NATURAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT PLAN: LEDGE LAKE, HINCKLEY RESERVATION

Cleveland Metroparks Technical Report 2013



Above: photos of fisheries management activities at Ledge Lake coordinated by Cleveland Metroparks Natural Resources Division.

Dan T. Moore, Debra K. Berry, Bruce G. Rinker Board of Park Commissioners Brian M. Zimmerman Chief Executive Officer

Cleveland Metroparks 4101 Fulton Parkway, Cleveland, Ohio 44114

TABLE OF CONTENTS

Table of Contents	2
List of Tables, Figures, and Appendices	3
Executive Summary	4
Historic Overview and Background	6
Water Quality Overview	7
Fisheries Resource Overview	8
Other Recreational Uses	13
Ecosystem Function Overview	13
Current Fisheries Management	14
Current Wildlife Habitat Management	17
Management Recommendations	
Literature Cited	19

LIST OF TABLES, FIGURES, AND APPENDICES

Tables

Table 1.	Basic characteristics of largemouth bass and bluegill/pumpkinseed sunfish	
populatio	ns based on 25 October 2012 assessment (sampling time = 94 minutes)	.22

Table 2.	Predator (largemouth bass) and prey (bluegill and pumpkinseed sunfish)	
proportio	nal stock density information	22

Figures

Figure 1.	Ledge Lake Site Map	.23
Figure 2. before (to	Photos of Ledge Lake nuisance vegetation/algae issue May & June 2007, p) and after (bottom) treatment	.24
Figure 3.	Length/Frequency of Largemouth Bass	.25
Figure 4.	Length/Frequency of Bluegill and Pumpkinseed Sunfish	.25
Figure 5. Bluegill/P	Total Quality (TQ) Plot for Largemouth Bass (Predator) and rumpkinseed (Prey)	.26
Figure 6.	Photos of Ledge Lake fish attraction structures and their deployment	.27

Appendices

Appendix A. Fi	sh Population .	Assessment I	Data Sheets	25 October	2012	28
----------------	-----------------	--------------	-------------	------------	------	----

Executive Summary

Ledge Lake is a 4.37 acre impoundment acquired by the Park District from private ownership in 1976. Since that time, the lake and surrounding area has been an important recreation area in Cleveland Metroparks for fishing, picnicking, swimming (in the adjacent pool), and open field recreational activities. The overarching management goal of the lake is to maintain its "fishable" status per Federal Clean Water Act (CWA) objectives, which is accomplished through active management activities focused on the fishery as will be detailed in this management plan.

There are no known current water quality issues in the lake. From 2006-7 the lake experienced uncharacteristic heavy nuisance filamentous algae and macrophyte growth. This issue was due to nutrient enrichment tracked back to improperly stored (uncovered outdoors) horse manure at an adjacent property on the south side of Ledge Road. The symptoms were effectively treated with algaecide/herbicide and the root problem was brought to the attention of the landowner and was promptly dealt with effectively. No other negative water quality incidences have been documented at the lake.

The lake offers a popular recreational fisheries in Cleveland Metroparks. The fishery consists of a typical warmwater assemblage of fish consisting of largemouth bass predators and a sunfish forage (prey) base, supplemented by annual stocking of adult rainbow trout (winter and spring). There are at least 10 species of fish known in the lake. Data collected in fall 2012 revealed that the lake has an imbalance in the predator composition of the lake, with lower than ideal densities of quality size (>300 mm) predatory largemouth bass (*Micropterus salmoides*), likely due to selective harvest of

Ledge Lake Management Plan

10 July 2013

legal size minimum length 12 inch (300.8 mm) fish by anglers. On a positive note, the prey fish population of bluegill and pumpkinseed sunfish (*Lepomis macrochirus* and *L. gibbosus*) exhibited a balanced proportional stock density. Overall, the current largemouth bass (in terms of numbers) and sunfish (in terms of quality) fisheries would be characterized as "good". Given the relatively small size of the waterbody, periodic stocking of the lake with quality size (>300 mm) largemouth bass could help regain balance in the predator population and is recommended. The rainbow trout (*Oncorynchus mykiss*) and fishery of the lake would be characterized as "very good" due to annual stocking of this species in the lake and therefore current regulations are considered effective in this regard. No other fish species in the lake are managed through bag or size regulations.

Although the lake is manmade, it does provide a secondary function as wildlife habitat. Although no rare species are known to inhabit the lake or immediate surrounding area, the lake does offer a typical urban lake assemblage of common waterfowl, wading birds, reptiles, amphibians, invertebrates, and aquatic macrophytes.

Historic Overview and Background

The main basin of Ledge Lake is a 4.37 acre impoundment which was acquired by the Park District upon purchase of the 34.5 acre Ledge Lake Park from private ownership in 1976. The lake was constructed by the previous owner in 1964. The degraded spillway structure was replaced in 2009 (John Kilgore, Manager of Engineering and Design, personal communication). There is also a shallow basin upstream of the lake to the southwest that functions as wildlife habitat. The main lake inlet is shallow and located in the southwest corner of the waterbody, with much of the main lake basin to the northeast having graded sloping shorelines reaching depths of approximately 20 feet. An updated bathymetric survey of the lake would be beneficial. The lake is situated in a depression bordered to the north, east, and west by parkland and to the south by Ledge Road and private horse farms in Hinckley, Ohio (Fig 1). Despite park development, the lake retains a mostly scenic quality with mowed grass along the northern shoreline and a margin of trees along the south shoreline. A wheelchair accessible fishing platform is available in the northwest portion of the lake for the convenience of anglers.

