

Fisheries Management in Lake Dillon and the Blue River



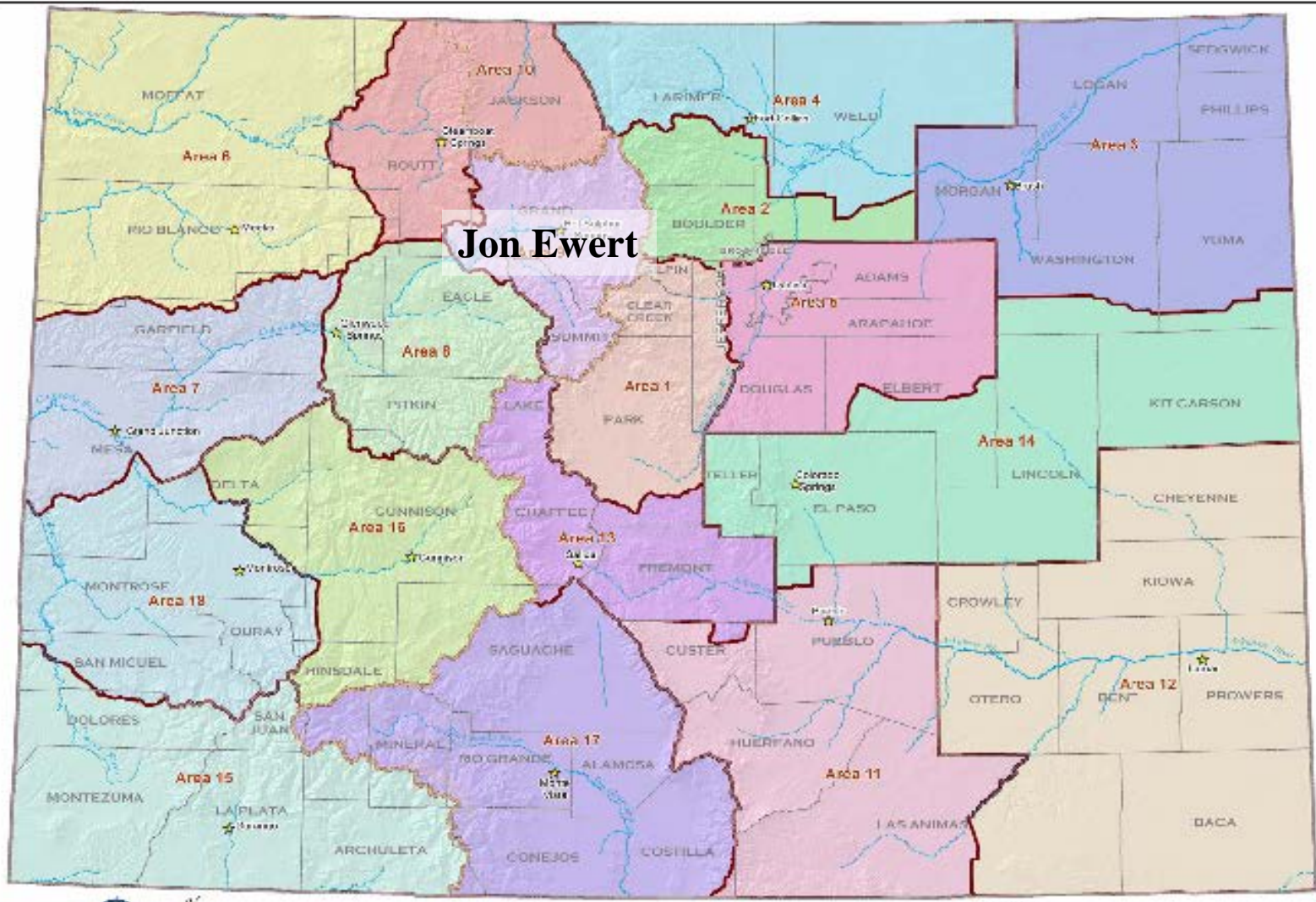
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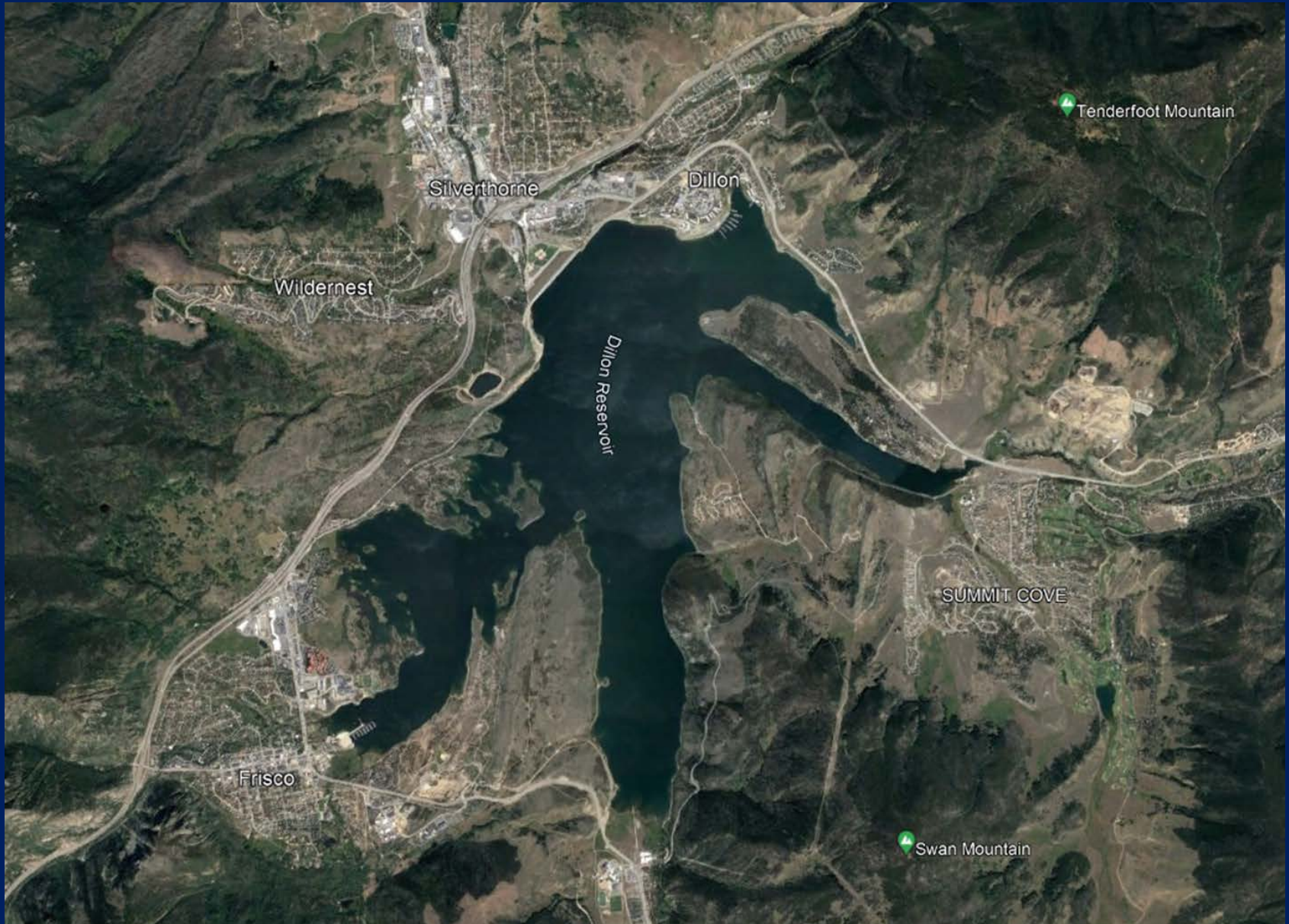
