



Harrisburg New City Reservoir

Saline County, Illinois.

2013 Lake Status Summary



Location: The reservoir is located in wooded rolling terrain in Saline County and is located approximately one mile East of Galatia.

Setting: Harrisburg New City Reservoir has a surface area of 209.0 acres and maximum depth of 30.0 feet. Shoreline areas are shallow and the reservoir has a shoreline length of 6.5 miles with a watershed of approximately 2000 acres. Harrisburg New City Reservoir was impounded in 1955 to create the reservoir and provide a public water source. Currently the City of Harrisburg receives well water, eliminating the reservoir as a primary or secondary water source.

Fisheries resource: Recent survey data suggests Harrisburg New City Reservoir is currently supporting a balanced fishery. Catchable populations of largemouth bass, bluegill, channel catfish, crappie and redear sunfish are present in the reservoir.

Largemouth bass - Largemouth bass population indices are near recommended ranges and a good representation of size structure exists. Bass abundance is good as the average number of bass caught in recent surveys is 85 bass per hour of electro fishing. Many fish between 2 to 3 pounds are present and bass fishing is expected to be good to excellent. Currently there are no size restrictions for bass and the creel limit is 6 fish per day.

Bluegill – Bluegill numbers at Harrisburg New City Reservoir are good. Abundance as measured by the average catch per unit of effort of electro fishing, in recent samples, is 263 fish per hour. Bluegill size structure remains constant as most catchable fish are between 6 and 6.5 inches. Bluegill fishing at Harrisburg New City Reservoir is expected to be fair. Good numbers of bluegill and other sunfish exist, but the average size is less than desirable.

Crappie – Black and white crappie are present in Harrisburg New City Reservoir and fishing as reported from anglers has been fair. Anglers should target crappie around structure using minnows and jigs. Currently there are no size or creel limits for crappie at Harrisburg New City Reservoir.

Channel catfish – Anglers continue to report excellent catches of channel catfish. Many fish reported and collected during electro fishing surveys are 20 inches or better. Fishing prospects for channel catfish are expected to be good to excellent. A daily catch limit of six fish applies.

Additional fisheries information can be obtained on the I Fish Illinois web site, <http://www.ifishillinois.org> or by consulting the Illinois Fishing Information booklet or by calling IDNR District Biologist Kurt Daine at 618-949-3432.

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