Ever since its acquisition, the lake has been part of a popular recreation area which features fishing, picnicking, swimming (in the adjacent pool), and open field recreational activities, both organized and impromptu in nature. Activities are overall most intense during the late spring through summer months.

The overarching goal for management of Ledge Lake is to maintain, and improve where possible, the chemical, physical, and biological integrity of the lake as reflected in the national water quality objective as contained in the Federal Clean Water Act (CWA). The CWA objective is often referred to as the "fishable/swimmable goal", and the

foremost goal for the lake is its continued management as a fishing area, since swimming is not allowed in the lake and is offered in an adjacent in-ground pool area. This is currently accomplished through management activities focused on the fishery of the lake, as will be outlined in this report.

Water Quality Overview

Overall water quality is good for this lentic system given its watershed location in a park-agricultural setting. Ordinarily the lake does not receive excessive nutrient loading from adjacent watershed runoff. One exception would be in Spring 2006 through Spring 2007 when uncharacteristically heavy growth of nuisance filamentous algae and submersed aquatic vegetation occurred (Figure 2). In May 2007 Natural Resources Division staff tracked runoff that feeds the upper, and subsequently lower, Ledge Lake basins along and under Ledge Road and ultimately to a private horse farm located at 1150 Ledge Road which had a large pile of uncovered and otherwise uncontained manure outside a barn. This issue was brought to the attention of the landowner and it was promptly removed. Following this action an algaecide/herbicide treatment was applied at the lake and the issue has not occurred again (Figure 2). Aquatic macrophyte growth immediately around several popular fishing access points has been, and continues to be, treated annually with herbicide and algaecide. Although water in the lake is clear, overall, seasonal water transparency varies slightly, being clearest during the colder months due to seasonal variation in phytoplankton and zooplankton communities in the lake (Wetzel 1983).

There is no significant industry in the Ledge Lake sub-watershed to contribute industrial pollutants. No further documentation of physical or chemical water quality issues at the lake were found in Cleveland Metroparks historic files.

Fisheries Resource Overview

In an effort to obtain current data on the fish community in Ledge Lake, electrofishing was performed on 25 October 2012 in two sampling runs totaling 94 minutes. Both sample runs encompassed the entire shoreline of the waterbody (Figure 1). Electrofishing is a well established method utilized by fisheries managers to accurately assess fish population dynamics, abundance, and structure (Neilsen and Johnson 1983, Reynolds 1993, Smith-Root 2007). A Smith Root GPP 5.0 electrofishing unit and customized Alweld commercial johnboat, including booms constructed by Ashcraft Machine and Supply, Inc., of Newark, Ohio, were used. One person maneuvered the boat and operated the electrofishing unit control box while two assistants collected stunned fish, which were retained in an aerated 90 gallon onboard livewell for later processing. Fish lengths (mm) were obtained using a custom measuring board and weights (g) were obtained using a digital scale. Data was recorded onsite and all fish were released afterwards. Datasheets from the sampling activity are available in Appendix A.

Ledge Lake offers a typical fish assemblage for a small lake in Ohio. Fish species of importance (albeit to varying degrees) to anglers include the largemouth bass (*Micropterus salmoides*), crappie (*Pomoxis* sp.), bluegill (*Lepomis machrochirus*), pumpkinseed sunfish (*L. gibbosus*), green sunfish (*L. cyanellus*), channel catfish (*Ictalurus punctatus*), yellow bullhead (*Ameiurus natalis*), and seasonally stocked

rainbow trout (*Onchorynchus mykiss*). Other fish species known to be present, but of lesser immediate interest to anglers, include a few reported incidences of koi (*Cyprinus carpio*), an ornamental domesticated common carp, which appear to be escapees from a small pond upstream in the drainage on the south side of Ledge Road Sterile white amur (*Ctenoparyngodon idella*), commonly known as grass carp, were also present in small numbers for supplemental vegetation control.

Considering the perspective of being a small waterbody in a fairly heavily utilized setting adjacent to an urban center, the fishery would be characterized overall as "very good" for seasonally stocked rainbow trout and "good" for largemouth bass (in terms numbers) and panfish (in terms of quality) species (Table 1, Table 2, Figure 5). Other species would be characterized as incidental catches by the majority of anglers who utilize the lake.

The predominant year-round predator and prey species in Ledge Lake are largemouth bass and bluegill/pumpkinseed sunfish. Properly managed ponds and small lakes can harbor self-sustaining largemouth bass and bluegill populations (Austin el al.1996, Carlander 1977). Sampling yielded 224 largemouth bass weighing a total of 32.13 kg (70 lbs, 13 oz) (Table 1). Based on plotting length against frequency, there appears to be four year classes of largemouth bass present in the sample, with one and four year old year classes being markedly dominant (Figure 3). According to Hall (1986) density of largemouth bass over 199 mm (stock size) in Ohio impoundments can be correlated to electrofishing catch per hour, and the relationship is as follows:

Log 10Y=1.2274Log10X-0.5489

Where X = electrofishing catch of largemouth bass over 199 mm (7.83 inches) per hour (CPH) and Y = number of largemouth bass over 199 mm per hectare. Ledge Lake, at 1.8 hectares (4.5 acres), yielded a CPH of 76.4 largemouth bass over 199 mm (120 bass over 199 mm in 1.57 hours) which would indicate a largemouth bass density of $57.85 \ge$ stock size bass per hectare (23.42 \ge stock size bass/acre) when Hall's relationship is applied. This would suggest a largemouth bass abundance of $104.1 \ge$ stock size fish ($57.85 \ge$ stock size bass per hectare x 1.8 hectares) weighing a total of 24.9 kg (104.1 fish x 0.239 kg average weight of stock size bass), or 54.9 lbs, in Ledge Lake. This is a low density of bass \ge stock size for an Ohio lake, considering that 50-75 stock size bass per acre is recommended (William Lynch, Aquatic Ecosystem Management Program Specialist, Ohio State University Extension, personal communication).