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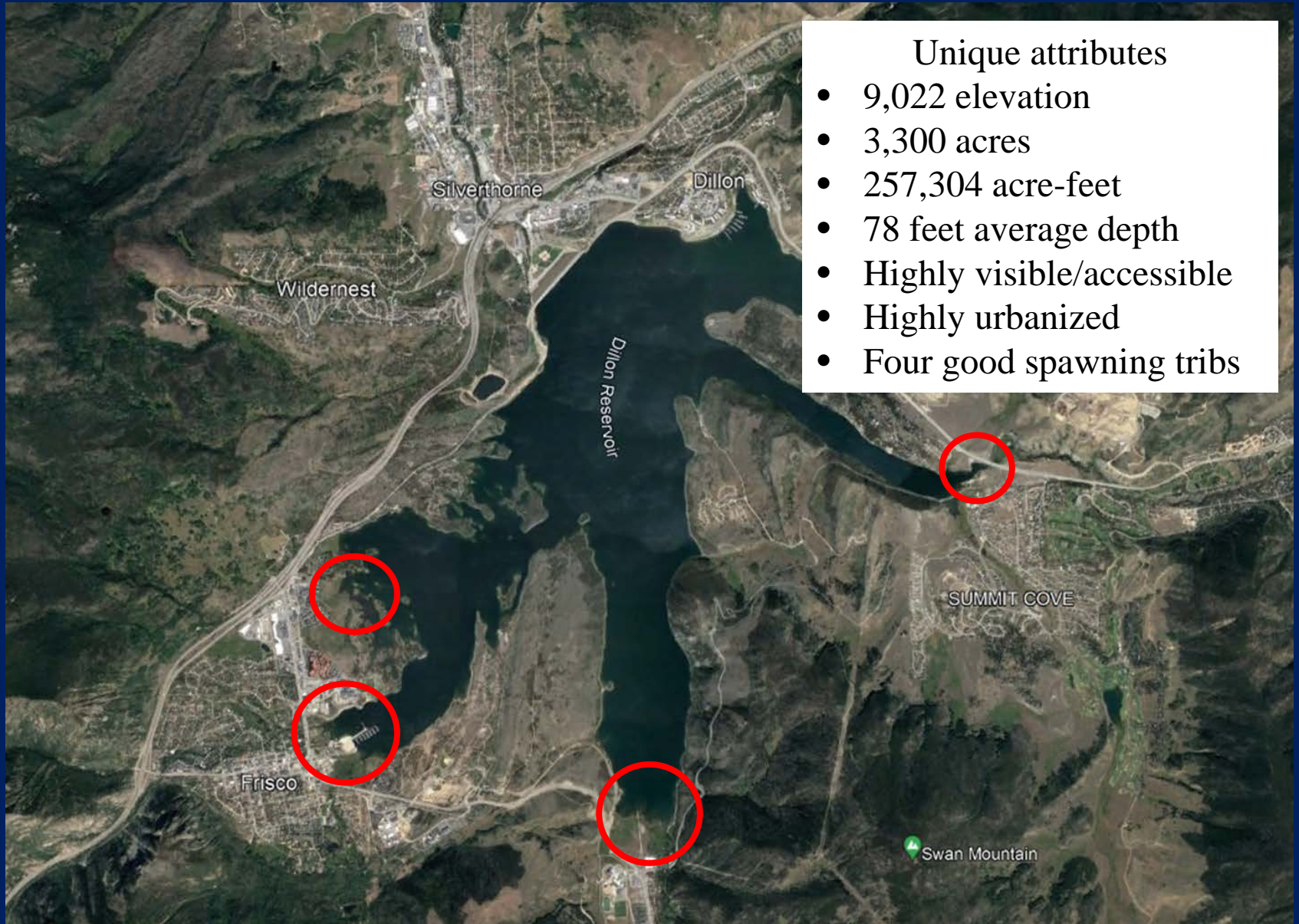
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- County Boundary



