

Walleye & Northern Pike

Fish Age-Size and Male/Female Ratio Chart

Walleye			Fish Age	Northern Pike		
Length	Weight	Male/Female		Length	Weight	Male/Female
5"-41cm	.2lb	50/50	1	10"-25cm	.2lb	50/50
8"-20cm	.4lb	55/45	2	13"-35cm	.5lb	55/45
10"-26cm	.6lb	60/40	3	19"-48cm	1.4lb	60/40
12.3"-31cm	.9lb	65/35	4	22"-54cm	1.9lb	65/35
14.2"-36cm	1lb	70/30	5	24"-61cm	2.3lb	70/30
15.5"-39cm	1.3lb	65/35	6	26"-66cm	2.7lb	65/35
16.3"-41cm	1.6lb	60/40	7	27"-68cm	3.1lb	60/40
17"-43cm	1.8lb	55/45	8	28"-71cm	3.4lb	55/45
18.7"-47cm	2.3lb	50/50	9	29.5"-75cm	3.7lb	50/50
19.1"-49cm	2.6lb	45/55	10	31"-78cm	4lb	45/55
19.8"-50cm	2.9lb	40/60	11	32"-80cm	5.2lb	40/60
20.4"-53cm	3.1lb	35/65	12	32.5"-82cm	6.3lb	35/65
21"-54cm	3.4lb	30/70	13	33"-84cm	7.6lb	30/70
21.5"-55cm	3.7lb	25/75	14	34"-87cm	10lb	25/75
23"-58cm	4.5lb	20/80	15	35"-88cm	10.5lb	20/80
24.2"-62cm	5.2lb	15/85	16	36"-90cm	11lb	15/85
25"-64cm	5.7lb	10/90	17	37"-93cm	12.5lb	10/90
25.6"-65cm	6.2lb	5/95	18	38"-96cm	15lb	8/92
26"-66cm	6.5lb	3/97	19	39"-99cm	18lb	6/94
26.2"-66cm	6.7lb	1/99	20	40"-101cm	21lb	5/95
26.5"-67cm	6.8lb	Except for genetic anomalies only female Walleyes grow this large and reach these ages	21	41.5"-105cm	23lb	4/96
27"-69cm	7.2lb		22	43"-109cm	25lb	3/97
27.8"-71cm	8.2lb		23	44.5"-113cm	28lb	2/98
28.5"-72cm	9lb		24	46"-117cm	31lb	1/99
29"-74cm	9.5lb		25	46.7"-118cm	32.5lb	Except for genetic anomalies only female Northern Pike grow this large and reach these ages
29.5"-75cm	10lb		26	47.1"-119cm	34lb	
30"-76cm	10.5lb		27	47.5"-120cm	35.5lb	
30.5"-77cm	11lb		28	47.9"-122cm	37lb	
31"-78cm	11.5lb		29	48.4"-123cm	38.5lb	
31.5"-79cm	12lb		30	48.8"-124cm	40lb	
32"-80cm	12.5lb		31	49.2"-126cm	41.5lb	
32.5"-82cm	13lb		32	49.6"-127cm	43lb	
33"-84cm	14lb		33	50"-128cm	45lb	
Notes: Male Walleyes mature around 3 years of age, on average grow to approximately 20"/51cm and have a life expectancy is 15-20 years. -Female Walleyes mature around 5 years, grow faster than the males, and can live considerably longer.			Notes: Male Northern Pike mature around 4-5 years, on average grow to approximately 28"/71cm, and have a life expectancy of 15-25 years. -Female Northern Pike mature around 5-6 years, grow considerably faster than males, and live considerably longer.			
-The Larger female Walleye and Northern Pike are better spawners. Egg production per pound decreases slightly as female Walleye and Northern Pike age, however, egg size, health, and viability increase significantly with age. It is unknown if female Walleye and Northern Pike ever reach a size and age where they become over-mature and unable to spawn.						
-Larger Walleye and Northern Pike are important to release due to their age and ability to pass their larger genes onto future batches of fish						
-For both Walleye and Northern Pike the best age for eating are 5-9 year old fish because of the fillet size, quality of meat, and superior taste. For Walleye this means about 14"-18" and for Northern Pike in between 24"-30".						