

# Allen Pond Special Regulations Evaluation Survey (Survey #622307)

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Allen Pond (SL-2-59-13-P343) is a 15-acre pond located on the Tooley Pond Conservation Easement in the Town of Clare, St. Lawrence County. Public access to the pond is off of Tooley Pond Road. The pond is stocked annually with Temiscamie hybrid brook trout fall fingerlings. In 2022, we conducted a Special Regulations Evaluation to assess the need for the special trout regulation currently in place (i.e., April 1 – October 15, minimum length 12 inches, daily limit 3 fish). Tooley Pond Conservation Easement was acquired in 1999. At that time a special regulation for trout of catch and release only, artificial lures only was established and remained in place until 2008. In 2008, the fishing regulations for Allen Pond were changed to the current harvest regulation. In addition to the harvest regulation, the use of baitfish and ice fishing is prohibited at Allen Pond.

In July, four experimental gill nets, a minnow gill net, and a minnow trap were set overnight. A total of 80 brook trout were caught in the gill nets. The minnow gill net and minnow trap didn't capture any fish. Length, weight, and age data were collected from 70 of the fish collected.

Brook trout were ages 1 to 3, with the largest proportion being 2 years old (Figure 1). Brook trout ranged in length from 7 to 15 inches (Figure 2). Mean length-at-age were 9.5 inches, 12 inches and 14.5 inches for ages 1, 2, and 3, respectively (Figure 3). Of the 70 brook trout with recorded biological data, 60% (n=42) were 12 inches or larger.

The Angler Perspectives on Brook Trout Pond Fishing in New York State document (NYSDEC, 2022) only 18% of brook trout pond anglers always harvest at least one brook trout out of their catch. In that document 52% of brook trout pond anglers sometimes harvest at least one brook trout out of their catch. The Bureau of Fisheries is currently drafting a Brook Trout Pond Management Plan. We will use the information collected during this survey and the Plan to determine the appropriate regulation for Allen Pond.

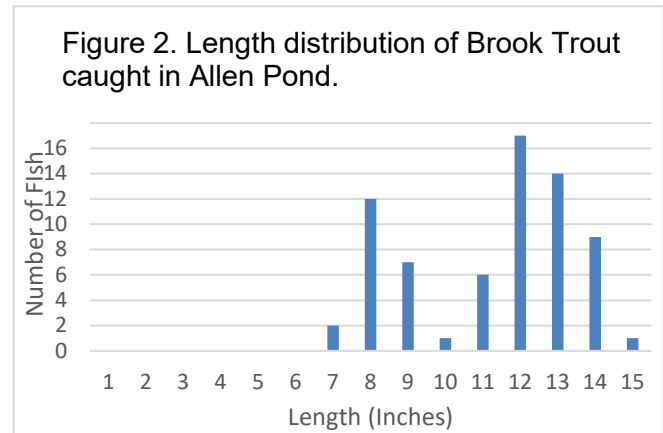
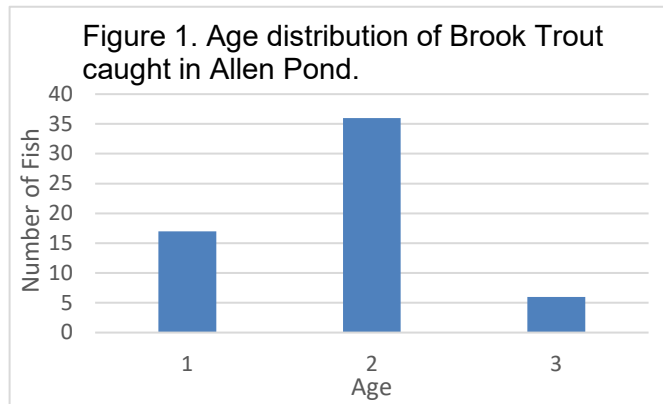
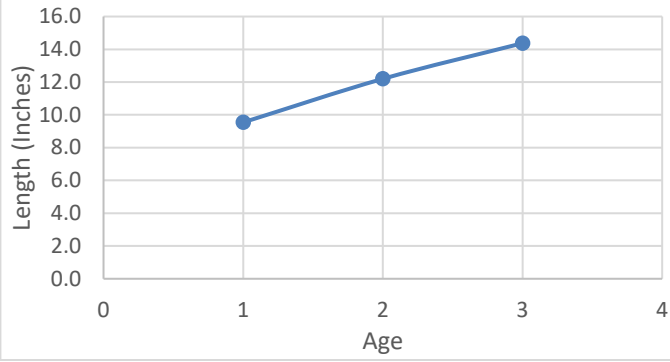


Figure 3. Mean length-at-age of Brook Trout caught in Allen Pond.



Literature Cited

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