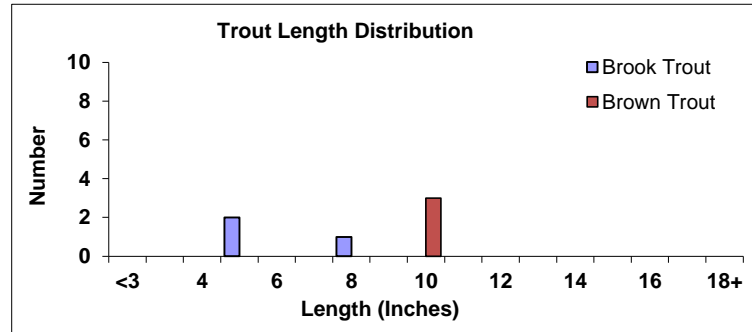
26 brook trout and 2 brown trout were caught in this station. Only 2 of the brook trout caught met the 8-inch legal size limit, and neither of the brown trout met legal size limit of 12 inches. The biggest brook trout caught was 10 inches long and the biggest brown trout was 11 inches long.



Station # FC 15 - Pentoga Bridge

This station is the first 900 feet downstream from the Pentoga Bridge crossing in Florence County.

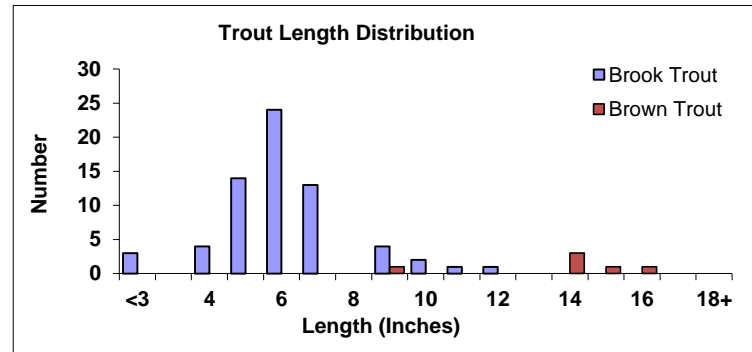
3 brook trout and 3 brown trout were collected from this station. The only legal size trout caught at this station was an 8 inch brook trout.



Station # FC 18A, 18, 19 - Daumitz Rd

This is a composite sample from three stations starting at Daumitz Road and ending 1,320 feet upstream from the junction with the Iron River.

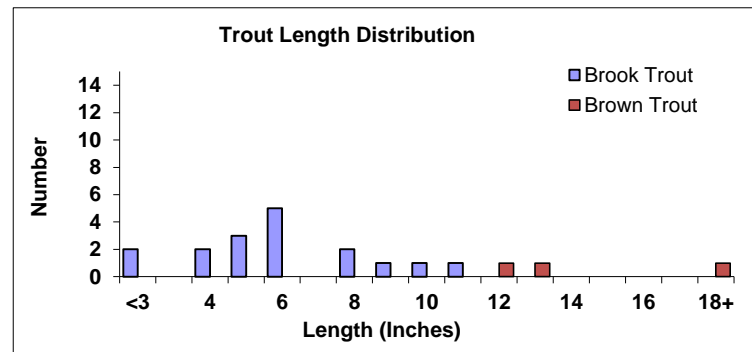
66 brook trout and 6 brown trout were caught in the three stations. 8 brook trout met the legal size limit of 8 inches with the biggest brook trout measuring 12.6 inches long. 5 brown trout met the 12 inch legal size limit with the biggest brown trout measuring 16 inches.



Station # FC 24 - STH 139

This station runs for a distance of 1,600 feet downstream from State Highway 139.

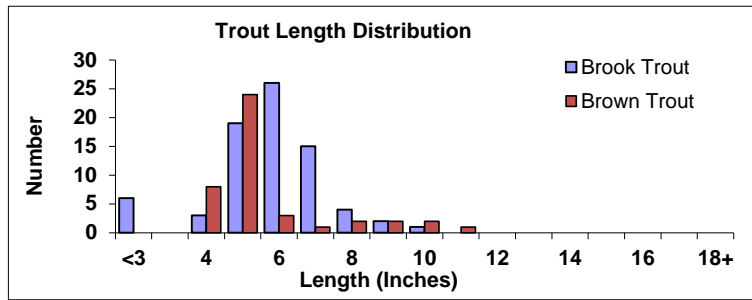
17 brook trout and 3 brown trout were caught in this station. 5 brook trout met the legal size limit of 8 inches and all three brown trout caught met the legal size limit of 12 inches. The biggest brook trout was 11.0 inches long and the biggest brown trout was 18.4 inches.



Station # FC 31 & 32 - Gaspardo Rd / FR2172

This is a composite sample from two stations that run 1,200 feet downstream and 1,300 feet upstream from Gaspardo Road.