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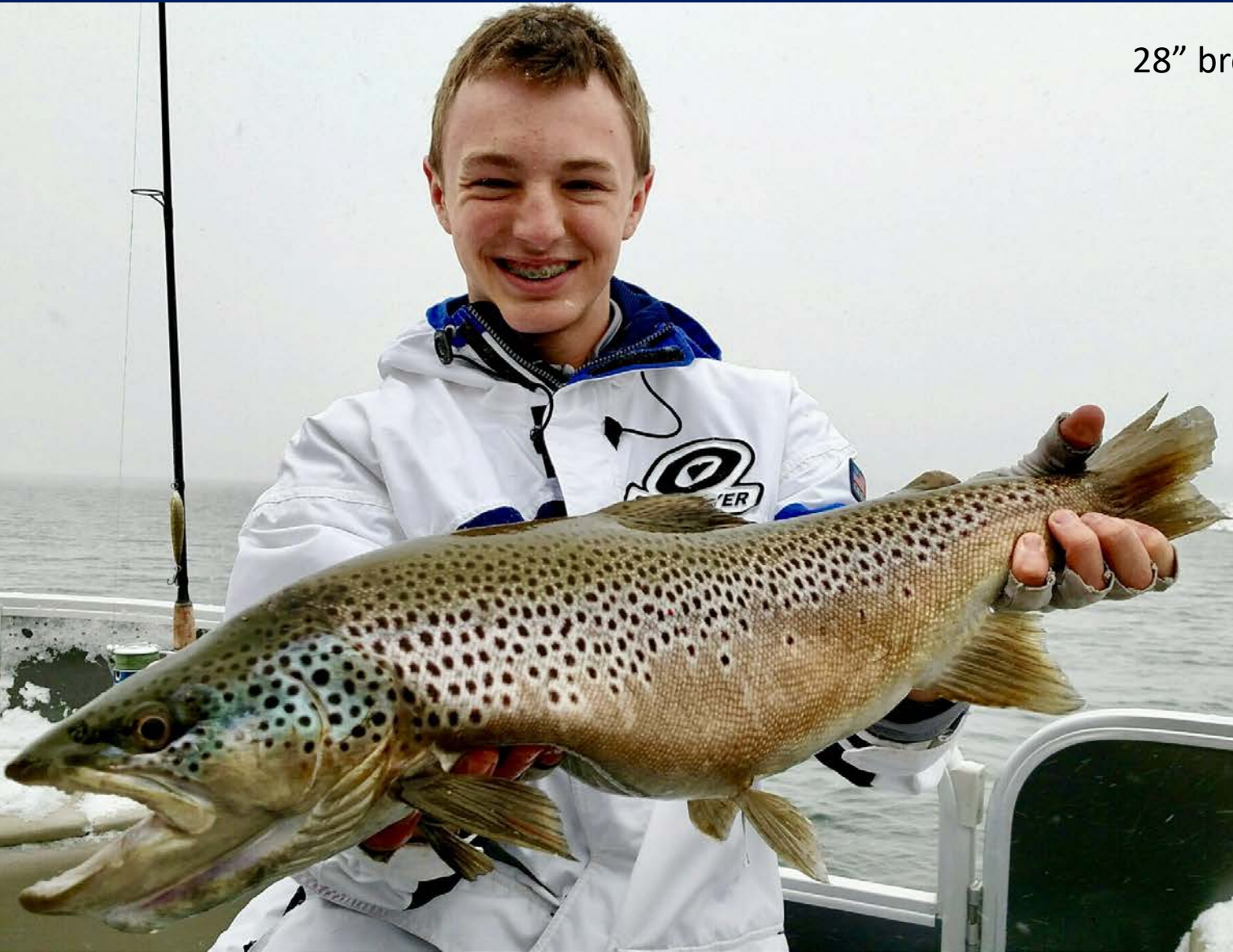


