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## SUMMARY

## Background

The Keeyask Hydropower Limited Partnership (KHLP) was required to prepare a plan to monitor the effects of construction and operation of the Keeyask Generating Station (GS) on the environment. Besides measuring the accuracy of the predictions made and actual effects of the GS on the environment, monitoring results will provide information on how construction and operation of the GS will affect the environment and if more needs to be done to reduce harmful effects.

Construction of the Keeyask GS began in mid-July 2014 and instream work was completed in 2020. The reservoir was impounded with water levels being raised to full supply level between August 31 and September 5, 2020. Commissioning of the powerhouse turbines was initiated after impoundment. They were brought into service one at a time with the final of seven turbines completed on March 9, 2022.

Lake Sturgeon were identified as one of the key species for monitoring. They were chosen because they are culturally important to local people, the local sturgeon populations have been previously impacted, and construction and operation of the GS will change or negatively impact important habitat. The plan to monitor the impacts of GS construction and operation on sturgeon includes several types of studies:

- Estimating the number of adults;
- Estimating the number and growth of juveniles (less than 800 millimetres [mm] in length);
- Identifying spawning locations and numbers of spawning fish; and
- Recording seasonal habitat use and long-distance movements (i.e., over GS's or rapids) through movement studies.

Sampling for adult Lake Sturgeon is scheduled to alternate between the Upper Split Lake Area (the Burntwood River and the Nelson River downstream of the Kelsey GS) and the Keeyask Area (the Keeyask reservoir and Stephens Lake) with each area being sampled every second year. Because of complications associated with conducting field work during the COVID-19 pandemic, data were collected in the Upper Split Lake Area in 2022 for the first time since 2019. The Keeyask Area was also sampled at the same time. This area was sampled in spring 2021 but after sampling a large number of adult Lake Sturgeon moved downstream through the Keeyask GS. It was sampled again in 2022 to see if this downstream migration was big enough to impact the adult Lake Sturgeon population in the Keeyask reservoir.

This report presents results of adult Lake Sturgeon population monitoring conducted in the Upper Split Lake Area (i.e., the Nelson River between the Kelsey GS and Split Lake, and the Burntwood

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River), the Keeyask reservoir (i.e., the Nelson River between Long Rapids and the Keeyask GS) and Stephens Lake (see study area map below), during spring, 2022.

## Why is the study being done?

Monitoring of the adult Lake Sturgeon population in both the Upper Split Lake and Keeyask areas is being done to answer several questions:

Is there a change in how many Lake Sturgeon are in the Upper Split Lake Area, the Keeyask reservoir and Stephens Lake?

Population estimates will allow us to determine how the number of adults is changing as we try to increase the number of sturgeon by stocking young fish. Lake Sturgeon are different from other fish in Manitoba because they do not begin to reproduce until they are at least 15 years old and they can live a very long time (more than 60 years and even up to 100 years). If the remaining adult fish disappear before enough young fish are born or stocked, then the population will not recover.

Is there a change in the mortality rate of Lake Sturgeon in the Upper Split Lake Area, the Keeyask reservoir, and Stephens Lake?

If the mortality rate increases, then steps would need to be taken to determine the cause and to develop a plan to stop further decreases in the population.

Is there a change in the number of Lake Sturgeon captured in Stephens Lake each year the monitoring occurs?

This question is important because natural spawning sites for adult Lake Sturgeon in Stephens Lake are no longer present after construction except when water is released from the spillway. Sturgeon will need to use new spawning habitat downstream of the tailrace. Changes in the number of fish captured will tell us if the population is increasing or decreasing.

Is there a significant change in the condition (how fat they are) of Lake Sturgeon in the Upper Split Lake Area, the Keeyask reservoir, and in Stephens Lake?

This question is important because if sturgeon become fatter or skinnier than they used to be, something is changing in their environment. It might also mean that stocking has increased population levels to the point that there is not enough food for all the fish, and stocking should be reduced or stopped.


Map of the lower Nelson River showing the site of the Keeyask Generating Station and the Lake Sturgeon study setting.

