



LAKE WIVENHOE AUSTRALIAN BASS AND GOLDEN PERCH 2011-2020 2020 REVIEW

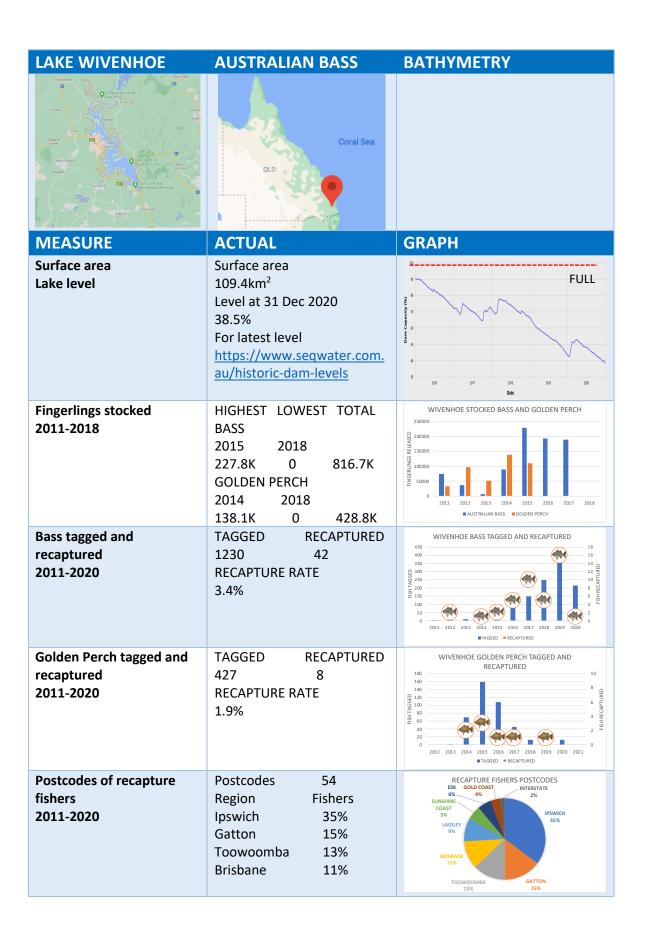
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Dam capacity	V	Storage level	V
Stocked fish numbers	\checkmark	Bathymetry	
Tagged fish	V	Recaptures	V
Postcodes	V	Competitions	V
Species		Australian Bass	
Catch rates	$\overline{\mathbf{V}}$	Fish sizes	\checkmark
Growth	V	Survival	$\overline{\mathbf{V}}$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

Summary

- From 2011-2018 there have been 816.7K Bass and 428.8K Golden Perch fingerlings stocked
- Over the past 10 years there have been 1,230 Bass tagged for 42 recaptures (3.4%) and 427 Golden Perch tagged for 8 recaptures (1.9%)
- The historic catch rate for taggers for Bass was 6.8 fish/fisher day and for Golden Perch was 2.4 fish/fisher day while in 2020 it was 11.4 for Bass and 0.8 for Golden Perch
- The catch rate for Bass rose from 2014 to 2019 when it peaked at 13.4 fish/fisher day while for Golden Perch it peaked in 2015 at 4.8 and fell since then to 0.6 in 2020
- The average Bass length ranged from a high of 413mm in 2015 to a low of 312mm in 2020 and for Golden Perch it ranged from a high of 464mm in 2020 to a low of 424mm in 2015
- Over the past 10 years most Bass were tagged in LWH map grids P30, P31, Q31, O27 and P29 close to Billies Bay while most Golden Perch were tagged in grids L8, J10 and F18 up the top end of the lake
- Of the 34 recaptured of Bass tagged over the past 10 years 1 was recaptured below the dam in the Brisbane River and of the 8 recaptures of Golden Perch tagged 1 was recaptured in the Brisbane River 38km above where it was tagged
- Based on postcodes of fishers recapturing fish most were from Ipswich (35%), Gatton (15%), Toowoomba (13%) and Brisbane (11%)
- Reel Wivenhoe Classic competitions were held in 2018 (64 teams) and 2019 (81 teams) targeting all species

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LAKE WIVENHOE

AUSTRALIAN BASS





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MEASURE	ACTUAL	GRAPH
Catch and effort number of fish fisher days T20 fishers 2011-2020	HIGHEST LOWEST NOW CATCH 2019 2015 2020 441 34 216 EFFORT 2019 2014 2020 33 19 19	WIVENHOE BASS 500 450 450 450 450 450 450 450 450 45
Catch rate Fish/fisher day 2011-2020	HIGHEST LOWEST NOW CATCH RATE 2019 2015 2020 13.4 1.0 11.4 10 YEAR AVERAGE 6.8	WIVENHOE BASS CATCH RATE 150 140 210 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020
Average length (mm) Bars show smallest and largest fish 2011-2020	HIGHEST LOWEST NOW AVERAGE LENGTH 2015 2018 2020 413 342 312 LARGEST 2016 2017 2020 560 530 520	WIVENHOE BASS LENGTHS (MM) TROPHY 100 100 100 100 100 100 100 100 100 1
Fish lengths percentage Undersize <300mm Legal 300-499mm Trophy 500+mm 2011-2020	HIGHEST LOWEST NOW LEGAL 2015 2018 2020 97.1 60.7 39.4 TROPHY 2019 2015 2020 9.8 2.9 0.5	WIVENHOE BASS LENGTHS 100% 90% 80% 70% 60% 50% 40% 20% 10% 0% 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020
Bass growth based on recaptures (limited data) 2011-2020 Bass survival based on recaptures by years out	Recaptures 29 ANNUAL GROWTH Year 1 45mm Year 2 66mm Year 3 79mm Year 4 88mm Year 5 95mm Insufficient data as tagging has not continued for a long enough time and the number of recaptures is too low	WIVENHOE BASS GROWTH 250 y = 47.265in(x) - 236.15 y = 47.265in(x) - 236.15 0 500 1000 1500 2000 2500 3000 3500 4000