Unique attributes

- 9,022 elevation
- 3,300 acres
- 257,304 acre-feet
- 78 feet average depth
- Highly visible/accessible
- Highly urbanized
- Four good spawning tribs



28" brown

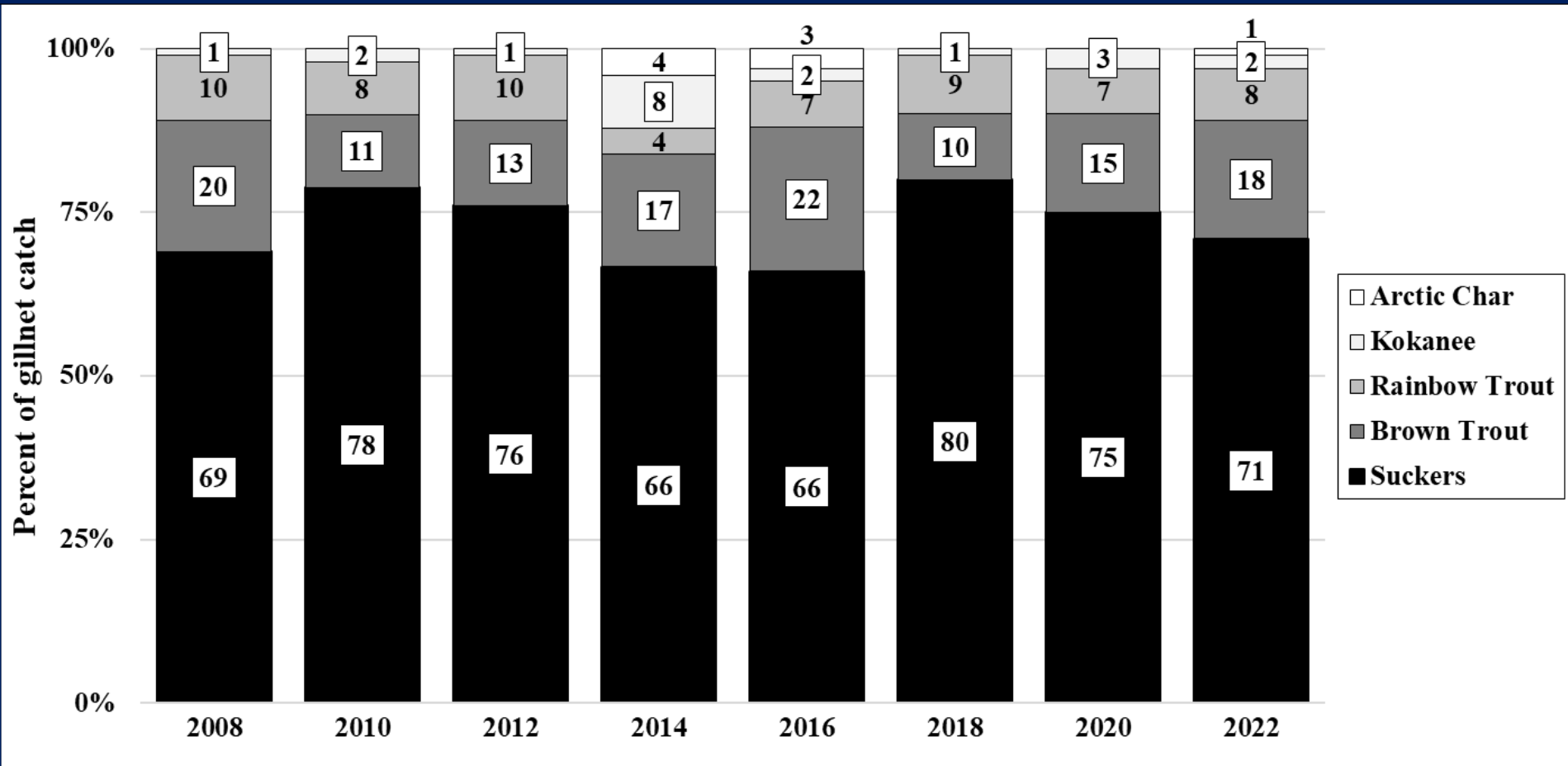