## Why is the study being done?

Because the Keeyask GS was recently completed, the study is being done in the Keeyask Area to answer two extra questions:

Are spawning adults present in the Keeyask reservoir and Stephens Lake?
This question is important because if there are no spawning fish, recruitment will not happen and the populations will decrease. If this happens, we would need to try and find the cause (for example, if there is no suitable habitat for spawning).

Where (on a coarse-scale) do Lake Sturgeon spawn after the Keeyask GS was built?
This question is important to make sure that there is suitable habitat for Lake Sturgeon spawning.

## What was done?

Sampling in 2022 was conducted from May 28-July 4 in the Burntwood River, May 27-July 4 in the Kelsey GS Area, and from May 27-July 3 in both the Keeyask reservoir and Stephens Lake. Gill nets were set to target adult Lake Sturgeon. For this study, sturgeon that were 800 mm or longer were considered adults. The exact size when Lake Sturgeon become mature and ready to spawn can vary, but previous information from the area tells us that 800 mm is a good standard size to use to determine whether or not fish are mature.


## Measuring a Lake Sturgeon (left), captured adult Lake Sturgeon (middle), and releasing an adult Lake Sturgeon after it was caught and sampled (right).

Gill nets were set at places where adults are known to occur, including at spawning sites, because sturgeon gather there to spawn in spring and are easy to catch. When a fish was caught it was measured, weighed, and examined for signs of spawning. If the fish was not already tagged, then two different tags were applied; an external (Floy) tag and a small internal (PIT) tag. If the captured fish had already been tagged, then the tag numbers were recorded before the fish was released. Tagging and recapturing fish makes it possible to estimate how many sturgeon are in a population. Populations are estimated using a model. Each year, as more data are collected and added to the model, the population estimates get more precise and accurate. Therefore, these estimates are recalculated each sampling year, so they might differ between reports. A catch-per-unit-effort (CPUE) is also calculated which is the total catch divided by the total amount of effort (time and net size) used to harvest the catch. This number can also tell us about abundance is the CPUE goes up or down over time.

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## What was found?

A total of 270 Lake Sturgeon were captured in the Burntwood River in 2022. Most ( 234 fish) were classified as adults because they measured 800 mm or longer. Of the 270 fish, 108 were recaptures from previous gillnetting studies, four were hatchery-reared fish that weren't captured since stocking, and 158 had not been tagged before. A total of 94 spawning fish were caught including 91 males and three females. Milt and eggs were collected from five of these fish (one female and four males) to use as part of the stocking program. Condition factor (a measure of how fat a fish is) was similar to previous years. A computer model was used to generate estimates of population size and survival for adult Lake Sturgeon. In 2022, the population was estimated at 707 individuals with $88 \%$ survival. The estimate shows that the number of fish in the Burntwood River is increasing. The CPUE ( 0.75 Lake Sturgeon/91.4 m net/24 h) was higher than all other study years except for 2012.

A total of 231 Lake Sturgeon were captured in the Kelsey GS Area in 2022. Most ( 195 fish) were classified as adults. Of these, 74 were recaptures from previous gillnetting studies, two were hatchery-reared fish that weren't captured since stocking, and 155 had not been tagged before. A large number of recaptured fish (18) were last captured in the Keeyask reservoir. One spawning male fish was caught downstream of the Kelsey GS. It is not unusual to catch few spawners because the area where fish spawn has very fast water and is difficult to set gill nets in. Lake Sturgeon showed a lower condition factor (they were skinnier) than in past sampling years. In 2022, the population was estimated at 957 individuals with $86 \%$ survival. The estimate shows that the number of fish in the Kelsey GS Area is increasing. The CPUE ( 0.66 Lake Sturgeon/91.4 m net/24 h) was higher than in any previous year.


Lake Sturgeon caught in the Kelsey GS Area (left), Keeyask reservoir (middle), and Stephens Lake (right) in spring 2022.

