



DONGOLA CITY LAKE

2018 FISHERIES FACT SHEET

LOCATION: Dongola City Lake is located in Union County west of Dongola. From Dongola, head west on Mill Street/Lake Road and turn north onto Howell Lane/Mill Creek Road.

DESCRIPTION: Dongola City Lake is 58 acres in size. There is a single lane boat ramp with dock. There are no restrooms or concessions available. The largemouth bass fishing regulation changed to an 18 inch minimum length limit and one fish per day creel limit on April 1, 2017.

STATUS OF THE SPORT FISHERY – The following is a brief summary of the major sport fish species based on annual fish population surveys conducted by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources.

Largemouth Bass – Dongola City Lake has an excellent bass population. During the 2017 spring electrofishing sample, largemouth bass were collected at a rate of 110 fish per hour. Of the 55 bass collected, 62% were over 15 inches, 55% were over 16 inches, and 18% were over 18 inches. Overall the 2017 survey was the best bass sample on record for this lake.

Crappie – Dongola City Lake has a poor crappie population consisting of both black and white crappie. Very few crappie over 8 inches have been observed during sampling in the past. Only 1 crappie (7 inches) was collected in the 2017 survey. Anglers are encouraged to harvest all crappie caught regardless of size to alleviate the overabundance of smaller crappie in the lake.

Bluegill Sunfish – The bluegill population is stunted and poor. Of the bluegill collected in the 2017 spring survey, none were over seven inches.

Redear Sunfish – The redear population is below average. No redear sunfish were collected in 2017, and redear have only been collected in 2 of the last 10 surveys.

Channel Catfish - The channel catfish population is average. Two catfish were collected in 2017 ranging in size from 22-24 inches. At least one channel catfish has been collected during the last 11 surveys.

Fishing regulations: *New Regulation takes effect on April 1, 2017.**

Species	Creel Limit	Minimum Length Limit
Largemouth Bass***	1	18"

FISH ATTRACTORS – Maps of 6 Dongola City Lake fish attractor locations can be obtained via email by sending a request to Shawn.Hirst@Illinois.gov.

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