



DONGOLA CITY LAKE

2020 FISHERIES FACT SHEET

LOCATION: Dongola City Lake is located in Union County west of Dongola. From Dongola, head west on Mill Street/Lake Road and turn north onto Howell Lane/Mill Creek Road.

DESCRIPTION: Dongola City Lake is 58 acres in size. There is a single lane boat ramp with dock. There are no restrooms or concessions available. The largemouth bass fishing regulation changed to an 18 inch minimum length limit and one fish per day creel limit on April 1, 2017.

STATUS OF THE SPORT FISHERY – The following is a brief summary of the major sport fish species based on annual fish population surveys conducted by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources.

Largemouth Bass – Dongola City Lake has an excellent bass population. During the 2019 spring electrofishing survey, largemouth bass were collected at a rate of 92 fish per hour. Of the 46 bass collected, 37% were over 15 inches, 28% were over 16 inches, and 17% were over 18 inches. Largemouth bass stocking in 2019 consisted of 1080 – 4.4-inch fingerlings.

Crappie – Dongola City Lake has a poor crappie population consisting of both black and white crappie. Very few crappie over 8 inches have been observed during sampling in the past. Neither of the 2 crappie collected in the 2019 survey was over 9 inches. Anglers are encouraged to harvest all crappie caught regardless of size to alleviate the overabundance of smaller crappie in the lake.

Bluegill Sunfish – The bluegill population is stunted and poor. No bluegill over 7 inches were collected in the 2019 spring survey. Bluegill over 7 inches are rarely collected in surveys at this lake.

Redear Sunfish – The redear population is below average. No redear sunfish were collected in 2019 and are rarely collected in samples at this lake.

Channel Catfish - The channel catfish population is average. Only one catfish (27 in., 8.8 lbs.) was collected in the 2019 survey. At least one channel catfish has been collected during the last 13 surveys. Fifteen hundred channel catfish (7-8 inches) were stocked in 2018. Starting in 2020, 500 nonvulnerable (8-10 inch) channel catfish will be stocked in this lake annually.

Fishing regulations: *New Regulation takes effect on April 1, 2017.**

| Species | Creel Limit | Minimum Length Limit |
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| Largemouth Bass*** | 1 | 18" |

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