A total of 63 Lake Sturgeon were captured in the Keeyask reservoir in 2022. Approximately half ( 32 fish) were classified as adults. Of these, 26 were recaptures from previous gillnetting studies, two were hatchery-reared fish that weren't captured since stocking, and 35 had not been tagged before. A total of three spawning fish were caught including two males and one females. All three spawning fish were caught at Birthday Rapids. Too few fish were caught in 2022 to compare condition factor to previous years, but average condition was within the range seen in other years. In 2022, the population was estimated at 345 individuals with a $92 \%$ survival rate which is much
lower than in previous years. The CPUE ( 0.14 Lake Sturgeon/91.4 m net/24 h) was lower than any recent study year (since 2011).

A total of 176 Lake Sturgeon were captured in Stephens Lake in 2022. Most (132 fish) were classified as adults. Of these, 110 were recaptures from previous gillnetting studies, one was a hatchery-reared fish that wasn't captured since stocking, and 65 had not been tagged before. A large number ( 48 fish or $44 \%$ ) were last captured in the Keeyask reservoir. Two spawning male fish were caught downstream of the Keeyask GS near the powerhouse tailrace. It is not unusual to catch few spawners because the area where fish spawn has very fast water and is difficult to set gillnets in. Condition factor was similar to previous years. In 2022, the population was estimated at 1,164 individuals with $97 \%$ survival, which is high. The estimate shows that the number of fish in Stephens Lake is increasing. The CPUE ( 0.48 Lake Sturgeon/91.4 m net/24 h) was higher than all other study years except for 2021.

## What does it mean?

Based on the number of fish captured and the population estimates, the number of adult Lake Sturgeon in the Burntwood River and in the Nelson River downstream of the Kelsey GS appears to be increasing. Condition factors in the Burntwood have not changed much since studies began, but were higher during earlier study years in the Kelsey GS Area than recent study years. Despite this, condition factor of Lake Sturgeon in both areas continue to be similar to those seen elsewhere in Northern Manitoba.

The EIS predicted that the number of adult Lake Sturgeon in the Keeyask reservoir would decrease after impoundment because fish would move out of the area, both upstream and downstream. Fewer adult Lake Sturgeon were captured in the Keeyask reservoir in 2022 than in recent study years. The population estimate shows that the population is decreasing. This is likely because a large number of fish moved out of the Keeyask reservoir in 2021 and 2022. This can be seen in the large number of fish from this area that were recaptured downstream of the Kelsey GS and in Stephens Lake and was also observed in an adult Lake Sturgeon movement study being conducted in the area. It may also because there is more water in the Keeyask reservoir since it was flooded, making fish harder to catch. Despite this, spawning fish were captured in the Keeyask reservoir in 2022 including both male and female fish. All three fish were captured at Birthday Rapids. Of the fish that were captured, condition factor fell within the range seen in previous years.

Unlike the Keeyask reservoir, the number of adult Lake Sturgeon in Stephens Lake is increasing. There was a large increase in the population estimate between 2021 and 2022. This may partly be due to the large number of fish that have moved downstream from the Keeyask reservoir. The population estimate also shows a significant increasing trend since 2003 showing that the population is growing in the long-term. Spawning fish were captured downstream of the Keeyask GS near the powerhouse tailrace in 2022. Condition of fish captured in 2022 did not change from other sampling years.

## What will be done next?

Sampling in each area (the Upper Split Lake and Keeyask areas) will return to an every second year schedule in 2023 and will continue until 2044. Sampling will happen in the Keeyask reservoir and Stephens Lake in spring 2023.

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### 1.0 INTRODUCTION

The Keeyask Generation Project (the Project) is a 695-megawatt (MW) hydroelectric generating station on the lower Nelson River in northern Manitoba. The GS is approximately 725 kilometres (km) northeast of Winnipeg, 35 km upstream of the existing Kettle Generating Station, 60 km east of the community of Split Lake, 180 km east-northeast of Thompson and 30 km west of Gillam. Construction of the GS began in July 2014 and the seven generating units were all in-service in March 2022.

