

# LARGEMOUTH BASS

## BY THE NUMBERS

Indiana has a long history of providing outstanding largemouth bass angling opportunities. DNR fishery and angler surveys indicate that largemouth bass populations are serving the diverse preferences of anglers. A strategic plan was developed in 2018 to provide long-term direction to largemouth bass management and habitat enhancement projects.

**60%**

of licensed largemouth bass anglers rated fishing as excellent or good in the 2017 Licensed Angler Survey.

**20**

waterbodies that have above-average catch rates of largemouth bass  $\geq 14$  inches based on recent survey findings.

**675**

artificial structures have been placed in Sullivan (Sullivan Co.), Cecil M. Harden (Parke Co.) and Monroe (Monroe/Brown Co.) lakes since 2016 as part of the Reservoir Habitat Enhancement program to provide critical habitats for largemouth bass and other forage fish.

**39**

counties from which winning largemouth bass Fish of the Year entries have been submitted.

**6**

miles is the average distance of Hoosiers from the nearest public access site with largemouth bass fishing.

**160**

updated lake bathymetry maps have been created by the Division of Fish & Wildlife in the last five years and are available to anglers on the DNR website.

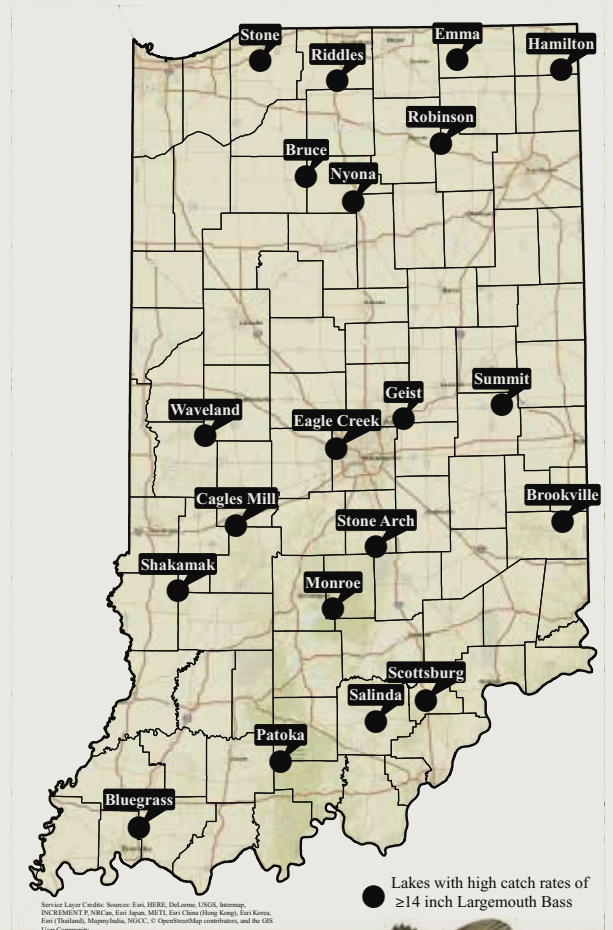
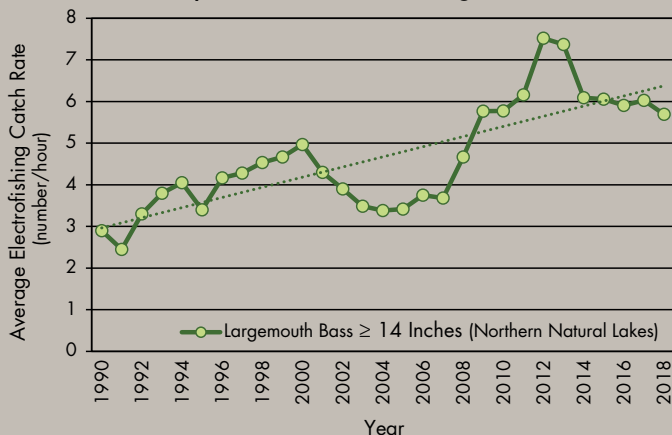


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Survey Catch Rates of Largemouth Bass



Survey Catch Rates & Sizes of Largemouth Bass