Proportional stock density (PSD) of largemouth bass in the lake was calculated using the following formula (Anderson 1976):

PSD(%)=(number≥quality size/number≥stock size)x100 Where "quality" and "stock" designations are as outlined in Gabelhouse 1984. PSD of largemouth bass in the lake was low at 5.83% (Table 2), as a PSD range between 40-70 is indicative of balance when the population supports a substantial fishery (Anderson 1980).

Relative weight (W_r) of individual fish was used as the metric to determine fish condition and was calculated using the following formula:

$W_r = (W/W_s) \times 100$

Where W is the weight of a given fish and W_s for largemouth bass is calculated as such (Wege and Anderson 1978, Anderson and Gutreuter 1983):

$$Log_{10}W_{s} = -5.316 + 3.191Log_{10}L$$

Where L = the length of the specimen in mm. Largemouth bass sampled from Ledge Lake exhibited a mean W_r of 95.5 (Table 1) compared against the ideal W_r of 100. This is within the typical range for an Ohio lake and reflects a bass population in good condition (Phil Hillman and Andy Burt, Ohio Division of Wildlife, personal communications).

Bluegill and pumpkinseed sunfish are the dominant forage fish in Ledge Lake. Sampling yielded 64 bluegill and pumpkinseed weighing a total of 3.86 kg (8.5 lbs) (Table 1). Based on plotting length against frequency, there appears to be seven year classes of bluegill/pumpkinseed sunfish in the sample (Figure 4). Note that the smallest size classes of sunfish are less susceptible to electrofishing than larger specimens due to less surface area exposed to the electric field, hence their lower frequency in the sample. Proportional stock density (PSD) of bluegill was in the balanced range at 32.1% (Table 3), since a PSD range between 20-40 is indicative of balance when the population supports a substantial fishery (Anderson 1980). According to Novinger and Legler (1978) density of bluegill in the 76-150 mm (3.0-5.9 inch) length range can be correlated to density of largemouth bass 200-300 mm, and the relationship is as follows:

Y=3,185-1,436Log₁₀X

Where Y = the abundance of 76-150 mm (2.99-5.91 inches) bluegill as thousands per hundred pounds of population biomass and X = the number of bass 200-300 mm (7.87-11.81 inches) per acre. The largemouth density calculated and presented in this paper was $57.85 \ge$ stock size bass per hectare. Considering that 93.8% of the bass catch was in the stock size range of 200-300 mm of those \ge 200 mm, that percentage was extrapolated to the calculated population density (54.26 stock size bass/ha, or 21.92 stock size

bass/acre). When this bass density is used in Novinger and Legler's relationship, abundance of bluegill in stock size range (76-150 mm) is predicted to be 1,259 thousand per hundred pounds of population biomass. This density would be indicative of a relatively healthy population of prey species (Andrew Burt, Ohio Division of Wildlife Inland Fisheries Research Unit, personal communication).

Relative weight (W_r) of individual fish was used as the metric to determine fish condition, and was calculated using the following formula, as outlined earlier, where W_s specific for bluegill is calculated as (Wege and Anderson 1978, Anderson and Gutreuter 1983):

$$Log_{10}W_{s} = -5.374 + 3.316Log_{10}L$$

Where L = the length of the specimen in mm. Compared against the ideal W_r of 100, bluegill sampled from Ledge Lake were in good condition for an Ohio lake, exhibiting a mean W_r of 108.3 (Table 1). This reflects a very healthy average for individual bluegill sunfish.

Balance within the fish community of Ledge Lake was assessed by analyzing prey-predator ratios in this system. To determine overall status of largemouth bass and bluegill dynamics in Ledge Lake a Total Quality (TQ) plot was constructed by plotting a point that aligned with predator (largemouth bass) PSD on the X axis and prey (bluegill) PSD on the Y axis (Figure 5). Gabelhouse (1983) determined that the PSD ranges indicative of balance in a prey population is 20-40% and the PSD range indicative of balance in a predator population is 40-60%, which are represented by dashed lines on the TQ plot. The square formed by the intersection of the desired PSD ranges on the plot is therefore representative of a state of mutual balance for predator and prey. The point of

intersection of the bass and bluegill PSDs for Ledge Lake is not within this range of mutual balance, but instead lies very near the far left grid of the plot. This is due to predator PSD being very low even though prey PSD is within the healthy range. This would be indicative of a largemouth bass predator population where quality size fish of legal size (minimum of 12", or 300.8 mm) are overharvested, which is a fairly common issue in small public lakes (Ney 1993).

It should be noted that the October 2012 fish sampling was performed during daylight hours. More quality size bass, in particular, would likely have turned up in the sample if sampling was done closer to dawn or dusk. Several studies have shown that night sampling can be more effective (up to 5-10 times more so) than daytime fishing in lakes, especially for larger predatory specimens such as largemouth bass (Loeb 1958, Witt and Campbell 1959, Kirkland 1962, Smith-Root 2007). In the future, a night sampling may be scheduled to help confirm this possibility.