The Keeyask Generation Project: Response to EIS Guidelines, completed in June 2012, provides a summary of predicted effects and planned mitigation for the Project. Technical supporting information for the aquatic environment, including a description of the environmental setting, effects and mitigation, and a summary of proposed monitoring and follow-up programs, is provided in the Keeyask Generation Project Environmental Impact Statement: Aquatic Environment Supporting Volume (AESV). As part of the licensing process for the Project, an Aquatic Effects Monitoring Plan (AEMP) was developed detailing the monitoring activities of various components of the aquatic environment, including the focus of this report, adult Lake Sturgeon populations, for the construction and operation phases of the Project.

Adult population monitoring studies were initiated in 2001. Two areas were considered: the area that would be directly affected by the Project (including the reach of the Nelson River from Clark Lake to Gull Rapids) and Stephens Lake; and rivers flowing into the upstream portion of Split Lake (referred to as the Upper Split Lake Area). When studies were initiated in 2001, it was known that Lake Sturgeon habitat in the Upper Split Lake Area would not be affected by the Project, but the degree of interaction between Lake Sturgeon in the Upper Split Lake Area and Gull and Stephens lakes was not known. Genetic studies completed since that time have demonstrated that sturgeon in the Keeyask reservoir are a separate population from sturgeon in the Upper Split Lake Area and that, within this area, the Kelsey GS and Burntwood River populations differ (Gosselin et al. 2016). However, some movement of adult Lake Sturgeon between the Keeyask reservoir and the Nelson River downstream of the Kelsey GS has been recorded. Studies have continued in the Upper Split Lake Area because this area was selected as a location where the KHLP could support the recovery of a Lake Sturgeon population outside the direct influence of the Project as an offsetting measure ${ }^{1}$.

Since 2001, Lake Sturgeon data have been collected in multiple years from the Upper Split Lake, the Keeyask reservoir, and Stephens Lake areas (Barth and Mochnacz 2004; Barth 2005; Barth and Murray 2005; Barth and Ambrose 2006; Barth and MacDonald 2008; MacDonald 2008a, b; Michaluk and MacDonald 2010; MacDonald and Barth 2011; Hrenchuk and McDougall 2012; Hrenchuk 2013; Groening et al. 2014; Henderson et al. 2016; Legge et al. 2017; Lacho et al. 2018; Holm and Hrenchuk 2019; Ambrose et al. 2020; Loeppky and Hrenchuk 2022). Studies

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focused on adults were conducted during alternate years among locations, i.e., alternating between the Upper Split Lake Area and the Keeyask reservoir and Stephens Lake. These studies were conducted during spring and identified sturgeon spawning areas, determined the relative importance of spawning sites, and contributed to the understanding of sturgeon movements. Mark-recapture data have also been used to develop adult abundance estimates for populations in all three areas.

Adult Lake Sturgeon population monitoring was scheduled to occur in spring 2020 within the future Keeyask reservoir and Stephens Lake; however, due to complications associated with conducting field work during the COVID-19 pandemic, monitoring was deferred to spring 2021 and sampling in the Upper Split Lake Area was deferred to 2022.

Following sampling in 2021, a large number of adult Lake Sturgeon were observed moving downstream through the Keeyask GS during acoustic telemetry studies (Hrenchuk and Small 2022). Monitoring in the Keeyask Area was repeated in 2022 to determine if the downstream movements observed after the population study was completed in spring 2021 were substantial enough to change the population estimate. Therefore, sampling was conducted in all study areas in spring 2022.