Grid locations of tagged	Grids where most fish caught	
fish (map LWH)	GRID FISH	
2011-2020	P30 191	Lake Whenbee
	P31 121	
	Q31 118	
	O27 69	
	P29 52	Silventoe IIII
Bass movements	Recaptures 34	WIVENHOE BASS MOVEMENT
2011-2020	Recaptured same area	10 8 \$ 6
	18 (52.9%)	2 E E E E E E E E E E E E E E E E E E E
	Moved down lake	Q 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
	8 (23.5%)	VI.96 -6
	Moved up lake	-12 DAYS OUT (YEARS)
	9 (26.5%)	● UP LAKE ● DOWN LAKE
	Outside lake	
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GOLDEN PERCH



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MEASURE	ACTUAL		GRAPH
Catch and effort number of fish fisher days T20 fishers 2011-2020	CATCH 2015 2018 163 12 EFFORT	2020 12 2020 19	WIVENHOE GOLDEN PERCH 180 160 140 120 25 20 20 40 40 15 60 40 20 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020
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Fish lengths percentage Undersize <300mm Legal 300-499mm Trophy 500+mm 2011-2020	HIGHEST LOWEST IN LEGAL 2014-19 2010.0 NIL TROPHY 2017 2018-19	NOW 2020 100.0 2020 16.7	WIVENHOE GOLDEN PERCH LENGTHS 100% 90% 80% 70% 60% 40% 20% 10% 0% 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020
Golden Perch growth based on recaptures 2011-2020	Insufficient data Recaptures	8	
Golden Perch survival based on recaptures by years out	Insufficient data as tagging has not continued for a long enough time and the number of recaptures is too low		

Grid locations of tagged fish (map LWH) 2011-2020	Grids where most fish GRID FISH L8 66 J10 44 F18 30	caught	Torrison.
Golden Perch movements 2011-2020	Recaptures 8 Recaptured same area 2 (33.3%) Up lake Down 2 0 Above lake 1	lake	WIVENHOE GOLDEN PERCH MOVEMENTS 40 90 90 90 90 90 90 90 90 90
Golden Perch recaptured above lake	Recaptures 1 Moved up Brisbane Ri 38km	ver	
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COMPETITIONS	ACTUAL	GRAPH or MAP
Event Reel Wivenhoe Classic 2018 Reel Wivenhoe Classic 2019	Code RWC18 RWC19	Targets All species All species
Timeline of events RWC18 RWC19	18-19/8/2018 (2 days) 17-18/8/2019 (2 days)	WIVENHOE COMPETITION TIMELINES 1/12/19 23/8/19 15/5/19 4/2/19 27/10/18 19/7/18 10/4/18 31/12/17 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 DAYS © RWC18 © RWC19
Teams (2 fishers) RWC18 RWC19	Teams Catching fish 64 46(72%) 81 70(86%)	WIVENHOE COMPETITION TEAMS 90 80 70 60 60 20 10 0 RWC18 RWC19
Catch rate (fish/fisher day) Legal fish All fishers (ALL) T20 fishers (T20)	All fish ALL T20 2018 0.7 1.9 2019 1.2 2.8	WIVENHOE COMPETITION CATCH RATES 3.00 2.50 40 2.00 41 15
Competition Bass Median length (mm) Bars show largest and smallest fish Dots show outlier Legal fish only	Median length (mm) RWC18 RWC19 380 380 Largest fish RWC18 550	WIVENHOE COMPETITION BASS LENGTHS (MM) TROPHY ROPE ROPE RWC18 RWC19
Competition Golden Perch Median length (mm) Bars show largest and smallest fish Dots show outlier Legal fish only	Median length (mm) RWC18 RWC19 470 470 Largest fish RWC19 580	WIVENHOE GOLDEN PERCH LENGTHS (MM) TROPHY TROPHY LEGAL RWC18 RWC19
Fishing heat map Competitions RWC18 RWC19		

Data sources

Data used in the Impoundment Crystal Bowl are:

- Tag records and recapture records for the impoundment at http://crystalbowl.infofishaustralia.com.au/
- Competition data from Freshwater Fishing competitions with dashboards at https://tournaments.trackmy.fish/public/reports
- Dam level data from SEQwater at https://www.segwater.com.au/historic-dam-levels
- Stocked fish records from https://www.data.qld.gov.au/dataset/queensland-freshwater-fish-stocking-records/
- Bathymetric data from Infofish surveys or other sources

Basis for analysis

- Catch rates calculated as number of fish tagged/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 LWH for the impoundment and 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