Other Recreational Uses

Swimming and non-Cleveland Metroparks watercraft are not allowed in Ledge Lake. New in summer 2013 several paddleboats are available for rental on the lake through the Ledge Pool concession. The lake also serves functions for aesthetics and wildlife viewing, in addition to fishing.

Ecosystem Function Overview

Although Ledge Lake is not a natural lake, it does serve some general ecosystem functions in the watershed. Great blue heron (*Ardea herodias*), belted kingfisher (*Ceryle*

Ledge Lake Management Plan

10 July 2013

alcyon), mallard duck (*Anas platyrhynchos*), and Canada goose (*Branta canadensis*) are observed at the lake regularly. The lake is host to an assemblage of common reptiles and amphibians, including eastern painted turtle (*Chrysemys picta picta*), snapping turtle (*Chelydra serpentina*), green frog (*Rana clamitans*), and bullfrog (*R. catesbeiana*). No known threatened or endangered species of flora or fauna are resident in the lake. Although common dragonfly (suborder Anisoptera) and damselfly (suborder Zygoptera) species can be observed utilizing the lake margin a regular basis, there is little information collected on specific macroinvertebrate or microbial communities within the lake. The vegetative/algal community of the lake is comprised mainly of *Najas* spp., unicellular algaes, and some filamentous algae. Pickerelweed (*Pontederia cordata*), arrowhead (*Sagittaria latifolia*), softstem bulrush (*Schoenoplectus tabernaemontani*), and Eurasian watermilfoil (*Myriophyllum spicatum*) are also present. A full inventory of aquatic plants at Ledge Lake has not been undertaken so a number of other species are likely present, as well.

Current Fisheries Management

Ledge Lake is an actively managed fishery, and the urban nature of the waters of Cleveland Metroparks, in general, require intensive management efforts which go beyond traditional management approaches (Halko 1983). A bag limit of 3 rainbow trout per angler per day (no size limit) and 2 largemouth bass of 12" or greater per angler per day are in affect. There are no bag or size limit regulations on any other fish species in the lake. As is the case with all Cleveland Metroparks waters, a valid Ohio fishing license is required to fish Ledge Lake.

The Ledge Lake fish community is supplemented with annual scheduled, as well as opportunistic, fish stocking activities. Stocking of species such as rainbow trout, channel catfish, sunfish, and largemouth bass is a very common fisheries management activity which has been shown to have a many of benefits to the public (DesJardine 1983, Gordon 1983, Heidinger 1993, Manfredo et al. 1983, Norville 1961, Weithman 1993,). Catchable size rainbow trout have been stocked annually for over three decades from mid to late winter to offer a popular ice fishing opportunity in the Park District (Halko 1983). Approximately 700 pounds of trout total are stocked in two installments, the first typically right around Christmas followed by a second round in late January or early February. Additionally, 200 pounds of rainbow trout stocked annually in mid May for the longstanding Ken Mantkowski Memorial Handicapped Fishing Derby. The rainbow trout are available as a seasonal cold-water fishery which lasts until about mid-May most years. There is no evidence that channel catfish formerly stocked in the lake have reproduced naturally, which is typical in other similar bodies of water in Ohio (Austin et al. 1996).

Ledge Lake is also stocked with native warmwater species as opportunities become available. Notably, in May 2008 approximately 1,700 sunfish, 150 largemouth bass, and 2 large white amur (grass carp) were transferred to Ledge Lake (of approximately 5,000 fish total distributed around the Park District)¹. Warm water species are also transferred from other Cleveland Metroparks non-fishing waters (such as golf course and nature center ponds) to public fishing waters, including Ledge Lake, on a nonscheduled basis.

¹ As donated to the Park District by Rick Huff from his private lake. The lake from which these fish originated required draining due to failure to meet ODNR dam requirements for small impoundments.

It has been noted by various fish managers that proper communication with the public and the media is a powerful, and often underutilized, fisheries management tool (Decker and Krueger 1993, Patterson 1983, Cohen et al. 2008). With this in mind, information regarding fishing at Ledge Lake is disseminated through a number of outlets, including; Cleveland Metroparks fishing booklet and trifold, in the popular online fishing report blog on the Cleveland Metroparks website, through Cleveland Metroparks Facebook page, and in the Plain Dealer newspaper (typically in the Outdoors area of the Sports section).

Fishing derbies and other organized fishing events are noted as an exceptionally effective way to offer fishing to the public (Schedler and Haynes 1983, Lang et al. 2008). An annual and longstanding fishing event is offered to the public at Ledge Lake in the form of the Ken Mantkowski Memorial Fishing Derby in mid to late May annually. This event is a collaboration between Cleveland Metroparks Natural Resources Division staff, Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disabilities and Ohio Central Basin Steelheaders sportsman group.

Ledge Lake has a minimal quantity of woody debris along the shoreline that serves as natural fish structure. To address this situation, in spring and summer 2011 and 2012, Natural Resources Division Staff coordinated with Eagle Scout candidates Erik Jorgensen (2011) and John Hartman (2012) to construct a total of eight snag-resistant underwater brush-mimicking structures with "branches" made of gray PVC with a concrete base, which were deployed at Ledge Lake on 19 August 2011 and 11 April 2012 (Figure 6). The structures, which were made at the Eagle Scout's expense, were similar to commercially available units that retail for between \$50-135 each and were sunken off

the end of the fishing dock (4 units), near the lake overflow structure (2 units), and in the southeast corner of the lake (2), all being popular fishing locations.