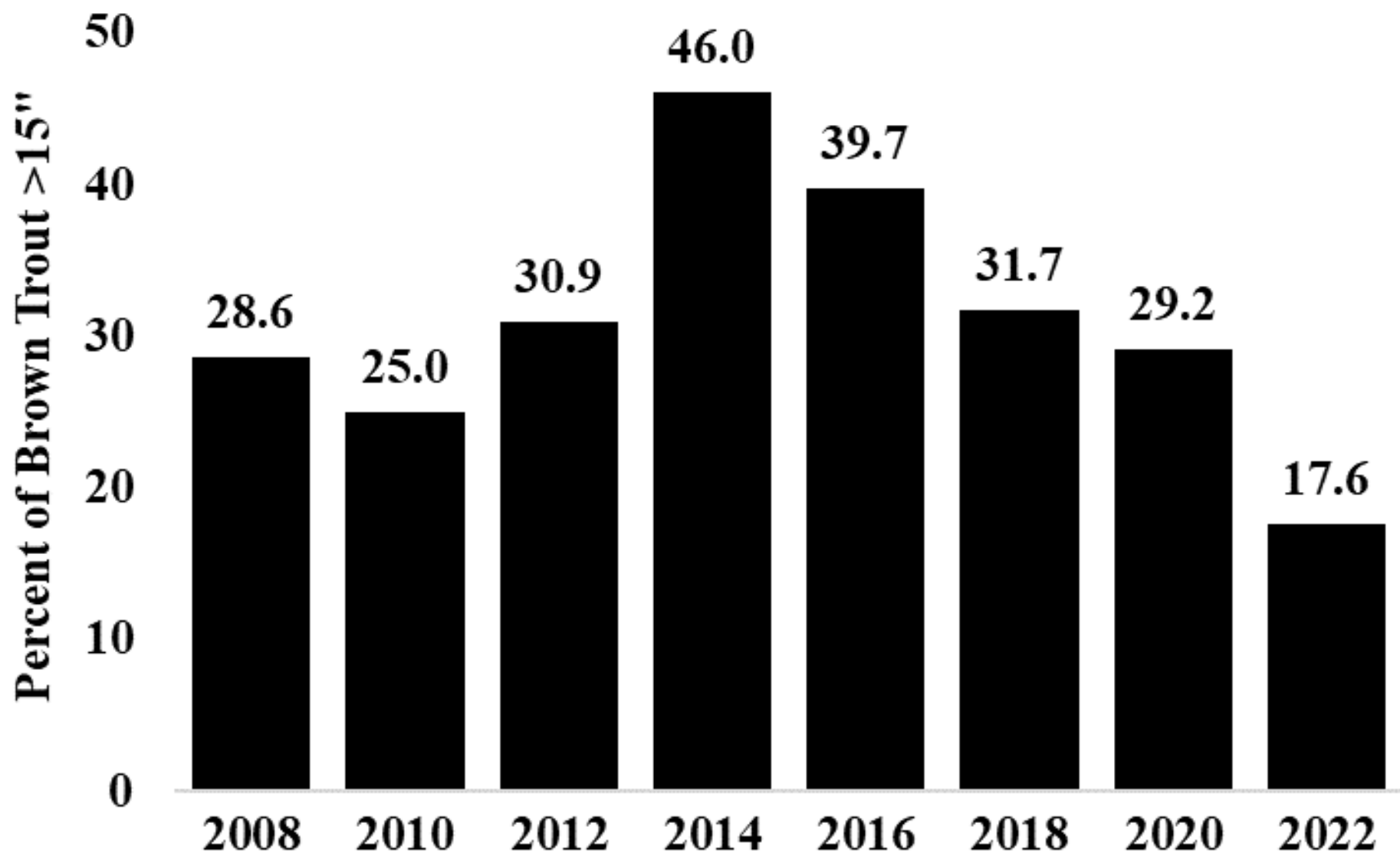
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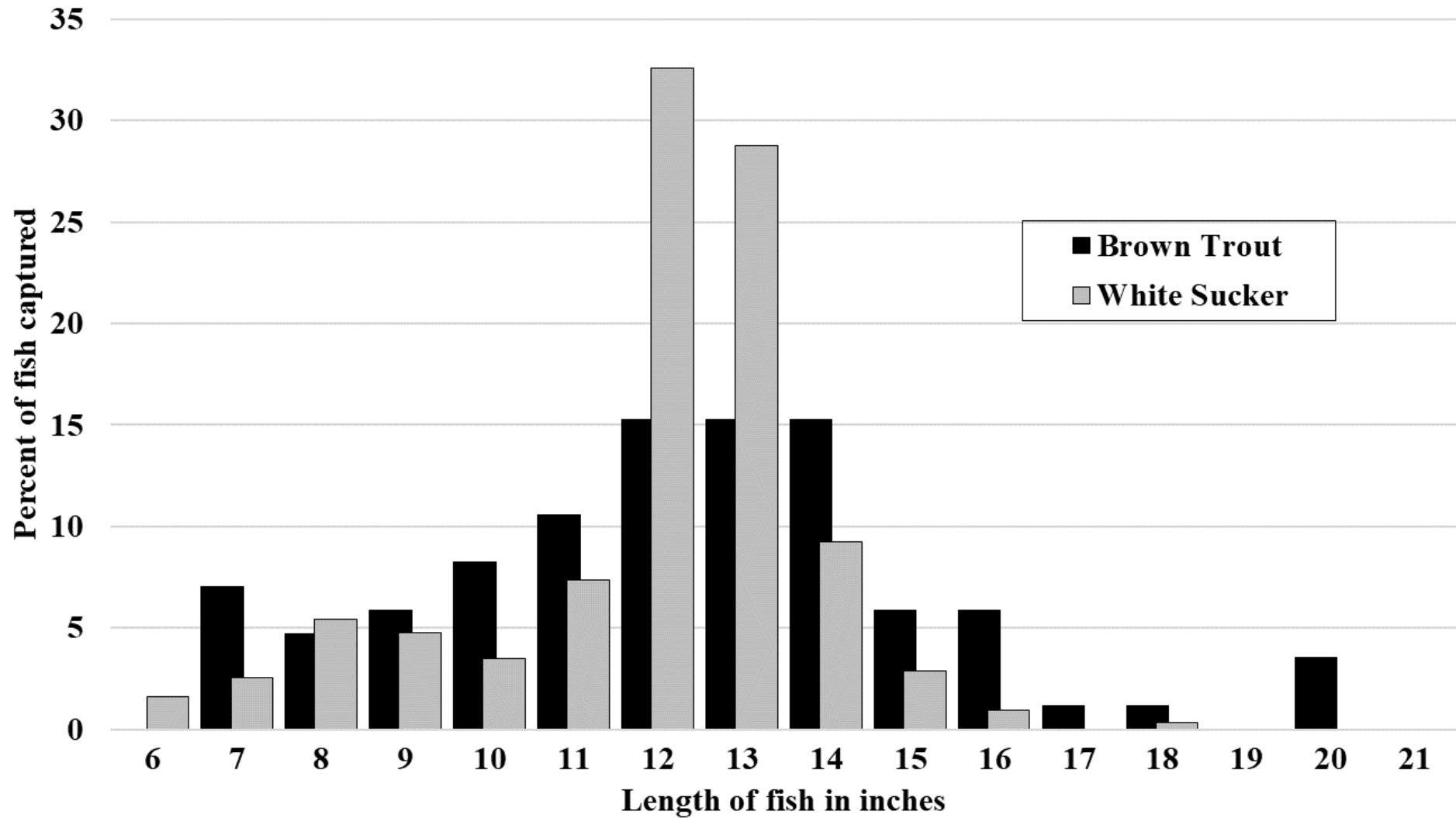


