



Spinney Mountain Reservoir

FISH SURVEY AND MANAGEMENT INFORMATION

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General Information: Spinney Mountain Reservoir provides Gold Medal fishing for Cutthroat x Rainbow hybrid trout “cutbow” and Rainbow Trout. Spinney’s primary management goal is to produce high quality trout fishing. Anglers are highly encouraged to harvest all Northern Pike and Yellow Perch caught.

Location: Park County, South of US Hwy 24 about 11 miles southeast of Hartsel, CO

Recreational Management: Colorado Parks and Wildlife, City of Aurora (owner)

Fishery Management: Coldwater angling for trout species

Purchase a Fishing License: <https://www.cpwshop.com/purchaseprivilege.page>

Visit Spinney Mountain State Park: <https://cpw.state.co.us/placestogo/parks/SpinneyMountain/Pages/default.aspx>

Amenities and General Info.

- Boat Ramps (north and south)
- Picnic Areas
- Outhouses
- Handicap accessible facilities
- Informational Kiosks
- All trailered boats will only be permitted to launch after going through an inspection for Aquatic Nuisance Species

Regulations

- Fishing by artificial flies and lures only
- Bag and possession limit for trout is 1, minimum of 20 inches long
- Bag and possession limit for Northern Pike and Yellow Perch is unlimited. No size restrictions
- Fishing is prohibited 1/2 hour after sunset to 1/2 before sunrise
- The Homestake Canal is closed to fishing at all times
- The park closes for winter once ice starts to form on the reservoir. Park reopens around April 15th each year depending on ice cover

Previous Stocking

2020

Cutthroat x Rainbow “cutbow”

2019

Cutthroat x Rainbow “cutbow”

2018

Cutthroat x Rainbow “cutbow”

2017

Cutthroat x Rainbow “cutbow”

2016

Cutthroat x Rainbow “cutbow”
Rainbow Trout

2015

Cutthroat x Rainbow “cutbow”

2014

Cutthroat x Rainbow “cutbow”

2013

Cutthroat x Rainbow “cutbow”

2012

Cutthroat x Rainbow “cutbow”
Rainbow Trout

2011

Cutthroat x Rainbow “cutbow”
Rainbow Trout

Sportfishing Notes

Trout

- The annual opening day at Spinney can be the best fishing of the season. Trolling with spinners and spoons or fly fishing with egg or scud patterns typically work the best. As summer progresses turn to callibaetis, damselfly, and tube jigs. Fall can also be a productive time for catching trout at Spinney. Fish tend to move into shallow water as temperatures fall. Spinners and wooly buggers are a good bet during this time of year.

Pike

- The best times to fish for pike at Spinney are spring and fall. After pike spawn and before they retreat into deeper, cooler water, rainbow pattern stick baits and bunny flies can be productive. Try trolling weed edges with stick baits, slammers, or large spinners.