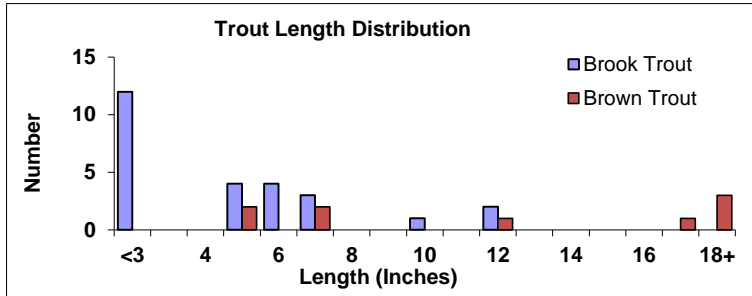
76 brook trout and 43 brown trout were caught in these two stations. 7 brook trout met the legal size limit of 8 inches and none of the brown trout met the legal size of 12 inches. The biggest brook trout measured 10.2 inches and the biggest brown trout measured 11.0 inches.



Station # FC 35 & 36 - STH 55

This is a composite sample from two stations, one that runs 1,600 feet upstream from Highway 55 and one that runs 2,400 feet upstream from USFS property adjacent to Highway 55.

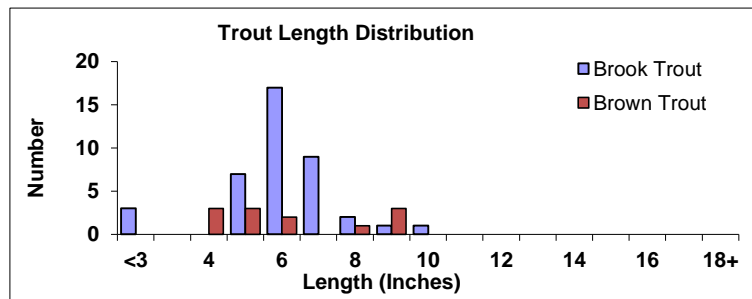
26 brook trout and 9 brown trout were collected in these two stations. 3 brook trout met the legal size limit of 8 inches with the biggest brook trout measuring 12.3 inches. 5 brown trout met the legal size limit of 12 inches with the biggest brown trout measuring 20.0 inches.



Station # FC 37 & 38 - Brule Creek mouth

This is a composite sample from two stations. one 500 feet downstream and one 2,800 feet upstream from the mouth of Brule Creek

40 brook trout and 12 brown trout were caught in the two stations. 4 brook trout met the legal size limit of 8 inches with the biggest brook trout measuring 10.7 inches. None of the brown trout caught met the legal size limit of 12 inches, the biggest brown trout caught measured 9.5



Other Fish Species

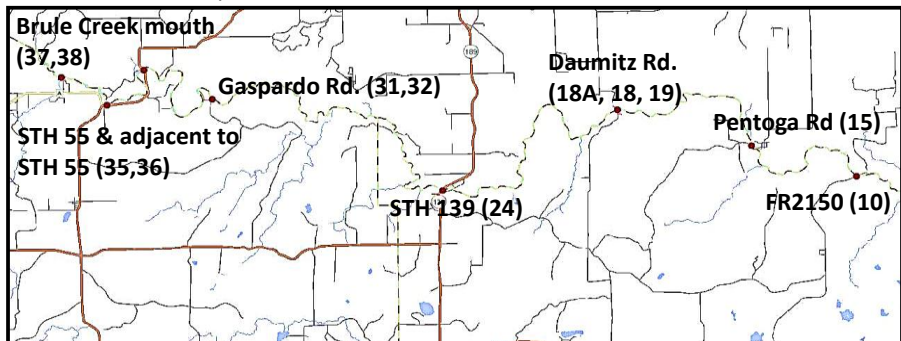
All the catch per effort data should be viewed as minimum estimates of abundance. Other fish species captured or observed during this survey were: muskellunge, northern pike, walleye, smallmouth and largemouth bass, bluegill, yellow perch, pumpkinseed, rock bass, white and longnose sucker, as well as a variety of minnow and other forage fish species.

Table 1. General Fishing Regulations for Brule River, Forest and Florence Counties, 2013

FISH SPECIES	OPEN SEASON	DAILY LIMIT	MINIMUM LENGTH
Brook Trout	Upstream from USH 2	5 trout total	8 inches
Brown Trout	April 27 - Sept 30		12 inches
Brook and Brown Trout	Downstream from USH 2 April 27 - Sept 30	5 trout total	7 inches
Muskellunge	May 15 - Nov 30	1	40 inches
Northern Pike	May 4 - March 1	5	No minimum length
Largemouth Bass and Smallmouth Bass	May 4 - June 14 (C&R)	0	Catch and Release Only
	June 15 - Dec. 31	5	14 inches
Walleye	March 2 - May 4	1	15 inches
	May 4 - March 1	5	15 inches

A brief summary of selected fishing regulations for the Brule River is included above (Table 1). While the regulatory information provided was current at the time the surveys were conducted, it is not comprehensive and should not be used as a substitute for the current fishing regulation pamphlet. You may obtain a copy of current fishing regulations when you purchase your fishing license, or download a copy from our web site at: <http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/fishing/regulations/index.html>

Map of Border Brule River and Station Locations



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