Species Composition, standard overnight gillnets





Size distribution – Brown Trout vs. White Sucker 2022



Blue River above Dillon Reservoir



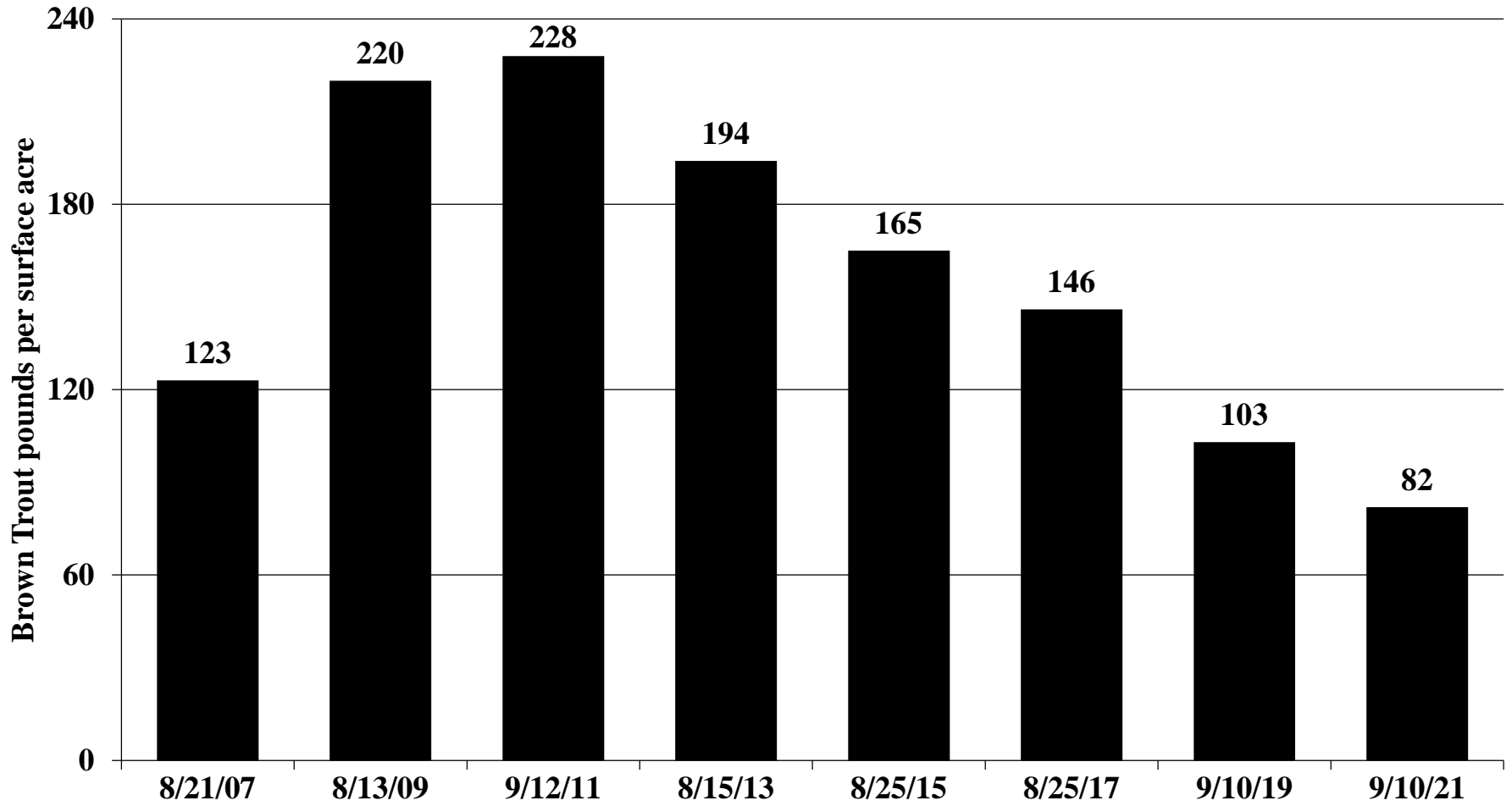




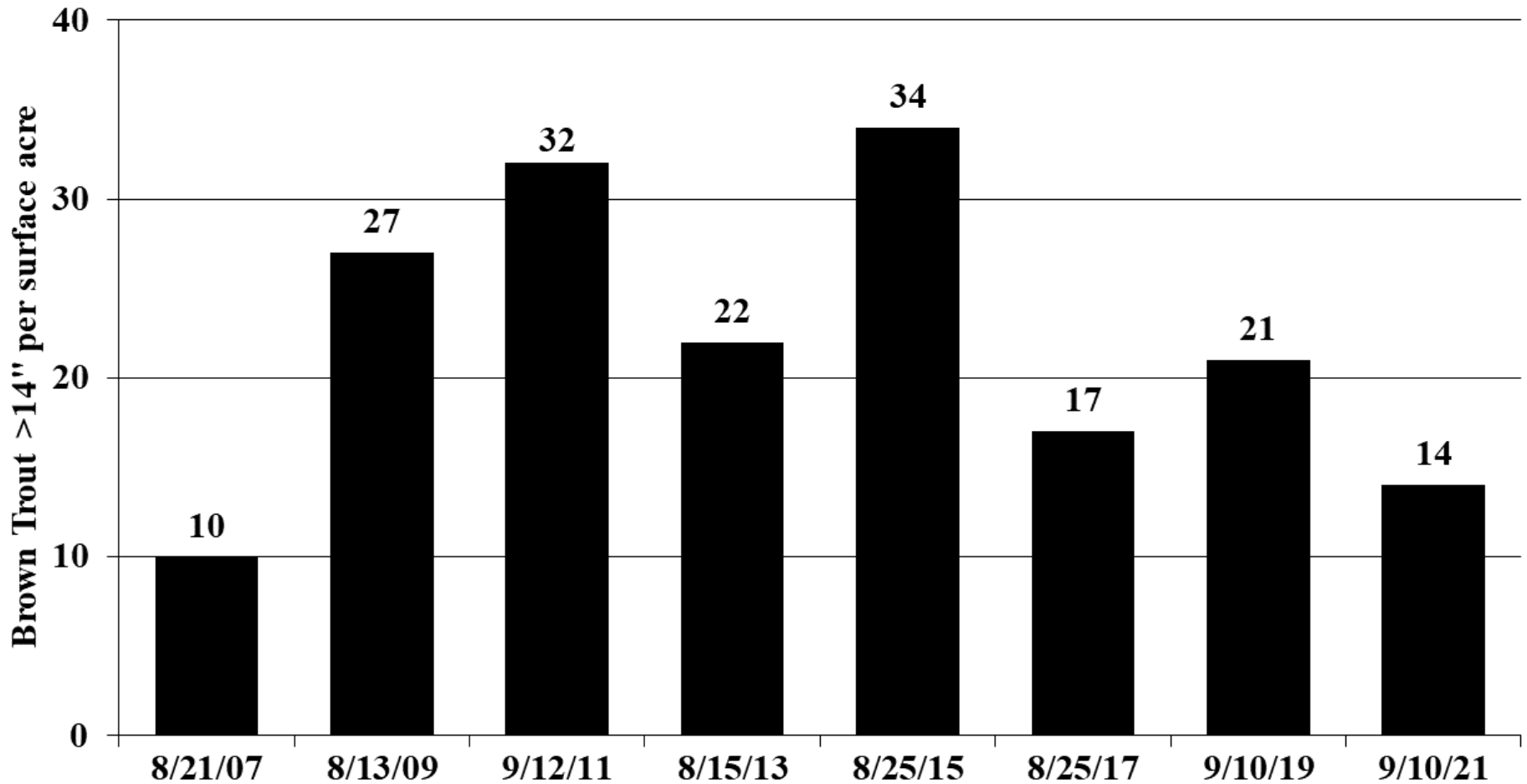




Population estimates: Brown Trout biomass



Population estimates: Brown Trout >14" per acre



Current Regulations

- **Dillon Reservoir: standard statewide bag, possession and method regulations for trout other than Arctic Char.**
Arctic Char: Bag is one fish over 20 inches, all Arctic Char under 20'' must be immediately returned to the water.
- **Blue River: Coyne Valley Road to Dillon Reservoir, artificial flies & lures only, bag and possession for trout is 2 fish over 16''**

Regulation proposals:

Dillon Reservoir:

- **All Brown Trout >14” must be returned to the water immediately**

Blue River above Dillon Reservoir:

- **From the Coyne Valley Road bridge in the town of Breckenridge downstream to Dillon Reservoir, all brown trout greater than 14 inches must be returned to the water immediately, and fishing is prohibited from September 1 – December 1.**

Tenmile Creek:

- **From the confluence of West Tenmile Creek near Copper Mountain downstream to Dillon Reservoir, all brown trout greater than 14 inches must be returned to the water immediately, and fishing is prohibited from September 1 – December 1.**

Alternatives?

Thanks!

Questions – feedback?

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