



## LAKE MOOGERAH AUSTRALIAN BASS AND GOLDEN PERCH 2011-2020 2020 REVIEW

AVAILABLE		AVAILABLE	
Dam capacity	$\checkmark$	Storage level	
Stocked fish numbers	$\checkmark$	Bathymetry	
Tagged fish		Recaptures	
Postcodes	$\checkmark$	Competitions	
Species		Australian Bass	
Catch rates		Fish sizes	
Growth		Survival	
Tag locations		Fish Movement	
Species		Golden Perch	
Catch rates	$\checkmark$	Fish sizes	
Growth		Survival	
Tag locations	$\checkmark$	Fish Movement	

## Summary

- Dam level on 31 Dec 2020 was 15.3%
- From 2011-2018 there were 368.9K Bass and 302.8K Golden Perch fingerlings released
- The number of fingerlings released was roughly the same but there were 2,054 Bass tagged for 147 recaptures (7.2%) while there were just 94 Golden Perch tagged for 0 recaptures
- The catch rate for Bass in 2020 was 13.3 fish/fisher day while the average historic catch rate was 12.0 fish/fisher day
- The average length of Bass in 2020 was 339mm and ranged from 240-455mm
- The percentage of legal Bass in 2020 was 75.5% with 0% trophy fish 500mm and over
- Annual Bass growth calculated from tag recaptures at the end of year 1 is 45mm and at the end of year 5 is 97mm
- Longest time out for a Bass after tagging is around 12 years although there has been 1 recapture after 15.6 years
- Of the 123 Bass recaptured over the past 10 years and tagged since 2011 there were 0 recaptured outside the impoundment
- All fish recaptured outside the impoundment were tagged prior to 2011 and recaptured after 2011
- There were 5 fish recaptured below the dam with 2 in Reynolds Creek, 2 in Warrill Creek and 1 in Bremer River
- Based on postcodes of fishers recapturing fish they were from Ipswich (40%), Boonah (29%), Brisbane (11%) and Toowoomba (11%)
- There were 5 fish recaptured by fishers with postcodes outside Queensland with 3 from NSW, 1 from VIC and 1 from NT

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MEASURE	ACTUAL	GRAPH or MAP
Surface area Lake level	Surface area 8.3km <sup>2</sup> Level at 31 Dec 2020 15.3% For latest level <u>https://www.seqwater.com.</u> <u>au/historic-dam-levels</u>	FULL FULL B B B B B B B B B B B B B B B B B B
Fingerlings stocked 2011-2018	HIGHEST LOWEST TOTAL BASS 2015 2016 114.3K 0 368.9K GOLDEN PERCH 2017 2016 55.6K 0 302.8K	MOOGERAH STOCKED FISH
Bass tagged and recaptured 2011-2020	TAGGEDRECAPTURED2049140RECAPTURE RATE6.8%	MOOGERAH BASS TAGGED AND RECAPTURED 60 50 10 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2099 2020 10 2011 2012 013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2099 2020
Golden Perch tagged and recaptured 2011-2020	TAGGEDRECAPTURED940RECAPTURE RATE0%	MOOGERAH GOLDEN PERCH TAGGED AND RECAPTURED
Postcodes of recapture fishers 2011-2020	Recaptures195RegionFishersIpswich40%Boonah29%Brisbane11%Toowoomba11%	RECAPTURE FISHERS POSTCODES GOLD COAST INTERSTATE BAUDESERT 4% 700WOOMBA 11% BRISBANE 11% BRISBANE 2%

