



# DePoorter Lake

## FISH SURVEY AND MANAGEMENT DATA

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**General Information:** DePoorter Lake is a 6 acre water. Anglers can expect to catch largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, channel catfish, bluegill, and rainbow trout. Black crappie and yellow perch are also occasionally caught.

**Location:** Sedgwick County. From I-76 take Hwy 385 1 mile north to the access road. Follow the access road as it winds east, northeast, and then east again, to the lake.

**Recreational Management:** Colorado Parks and Wildlife

**Fishery Management:** Warmwater angling

**Purchase a Fishing License:** <http://wildlife.state.co.us/ShopDOW/AppsAndLicenses/>

### Amenities

- Fishing pier
- Picnic areas
- Modern restrooms
- Wildlife viewing

### Regulations

- Min. size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 15".
- Statewide bag and possession limits also apply.

### Previous Stocking

#### 2011

Largemouth bass  
Smallmouth bass  
Channel catfish  
Bluegill

#### 2010

Largemouth bass  
Channel catfish  
Rainbow trout and Cuttbow

#### 2009

Saugeye  
Channel catfish  
Rainbow trout and Cuttbow

#### 2008

Saugeye  
Smallmouth bass  
Channel catfish  
Bluegill  
Rainbow trout and Cuttbow

#### 2007

Smallmouth bass  
Channel catfish  
Bluegill  
Rainbow trout and Cuttbow

### Sportfishing Notes

#### Largemouth and Smallmouth bass

- Fishing near cattail stands is recommended.
- Traditional bass gear (spinner-, buzz-, and crank-baits, top-water poppers, frogs, etc.) works well.

#### Bluegill

- Salmon eggs or small pieces of night crawler work well.
- Areas around the fishing pier and the east end of the lake are traditional hot-spots.

#### Channel catfish

- Fishing the bottom off of the southeast shore is recommended.
- Chicken liver as bait works well.

#### Black crappie

- Fishing near submerged timber from April-June is recommended.
- Try using 1" tube jigs or tiny-tot and hot leg lures.



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### *About the Lake...*

DePoorter Lake was created in 1988 when fill dirt was excavated for use in the Highway 138-Union Pacific Railroad viaduct. The former Colorado Division of Wildlife began building a fishery in 1989 by stocking hybrid bluegill and channel catfish in the lake. The following year, bluegill and rainbow trout were added to the stocking schedule to expand the fishery. Since then, a variety of species including yellow perch, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, saugeye, cutthroat trout, and cuttbow have been purposefully stocked. Green sunfish, black crappie, walleye, and common carp have been illicitly introduced.





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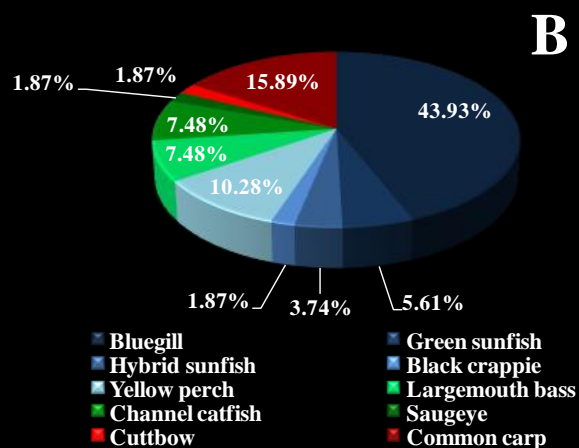
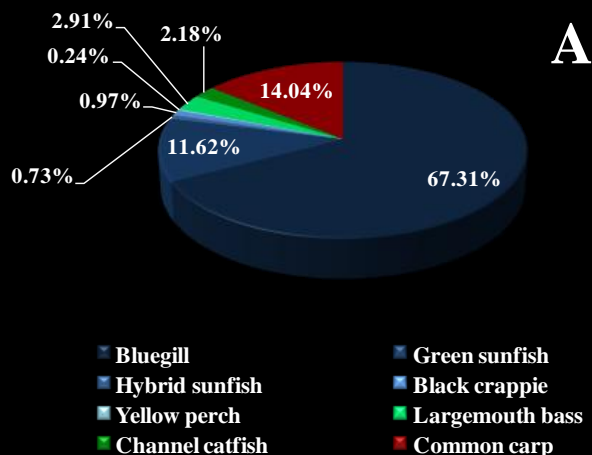


Figure 1. Relative abundance of fish species caught during the 2011 (A) and 2010 (B) annual surveys at DePoorter Lake. Shades of blue represent the panfish population comprised of bluegill, green sunfish, hybrid sunfish, black crappie, and yellow perch. Fish were caught with gillnets, trap nets, and electrofishing.

In addition to providing numerous opportunities for kids to catch fish, DePoorter Lake's panfish prey base supports predatory sportfish (largemouth bass, channel catfish, and saugeye). Growth of the panfish population from 2010 (65%) to 2011 (81%) can primarily be attributed to bluegill stocking (Figure 1). This species was stocked to supplement the prey base because largemouth and smallmouth bass stocking rates were elevated to satisfy angler's desires for higher bass catch rates. Though anglers will have the chance to catch a few big largemouth bass and channel catfish (Table 1), fishing for these species may be slow during the 2012 fishing season, as indicated by their low relative abundance during the 2011 annual survey (Figure 1).



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Table 1. Summary data for fish caught during the 2011 annual survey at DePoorter Lake. Data are based on 36 hours of gillnetting, 57 hours of trap netting, and 1 hour of electrofishing.

Species	Number caught	Length (inches) [mean (range)]	Weight (pounds) [mean (range)]
Bluegill	278	3.4 (1.1-7.6)	0.02 (0.0-0.1)
Green sunfish	48	4.7 (2.2-7.7)	0.07 (0.0-0.2)
Hybrid sunfish	3	4.0 (3.3-4.7)	0.04 (0.0-0.1)
Black crappie	4	10.3 (4.9-12.7)	0.73 (0.0-1.1)
Yellow perch	1	4.2 (4.2-4.2)	0.03 (0.03-0.03)
Largemouth bass	12	10.3 (3.7-17.6)	0.85 (0.0-3.1)
Channel catfish	9	11.8 (7.0-28.2)	1.24 (0.1-8.6)
Common carp	58	19.3 (13.4-28.2)	3.11 (0.6-7.5)

