



Herrin #2 Lake

Fisheries Fact Sheet

Herrin #2 Lake is a 58-acre city-owned impoundment located approximately 9 miles south of Herrin, Illinois and just west of Route 148 in southern Williamson County. The lake is surrounded by forest and has a gravel access road and boat ramp.

Largemouth bass: Largemouth bass were collected at a rate of 204 per hour in spring 2017, which represented an increase over the previous year and more than three times the management plan goal. Quality of these fish also increased and just met the goal for that index. Forty-two percent of bass were larger than 12 inches, and 15% were longer than the 15-inch minimum size limit. Bass body condition remained substandard.

Bluegill: The catch-per-unit-effort for bluegill in Herrin #2 Lake was 180 per hour of electrofishing, the largest catch rate in three years. However, the proportion of bluegill larger than 6 inches decreased to 23%, which barely met the management plan goal. Sixteen percent were also larger than 7 inches. Bluegill condition was substandard for the third year in a row.

Redear: Redear were much less abundant than bluegill, as usual, in spring 2017. Twenty-four were collected per hour, and these fish range from 5 to 9 inches in length with excellent body condition.

Channel catfish: Generally few channel catfish are collected from Herrin #2 Lake during spring electrofishing surveys, and 2017 was no exception, as these fish were collected at a rate of 6 per hour. Size ranged from 15 to 16 inches, and condition was excellent. The channel catfish population in Herrin #2 Lake is maintained by IDNR stockings which occur every other year.

Crappie: Both white and black crappie exist in Herrin Lake #2, but these fish don't always show up in annual surveys. Only seven black crappie and 2 white crappie were included in the 2017 electrofishing sample. These fish ranged in size from 8 to 11 inches in length and displayed poor body condition.

Regulations in effect: Largemouth bass – 15 inch length limit and 3 per day creel limit. Channel catfish – 6 per day creel limit. Ten horsepower outboard motor limit. Consult the Illinois Fishing Information booklet for additional regulation information. A city permit is required for accessing Herrin #2 Lake. Contact the city clerk at 618-942-3175 for more information.

Additional Fisheries Information can be obtained by calling IDNR District Biologist Chris Bickers at 618-993-7094,