This report presents results of adult Lake Sturgeon population monitoring conducted in the Burntwood River, the Nelson River downstream of the Kelsey GS, the Keeyask reservoir (i.e., the Nelson River between Clark Lake and the Keeyask GS) and in Stephens Lake in spring 2022, and compares these results to previous years. Sampling in 2022 represents the first year of sampling during operation conditions in both the Keeyask reservoir and Stephens Lake. Because of this, several key questions identified in the AEMP that have not been previously discussed are addressed. The key questions set out in the AEMP for adult population monitoring were:

- Is there a biologically relevant (and statistically significant) change in the rate of population growth for the Keeyask reservoir and Stephens Lake populations?
- Is there a biologically relevant (and statistically significant) change in survival for the Keeyask reservoir and Stephens Lake populations?
- Is there a biologically relevant (and statistically significant) change in the condition factor of Lake Sturgeon?
- Is the relative abundance/CPUE of adult Lake Sturgeon in Stephens Lake changing?
- Are spawning adults present in the Keeyask reservoir and Stephens Lake?
- Where (on a coarse-scale) do Lake Sturgeon spawn in the post-Project environment?
- Over the long-term, is there a measurable effect on population growth due to stocking?
- Over the long-term, is the Lake Sturgeon population considered sustainable based on the size of the adult population and the population viability analysis?

The last two questions in this list relate to long-term changes and are not addressed in this report.

### 2.0 STUDY SETTING

### 2.1 UPPER Split Lake Area

The Upper Split Lake Area consists of two locations: 1) the Burntwood River between First Rapids and Split Lake (Map 1), and 2) the Nelson River between the Kelsey GS and Split Lake (including the Grass River downstream of Witchai Lake Falls and upper Split Lake). The sections of riverine and lacustrine habitat that represent the Upper Split Lake Area offer a diversity of physical conditions, including a variety of substrate types, variable water depths (ranging from 0 to 30 m ) and water velocities. Water velocities were classified as low ( $0.2-0.5 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}$ ), moderate ( $0.5-1.5$ $\mathrm{m} / \mathrm{s}$ ), or high ( $>1.5 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}$ ), as described in the Keeyask AE SV.

The Burntwood River flows in a north-easterly direction from First Rapids for approximately 35 km prior to emptying into the western arm of Split Lake. It is unknown if First Rapids represents a natural barrier to upstream fish passage but is assumed to be under high flow conditions. Hard substrates predominate in the main channel, while loose fine sediments and associated macrophyte growth occur in many off-current areas. The hydrology of the Burntwood River has been affected by the Churchill River Diversion (CRD). Outflow from the Burntwood River to Split Lake at First Rapids increased nearly 10 -fold from $90.0 \mathrm{~m} 3 / \mathrm{s}$ prior to diversion to $849.0 \mathrm{~m} 3 / \mathrm{s}$ following diversion.

The Kelsey GS is located on the upper Nelson River, approximately 90 km upstream of the Keeyask GS. Kelsey GS was completed in 1961 and was the first hydroelectric station built on the Nelson River. Downstream of the GS there is an approximately 5 km long reach of the Nelson River, characterized by predominantly fast-moving water with rocky shoreline and substrate, after which the Nelson River splits into two channels around a large island. Each channel contains a set of rapids: the Anipitapiskow Rapids ( $\sim 7 \mathrm{~km}$ north of the GS on the north channel) and Sakitowak Rapids ( $\sim 10.0 \mathrm{~km}$ northeast of the GS on the south channel). Both channels empty into Split Lake.

The Grass River enters the Nelson River from the west immediately downstream of the Kelsey GS. Between Witchai Lake Falls (approximately 5.0 km upstream of the mouth) and the mouth of the Grass River, the shorelines are gradual in slope and water velocities are generally lower than in the Nelson River. Witchai Lake Falls appears to be a natural barrier to upstream fish passage.

Split Lake, which is immediately downstream of the Kelsey GS at the confluence of the Burntwood and Nelson rivers, is the second largest waterbody in the Keeyask study area. Due to large inflows from the Nelson and Burntwood rivers, the lake has a detectable current in several locations. Split Lake has maximum and mean depths of 28.0 m and 3.9 m respectively, at a water surface elevation of 167.0 m above sea level (ASL) (Lawrence et al. 1999). The surface area of Split Lake was determined to be 26,100 ha (excluding islands), with a total shoreline length, including islands, of 940.0 km (Lawrence et al. 1999). The numerous islands in Split Lake represent 411.6 km of the total shoreline.