Nuisance vegetation and filamentous algae management is a routine management practice at Ledge Lake in target areas to facilitate a more desirable fishing experience. In recent years, this has entailed treating the lake in late May when the water temperature exceed 50 deg F (10 deg C) with a combination herbicide/algaecide (such as RewardTM).. Algae treatments are also conducted occasionally throughout the summer on an as needed basis. In recent years, use of backpack sprayer units from the shoreline has served adequately as a treatment method. Overall, this approach keeps nuisance growth in check in target areas, yet allows the establishment of vegetative growth beneficial to the aquatic ecosystem elsewhere in the lake. Supplemental biological control of vegetation occurs due to the presence of herbivorous triploid white amur (sterile grass carp); two of which were released into the lake in May 2008. Overall, vegetative growth is currently not at nuisance levels in the lake from an ecosystem or fisheries standpoint, but is in fact at desirable levels.

Current Wildlife Habitat Management

Ledge Lake currently has four wood duck nest boxes situated around the lake which are routinely maintained by Natural Resources Division staff (John Krock, Natural Resources Area Manager, personal communication).

Management Recommendations

The aforementioned routine management techniques have all had desirable effects on the Ledge Lake system from a recreational and ecosystem perspective and will therefore be continued into the future.

Based on initial data collection and analysis, the fishery could benefit from a greater proportion of quality size largemouth bass >300mm. This could potentially be accomplished through the periodic selective stocking of larger bass. This might also be facilitated by changing the largemouth bass regulations to a larger minimum size (such as 15"), although a change in traditional Park District bass regulations could confuse anglers at this lake. Further improvement of the panfish population structure should follow, as well, from a balanced largemouth bass predator population.

Increasing public education regarding introduction of aquatic invasive species should also be a focus at Ledge Lake, as well as all other park waters. This issue is noted in a bold red box on the onsite fishing kiosk at nearby Hinckley Lake, but needs to be part of a wider-reaching campaign to be most effective.

The current overall assessment of Ledge Lake is that it fulfills its roles within the Park District well and, therefore, does not require any drastic change in management strategy. The lake continues to be a popular fishing destination in the Park District. The management practices currently employed at the lake will therefore continue to be utilized and assessed periodically in an adaptive approach to management of the Ledge Lake resource.

Literature Cited

- Anderson, R. O. 1976. Management of small warmwater impoundments. Fisheries (Bethesda) 1(6):5-7, 26-28.
- Anderson, R. O. 1980. Proportional Stock Density (PSD) and Relative Weight (W_r): interpretive indices for fish populations and communities. Pages 27-33 in S. Gloss and B. Shupp, editors. *Practical fisheries management: more with less in the 1980's*. Proceedings of the American Fisheries Society, New York Chapter, Ithaca, New York.
- Anderson, R. O., and S. J. Gutreuter. 1983. Length, weight, and associated structural indices. Pages 283-300. in Neilsen and Johnson (1983).
- Austin, M., Devine, H., Goedde, L., Greenlee, M., Hall, T., Johnson, L., and Moser, P.
 1996. Ohio Pond Management Handbook. Division of Wildlife, Ohio Department of Natural Resources.
- Carlander, K. D. 1977. Handbook of Freshwater Fishery Biology, Volume 2. The Iowa State University Press.
- Cohen, M. K., Lee, N., Bruner, S., Nichol, M. and Guthrie, C. 2008. I FISH NY: Outreach and Education in New York City and on Long Island. Pages 305-310 in R. T. Eades, J. W. Neal, T. J. Lang, K. M. Hunt, and P. Pajak, editors. Urban and community fisheries programs; development, management, and evaluation. American Fisheries Society, Symposium 67, Bethesda, Maryland.
- Decker, D. J. and Krueger, C. C. 1993. Communication: Catalyst for Effective Fisheries Management. Pages 55-75 in Kohler and Hubert 1993.
- DesJardine, R. L. 1983. Fish Stocking, An Aspect of Urban Fisheries Management. Proceedings of the Urban Fishing Symposium of the Fisheries Management and Fisheries Administrators sections of the American Fisheries Society. Pp. 118-131.
- Eades, R. T., J. W. Neal, T. J. Lang, K. M. Hunt, and P. Pajak, editors. 2008. Urban and community fisheries programs; development, management, and evaluation. American Fisheries Society, Syposium 67, Bethesda, Maryland.
- Gabelhouse, D. W. Jr. 1983. A length categorization system to assess fish stocks. North American Journal of Fisheries Management. 4:273-283.
- Gordon, W. G. 1983. Promoting Urban Fishing Programs. Proceedings of the Urban Fishing Symposium of the Fisheries Management and Fisheries Administrators sections of the American Fisheries Society. Pp. 9-13.