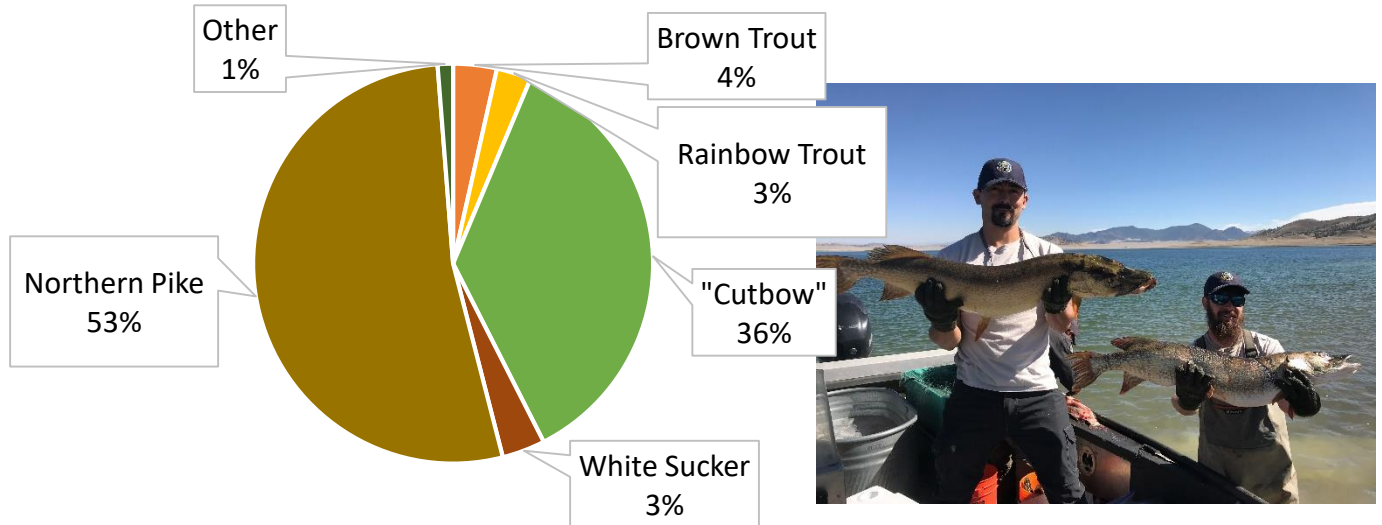
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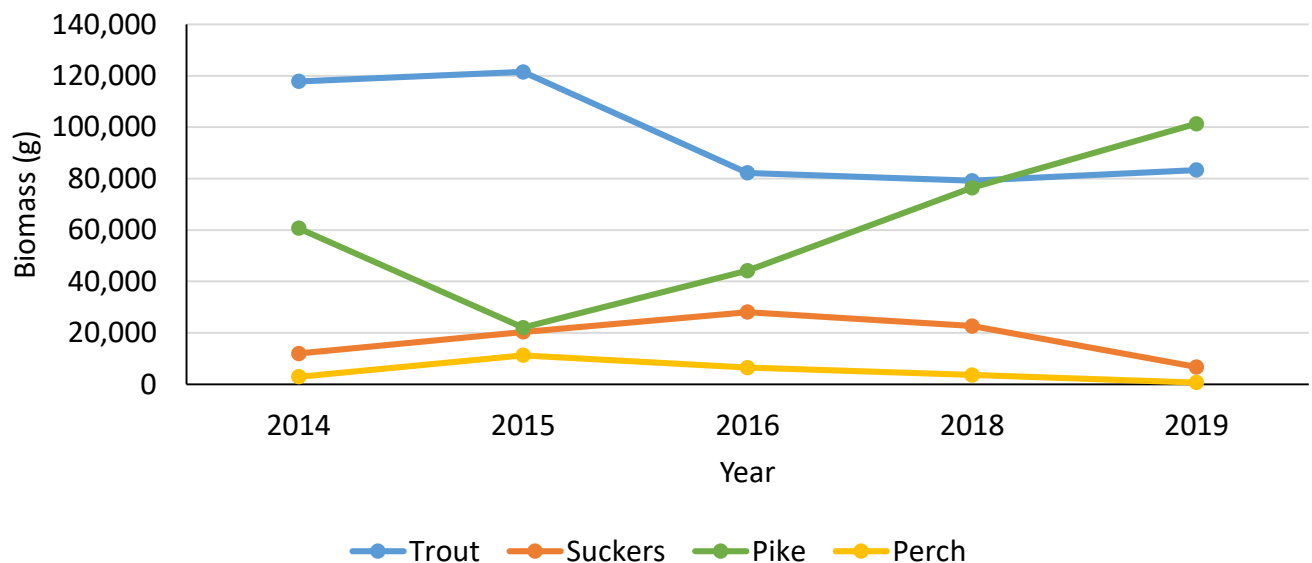
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Survey Information