LAKE MOOGERAH				AUSTRALIAN BASS
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MEASURE	ACTUA	L		GRAPH or MAP
Catch and effort number of fish fisher days T20 fishers 2011-2020	HIGHEST CATCH 2012 565 EFFORT 2012	LOWEST 2016 68 2019	NOW 2020 200 2020	MOOGERAH BASS 50 40 40 40 40 40 40 40 40 40 40 40 40 40
Catch rate	44 HIGHEST	8 LOWEST	15 NOW	MOOGERAH BASS CATCH RATE
Fish/fisher day 2011-2020	CATCH RA 2014 17.1 10 YEAR A	ATE 2016 5.7	2020 13.3 12.0	180 160 160 160 140 160 140 160 140 160 160 160 160 160 160 160 16
Average length (mm) Bars show smallest and largest fish 2011-2020	HIGHEST AVERAGE 2014 376 LARGEST 2014 510	LOWEST LENGTH 2017 286 2017 395	NOW 2020 338 2020 455	MOOGERAH BASS LENGTHS (MM)
Fish lengths percentage Undersize <300mm Legal 300-499mm Trophy 500+mm 2011-2020	HIGHEST LEGAL 2019 90.9 TROPHY 2014 1.3	2017 39.0 2016-19 0	NOW 2020 75.5 2020 0	MOOGERAH BASS LENGTHS
Bass growth based on recaptures 2011-2020	Recapture ANNUAL ( Year 1 Year 2 Year 3 Year 4 Year 5		n n n	MOOGERAH BASS GROWTH y = 32.372ln(x) - 146.39 y = 32.372ln(x) - 146.

Bass survival based on	Survival rate by years out	BASS SURVIVAL MOOGERAH
recaptures	Year Recaptures	1000 900 -
by years out after tagging	1 911	
	5 193	
	10 10	
	12 1	
	Longest time out (years)	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 YEARS OUT
	15.6 1	
Grid locations of tagged fish (map LMH) 2011-2020	Grids where most fish caughtGRIDFISHB3500B4358D2276	
Bass movement 2011-2020	Recaptures 123 Recaptured same area 71 (57.7%) Outside lake 0	MOOGERAH BASS MOVEMENTS
Bass recaptured outside impoundment All years	Above lake Below lake 0 5 Warrill/Reynolds Creeks 4 Bremer River	

LAKE MOOGERAH			GOLDEN PERCH
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Catch rate Fish/fisher day 2011-2020	448HIGHESTLOWESTCATCH RATE201620144.7010 YEAR AVERAGE	-	MOOGERAH GOLDEN PERCH CATCH RATE
Average length (mm) Bars show smallest and largest fish 2011-2020	AVERAGE LENGTH 2016 2018 389 391 LARGEST 2016 2018 480 445	2020 NA 2020 NA	MOOGERAH GOLDEN PERCH LENGTHS
Fish lengths percentage Undersize <300mm Legal 300-499mm Trophy 500+mm 2011-2020	LEGAL 2016 2018 100 98.3 TROPHY 2016 2018 0 0	2020 NA 2020 0	MOOGERAH GOLDEN PERCH LENGTHS
Grid locations of tagged fish (map LMH) 2011-2020	Grids where most fi GRID FIS C4 31 C3 13	H L	Terret et al
Image: Non-State Supported by Suntag and FFSAQ   Product of Infofish Australia			

## Data sources

Data used in the Impoundment Crystal Bowl are:

- Tag records and recapture records for the impoundment at <a href="http://crystalbowl.infofishaustralia.com.au/">http://crystalbowl.infofishaustralia.com.au/</a>
- Dam level data from SEQwater at https://www.seqwater.com.au/historic-dam-levels
- Stocked fish records from <a href="https://www.data.qld.gov.au/dataset/queensland-freshwater-fish-stocking-records/">https://www.data.qld.gov.au/dataset/queensland-freshwater-fish-stocking-records/</a>
- Bathymetric data from Infofish surveys or other sources

## **Basis for analysis**

- Catch rates calculated as number of fish caught/fisher day for T20 fishers (taggers) with a minimum of 12 fisher days (at least 1 per month) to provide a reliable catch rate
- Undersized fish are <300mm, legal fish are >=300 and <500mm and trophy fish are >=500mm
- Growth calculated using logarithmic curve from recaptures where fish were out for 90 days or more and had positive growth
- Locations based on Infofish grid map LMH for the impoundment and f other grid maps where fish were recaptured outside the impoundment
- Survival rates are calculated based on a model that uses the reduction in the number of recaptures each year after tagging
- Distance moved calculated using Google Earth as the shortest distance by water between the tag and recapture locations