- Halko, K. A. 1983. Urban Fishing Programs in the Cleveland Metroparks. Proceedings of the Urban Fishing Symposium of the Fisheries Management and Fisheries Administrators sections of the American Fisheries Society. Pg. 297.
- Hall, T. J. 1986. Electrofishing catch per unit hour as an indicator of largemouth bass density in Ohio impoundments. North American Journal of Fisheries Management 8:139-141.
- Heidinger, R. C. 1993. Stocking for Sport Fisheries Enhancement. Pages 309-333 in Kohler and Hubert 1993.
- Kirkland, L. 1962. A tagging experiment on spotted and largemouth bass using an electric shocker and the Petersen disc tag. Proceedings of the Southeastern Association of Game and Fish Commissioners 16:424-432.
- Kohler, C. C. and Hubert, W. A. 1993. Inland Fisheries Management in North America. American Fisheries Society, Bethesda, Maryland.
- Lang, T. J., J. W. Neal, and C. P. Hutt. 2008. Influence of fishing derbies on Angling Activity at Derby Locations. Pages 367-378 in R. T. Eades, J. W. Neal, T. J. Lang, K. M. Hunt, and P. Pajak, editors. Urban and community fisheries programs; development, management, and evaluation. American Fisheries Society, Symposium 67, Bethesda, Maryland.
- Loeb, H. A. 1958. A comparison of estimates of fish populations in lakes. New York Fish and Game Journal 5:66-76.
- Manfredo, M. J., Harris, C. C., and Brown, P. J.. 1983. The Social Values of an Urban Recreational Fishing Experience. Proceedings of the Urban Fishing Symposium of the Fisheries Management and Fisheries Administrators sections of the American Fisheries Society. Pp. 118-131.
- Ney, J. J. 1993. Practical Use of Biological Statistics. Pages 137-158 in Kohler and Hubert 1993.
- Nielsen, L. A. and D. L. Johnson. 1983. Fisheries Techniques. American Fisheries Society, Bethesda, Maryland.
- Norville, N. L. 1961. Manual and Survey on Small Lake Management; Recreation that Pays its Way. Bulletin No. 8. American Institute of Park Executives, Inc.
- Novinger, G. D. and R. L. Legler, 1978. Bluegill population structure Pages *in* G.D. Novinger and J.G. Dillard, eds. New approaches to the management of small impoundments. N. CentralDiv. Am. Fish. Soc., Spec. Pub. No. 5.

Patterson, R. 1983. Using the Media to Improve Urban Fishing. Proceedings of the Urban Fishing Symposium of the Fisheries Management and Fisheries Administrators sections of the American Fisheries Society. Pg. 293.

Reynolds, J. B. 1983. Electrofishing. Pages 147-163 in Nielsen and Johnson 1983.

- Schedler, T. R. and Haynes, J. A... 1983. Organization and Implementation of Fishing Derbies and Clinics. Proceedings of the Urban Fishing Symposium of the Fisheries Management and Fisheries Administrators sections of the American Fisheries Society. Pp. 118-131.
- Smith-Root, Inc. 2007. User's Manual: GPP 2.5, 5.0, 7.5, and 9.0 Portable Electrofishers.Vancouver, WA.
- Wege, G. J. and R. O. Anderson. 1978. Relative weight (W_r): a new index of condition for largemouth bass. Pages 79-91 in G. D. Novinger and J. G. Dillard, editors. New approaches to the management of small impoundments. American Fisheries Society, North Central Division, Special Publication 5, Bethesda, Maryland.
- Weithman, A. S. 1993. Socioeconomics Benefits of Fisheries. Pages 159-175 in Kohler and Hubert 1993.
- Wetzel, R. (1983). Limnology. Philadelphia: Saunders.
- Witt, A., Jr., and R. S. Campbell. 1959. Refinements of equipment and procedures in electrofishing. Transactions of the American Fisheries Society. 88:33-35.

Species	Total Number	Total Weight (kg)	Average Size (mm)	Average Relative Weight (W _r) ¹
Largemouth bass	224	32.13	205.2	95.5
Bluegill and Pumpkinseed	64	3.86	125.5	108.3

Table 2. Predator (largemouth bass) and prey (bluegill and pumpkinseed sunfish)proportional stock density information								
Species	≥ Stock Size ¹	\geq Quality Size ¹	Proportional Stock Density (%)					
Largemouth bass	120	7	5.83					
Bluegill and Pumpkinseed	56	18	32.14					
¹ Designations per Gablehous	se 1983.							







Figure 2. Photos of Ledge Lake nuisance vegetation/algae issue May & June 2007, before (top) and after (bottom) treatment.







★ = Intersection of observed Predator and Prey PSDs. PSD values.



Figure 6. Photos of Ledge Lake fish attraction structures and their deployment.

APPENDIX A: Fish Population Assessment Data Sheets 25 October 2012 (five pages)

ļ	Cleveland Metroparks	sh Popu	latio	on Asse	ssment	Dat	a Sheet		
	Date: 10/05/	2012		Location:	edge haike -1>	7 Pass			
	Species: ି	unfish «Other	C	Time Samp	led: stort 8:40 end 9:32	a.m.]	5a min		
	Length (mm)	Weight (g)		Length (mm)	Weight (g)		Length (mm)	Weight (g)	_
1	a.67	538	86 41	56	5	81			1
2	235	271	⁶⁶ 42	48	3	82			
\$ 3	174	161	43			83			4
4 ک	151	64	44			84	8		4
5 5	106	ର୍ୟ	45			85		-	4
6	136	45	46			86		S. 1	-
۶ 7	116	36	47			87			
۵ ک	30	1	48			88		3	
36 9	155	64	49			89			-
5 10	140	51	50			90			-
6 11	193	160	51			91	<u></u>		4
: 12	160	76	52			92			1
13	156	זר	53			93			4
14	130	44	-54			94			4
15	158	75	55			95			1
16	107	24	56			96			1
17	114	ର ୫	57			97			4
18	110	27	58			98	3		1
G 19	107	00.	59			99			4
s 20	174	137	60			100			1
21	105	24	61			101			1
22	77	9	62			102			
a 23	45	J	63			103			
24	110	27	64			104			
5 25	125	40	65			105			
> 26	136	50	66			106			
·5 27	176	130	67			107			
× 28	101	ରତ	68			108			
>> 29	109	31	69			109			
5 30	100	35	70			110			
- 31	107	22	71		1.	111			
s 32	130	35	72			112			
5 33	73	10	73			113			
< 34	114	29	74			114			
36 35	109	57	75			115			1
36 36	95	14	76			116			1
\$ 37	85 .	8	1 77			117]
6 38	105	14	78			118	112	8	16-11
5 39	45	8	79			119	a55	2 15	Y.B.M
6 40	50	16	1 80			1 120	264	253	Y. turn