2019 Annual Survey Species Composition



Biomass of Annual Samples: The Big Players at Spinney





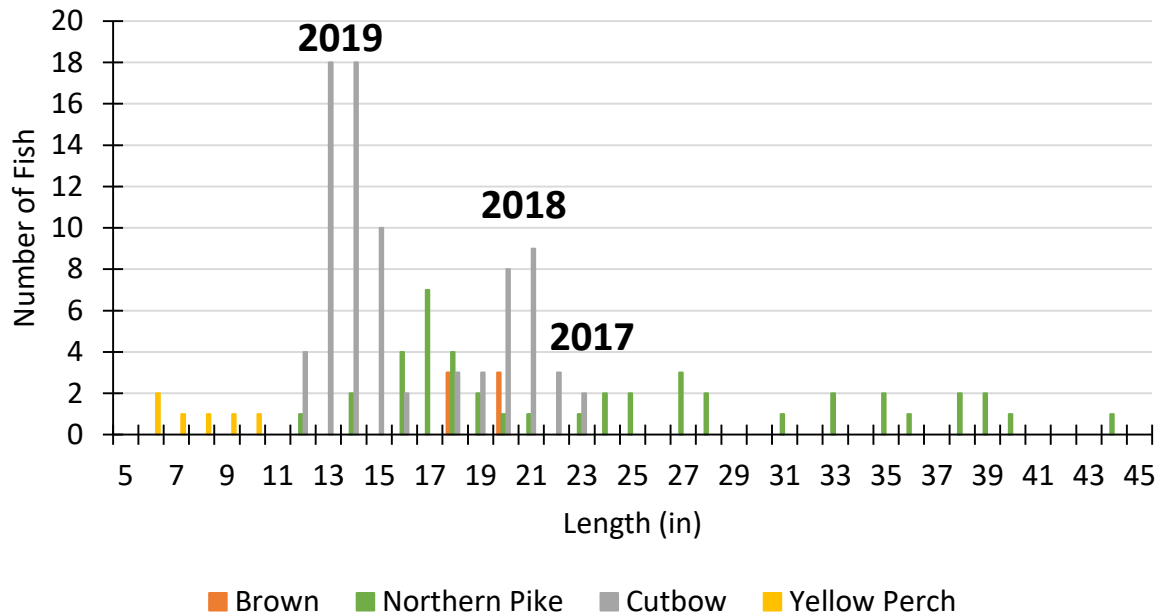
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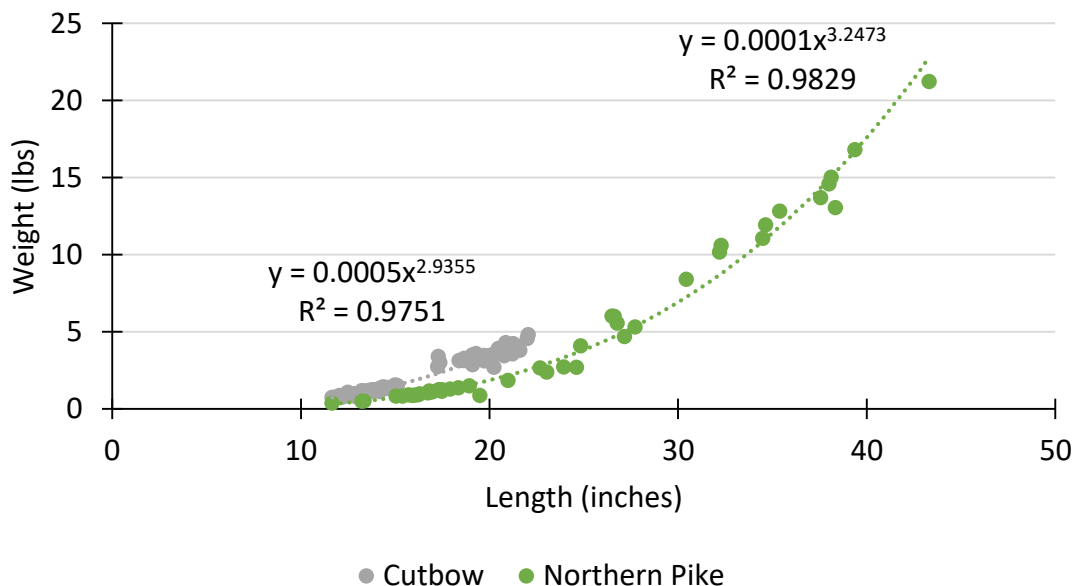
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2019 Annual Survey Length Frequency Histogram



Length frequency of fish captured during the 2019 annual gill net survey. Years over the histogram indicate the probable year that those cutbows were stocked. All trout stocked at Spinney are 10" in length to increase their survival in the presence of Northern Pike.

2019 Annual Survey Length Weight Relationship



Length – weight relationship of cutbows and Northern Pike at Spinney in 2019. Northern Pike are capable of consuming prey at least ½ of their body length. Anglers are highly encouraged to harvest all pike that they capture in order to bring the fishery back to a more balanced state.