

Sturgeon Book

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MEMORANDUM

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Station

Date March 4, 1960

TO: → Russell Daly
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FROM: Gordon R. Priegel

SUBJECT: Lake Winnebago Sturgeon Registration

Your cooperation in setting up registration stations, registering sturgeon, collecting fin bones and data from tagged fish, is much appreciated.

This year, eleven and one-half tons of sturgeon were taken from Lake Winnebago with a total of 520 fish being registered. The average size of the registered fish was 44 pounds and 55 inches, which is somewhat smaller than the 46 pounds, 55 inch average for 1959.

The heaviest fish was a 108 pounder, 72 inch fish taken by Edward Jewson, Fond du Lac, off of Stockbridge. The longest fish was a 73 inch, 104 pound fish taken by Vern Niemuth, Milwaukee.

An aerial count of shanties made on February 24, produced a total of 1,417 shanties which was a drop of 64 shanties from 1959.

Spearers registered 40 tagged fish for a \$10 reward. Three of the tagged fish had been tagged on the Wolf River during the spawning run. A 55 pound male had been tagged at Shawano on May 5, 1958; a 54 pound female had been tagged at Conley's Bar on April 29, 1957; and a 43 pound male had been tagged at Northport on May 9, 1956. A 93 pound, tagged female, was registered that had ripe eggs. It was tagged by Mr. Weborg on June 21, 1957. The fish with the oldest tag was tagged by Lloyd McLeod's crew on August 7, 1954.

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cc to: Richard Harris
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