re foirly abundant YOY B6 May morgin



Date: 10/25/2012

Location: Ledge Lake 157 Pass

Species: LMB

Time Sampled: 52 min

	Length (mm)	Weight (g)		Length (mm)	Weight (g)		Length (mm)	Weight (g)
_M6 1	276	245	June 41	<u> 35</u> 6	199	<u>k~∿6</u> 81[135	23
_MB 2	306	381	i∞42	138	3]⊾#® 82[130	57
_MB 3	309	378	LAB 43	131	ରୁଞ	-~> 83	139	30
_mo 4	078	262	^{⊾∧6} 44	139	32	irne 84	130	26
∟∾6 5[27/	266	^{⊾⊾6} 45	166	55	LW5 85	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
LAD 6	260	247	^{⊷₅} 46	137	32	Line 86	263	ଚଚ
WB 7	274	859	<i>⊾</i> ⊜47	141	33	Line 87	265	249
PN9 8	246	209	i⊶ 48	jųq	36	LAN 88	156	ବ୍ୟଧ
_ ⁶ 9[269	330	₩ 49	146	34	Lans 89	264	099
^{LMS} 10[959	900	⊷0 50	195	20	LmB 90	977	278
ം™ ⁶ 11[160	47	₩8 5 1	133	20	L=0 91	131	28
LMB 12	දියුය	ଚାର	LN6 52	300	318	LA# 92	251	215
₩ ⁶ 13	এহন	211	i~s 53	259	239	LMB 93	Q65	146
⊢ ^{M®} ી4[257	ଚାତ୍ର	^{IAB} 54	<i></i>	300	LAS 94	261	237
LNO 15	253	୶ଌ୕ଌ	55 🖏	233	159	LAB 95	249	193
LAB 16	146	39	1.nb 56	278	229	ം 96	<u>a78</u>	270
LNG 17	128	23	-∞⊳ 57	145	ର୍ବ	ine 97	268	007
LA6 18	244	195	LHD 58	259	234	ылс 98	139	33
LMb 19	256	236	<i>∽</i> ∂ 59	268	Ø50	LMD 99	263	253
LAD 20	119	90	L-12-60	267	051	⊷6100	136	0 3
LMB 21	273	937	[‰] 61	141	38	հե 101	a 55	217
M [®] 22[259	219	4~562	147	39	1 MT102	255	204
WB 23	269	a7/	i∽≜ 63	159	47	June 103	269	245
^{₩®} 24	974	<i>ର</i> ଟ୍ୟ	۰~°64	125	ଚଚ	l∞5104	275	897
LAS 25	266	<i>ର</i> ଌ୍ଷ	65	129	19	L=0 105	313	378
LMS 26	859	2°6	LM866	107	15	Lab 106	265	રુપ છ
LMP 27	258	215	LAN 67	270	842	L=6 107	263	231
LMB 28	268	84D	L6 68	246	180	⊷₀108	150	35
LMB 29	145	33	LM869	163	.55	¹ ~6109	Ə64	254
Lm6 30	175	67	i~8 70	131	25	⊧~5 110	132	32
LMB 31	260	ଅନ୍ତ	[⊷] 971	155	38	L=6111	133	80
LMG 32	316	486	2~372	132	ୖଟ	i∽6112	140	33
L#8 33	268	256	LmB73	145	71	i∾∿113	961	235
Lm9 34	956	808	LM® 74	190	רו	l⊷114	127	27
LMB 35	360	210	L×975	151	41	l∞ 115	266	බ 50
-∽® 36	227	1-1-7	LA676	249	199	∽5116	155	45
LAB 37	12.9	857	LA® 77	265	034	i-™117	139	52
Wb 38	275	ଇଜନ୍ତ	L~078	135	ର ୩	^{⊳⊚} 118	14	26
LMS 39	255	201	<u> </u> ∽%79	246	200	Lin 119	126	18
LNB 40	2.55	96	L~80	204	\$ 5¢	In∾120	121	19



Date: 10/25/2012

Location: Ledge Lake 157 Pass

Species: LMB

Time Sampled: 5a mo

		Length (mm)	Weight (g)
LMB	1	153	39
LMB	2	139	33
LVIB	З	136	36
LMB	4	135	33
LMB	, 5	39	378
um8	6	ିଟର	295
LA R	57	ລາລ	033
1_MB	8	107	33
1-MB	9	ואַר	46
i.MB	10	JHq	
1.46	11	250	29.2
LMB	12	147	39
LAB	13	140	31
6-MB	14	199	19
LMS	15	15a	38
L/485	16	155	43
Long	17	.229.	135
Ling	18	139	99
Lad	19	laə	19
LMB	20	194	20
UM\$	21	138	33
ыng	22	132	30
LMB	23	134	39
LMB	24	191	ୖଽ
6.MB	25	129	184
ств	26	160	47
LMB	27	119	13
ыmв	28	264	234
LAB	29	lag	33
LMB	30	134	3a
ьM₿	31	146	44
LMB	32	150	39
LMS	33	135	46
1~~~	34	141	35
ьмв	35	132	26
шB	36	136	ລຸຮ
LMB	37	18.9	<u>م</u> ړ
LMB	38	196	ଚ ।
LAB	39	191	91
	40		

Length (mm)	Weight (g)		Length (mm)	Weight (g)
		81		
		82		
		83		
		84		
		85		
		86		
		87		
		88		
		89		
		90		
		91		
		92		
		93		
		94		
		95		
		96		
		97		
		98		
		99		
		100		
		101		
		102		
		103		
		104		
		105		
		106		
		107		
		108		
		109		
		110		
		111		
		112		
		113		
		114		
		115		
		116		
		117		
		118		
		119		
		120		

	C		h Popul	atio	on Asse	ssment	Data	a Sheet			
		Date: 10/05/0	ອທລ		Location:	sigle take-3ni	1 Pass				
	Ş	Species: S	nfish e Othera		Time Samp	led: stort: 10:55 .]4;	2 min			
	_	Length (mm)	Weight (g)		Length (mm)	Weight (g)		Length (mm)	Weight (g)	_	
P5	1	183	150	41			81			4	
PS	2	101	95	42			82			-	
25	3	19.0	<u>ə</u> 5	43			83			-	
86	ᄮ	116	96	44			84			-	
66	ᅪ	163	86	45			85			-	
P5	밬	198	197	40			00			-	
256	٬ŀ	<u> 202</u>	176	4/			89			-	
PS/CC	÷	1.95	55	40			89			-	
P5 1	ř	170	131	50			90			-	
B6 1	ĭŀ	160	135	51			91			-	
56 1		111	29	52			92				
P5 1	зГ	182	38	53			93				
B6 1	4	131	42	54			94				
₽5 1	5	101	17	55			95				
B6 1	6	101	15	56			96				
36 1	7[90	10	57			97				
Þ5 1	8[9.3	13	58			98				
B6 1	9[55	3	59			99			_	
B6 2	0	190	155	60			100			_	
F\$1Gr 2	1	111	28	61			101			_	
P5 2	2	100	93	62			102			-	
2	3			63			103			-	
2	4			64			104			-	
2	5			65			105			-	
2				66			106			-	
2	"H			60	<u> </u>		100			-	
2	°-			60			100			-	
2	٦L			70			110			-1	
3	ĩ۲			71			111			-	
3	j-			72			112				
3	зŀ			73			113				
3	4			74	<u> </u>		114				
3	5			75			115				
3	6			76			116			12	
3	7			77			117				
3	8			78			118				
3	9			79			119	347	198	Y.Builtus	
4	٥Ľ			80			120	632	2860	Correst	



Date: 10/85/8018

Location: Leigh Loke - 2 " Pass

Species: LMD

Time Sampled: 4amo

	_	Length (mm)	Weight (g)		Length (mm)	Weight (g)		Length (mm)	Weight (g)
LMB	1	272	a59	i∽s41	136	ລາ	81		
LMB	2[267	253	LM942	138	at	82		
LMB	3[364	8C6	-~s 43	130	28	83		
ым₿	4	071	000	Lang 44	132	36	84		
LMB	5[070	831	L~%45	135	31	85		
LNB	6	297	159	^{L∿} *46	142	48	86		
LMB	7	257	3.09	LA647	263	266	87		
шB	8	ର/ଜ୍ୟ	ର୍ୟୟ	L~648	189	18	88		
nw0	9	806	961	⊷∿49	957	อเน	89		
L=8 1	10[143	99	∽∘50	963	ଇକଧ	90		
UNB 1	11[130	34	^{₩0} 51	141	33	91		
LMB 1	12[207	194	<u>۱۳۵</u> 52	131	a6	92		
LNO	13[257	216	<u>∽</u> ≈ 53	ୖୖୢୖୢୖୖ	156	93		
LMB 1	14[266	ଚ୍ୟର	u~^54	126	ə 6	94		
mg .	15[269	ଚ ୍ୟଟ୍ <u>ଟ</u>	<i>⊾∾</i> 55	128	26	95		
L46	16[259	046	₩656	150	43	96		
100	17[146	39	L=n57	136	32	97		
LAR	18	14	/1	⊾∿¢58	ୠଽ୳	360	98		
IMB .	19	266	234	LTN 59	127	-28	99		
LAB 2	20	259	216	LM560	273	268	100		
LMB 2	21	130	J5	u~e61	183	84	101		
LMB 2	22	<u>a7a</u>	262	LAB62	107	83	102		
LNG	23	259	235	ur®63	ରଜ୍ୟ	ລາງ	103		
LMG 2	24	257	803	LM864	264	2 29	104		
LMB 2	25	271	257	LAN 965	138	27	105		
LMB	26	305	374	66			106		
LMB 2	27	246	194	67			107		
UmB 2	28	240	245	68			108		
LMB	29	686	a83	69			109		
LNAB 3	30	273	293	70			110		
LMB 3	31	260	219	71			111		
LMB S	32	275	ଟଟ୍ଟ	72			112		
LMG 3	33	ə54	204	73			113		
LND S	34	263	214	74			114		
LMB	35	a53	195	75			115		
LMG S	36	259	30 3	76			116		
LMB S	37	270	. 254	77			117		
LMB 3	38	251		78			118		
LMBS	39	a56	213	79			119		
LM4 2	40	255	815	80		2	120		

米 TOOKESK 100 LMB to Ranger Loike