### 2.2 Keeyask Area

The study area encompasses an approximately 110 km long reach of the Nelson River from Clark Lake to the upstream end of the Limestone Reservoir (Map 1). This section of river offers a diversity of physical habitat conditions, including a variety of substrate types, and variable water depths (range: $0-30 \mathrm{~m}$ ) and velocities. Clark Lake is located immediately downstream of Split Lake, and approximately 42 km upstream of the Keeyask GS. Current is restricted to the main section of the lake, with off-current bays outside the main channel. The Assean River is the only major tributary to Clark Lake and flows into the north side. Downstream from the outlet of Clark Lake, the Nelson River narrows and water velocity increases for a 3 km stretch, known as Long Rapids. For the next 7 km , the river widens, and water velocity decreases. The area between Clark Lake and Birthday Rapids is referred to herein as the upper Keeyask reservoir.

Birthday Rapids is located approximately 10 km downstream of Clark Lake and 30 km upstream of the Keeyask GS and marks the upstream end of major water level changes because of impoundment by the Keeyask GS. The drop in elevation from the upstream to downstream side of Birthday Rapids was approximately 2 m prior to impoundment but is now nearly level, albeit a fast-flowing section of river. The 14 km reach of the Nelson River between Birthday Rapids and Gull Lake was characterized as a large and somewhat uniform channel with medium to high water velocities and a few large bays. This area is now within the Keeyask reservoir, though flooding was limited to mainly shoreline areas, and is referred to herein as the middle Keeyask reservoir.

Prior to impoundment, Gull Lake was a widening of the Nelson River, with moderate to low water velocity beginning approximately 20 km upstream the Keeyask GS. Water levels on Gull Lake increased by several metres following impoundment and flooding along the shoreline and small tributaries entering this reach was extensive. Although this area is larger than prior to impoundment, the portion of the Keeyask reservoir is referred to herein as Gull Lake.

Just below the Keeyask GS, the Nelson River enters Stephens Lake. Stephens Lake was formed in 1971 by construction of the Kettle GS. Construction of the Keeyask GS has altered the flow distribution immediately downstream of the station.

Construction of the Kettle GS flooded Moose Nose Lake (north arm) and several other small lakes that previously drained into the Nelson River, as well as the old channels of the Nelson River that now lie within the southern portion of the lake. Major tributaries of Stephens Lake include the North and South Moswakot rivers that enter the north arm of the lake. Looking Back Creek is a second order stream that drains into the north arm of Stephens Lake. Kettle GS is located approximately 40 km downstream of the Keeyask GS.


Map 1. Map of the lower Nelson River showing the site of the Keeyask Generating Station and the Lake Sturgeon study setting.

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### 3.0 METHODS

### 3.1 GilLnetting

Large mesh gill nets were used to capture adult Lake Sturgeon ( $\geq 800 \mathrm{~mm}$ fork length) in the Burntwood River (between First Rapids and Split Lake) from May 28 to July 4, the Nelson River downstream of the Kelsey GS (including the Grass River and the upper reaches of Split Lake) from May 27 to July 4, and in the Keeyask reservoir and Stephens Lake from May 27 to July 3, 2022.

Gill net gangs consisted of four $100 \mathrm{yd}(91.4 \mathrm{~m})$ long, $2.7 \mathrm{yd}(2.5 \mathrm{~m})$ deep panels of $8,9,10$, and $12 "$ (203, 229, 254, and 305 mm ) twisted nylon stretched mesh. Gill nets were checked approximately every 24 hours, weather permitting. At each gillnetting site, UTM coordinates were taken using a handheld GPS unit (Garmin Limited, Olathe, Kansas).

Water temperature was measured daily using a handheld thermometer $\left( \pm 0.5^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\right)$ in the Burntwood River. Mean daily water temperature downstream of the Kelsey GS was taken from Manitoba Hydro's water temperature gauging station (\#05UF791). HOBO Water Temperature Pro data loggers $\left( \pm 0.2^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\right)$, set approximately 1 m off the substrate were also used in the Keeyask reservoir and Stephens Lake to log water temperature at 6 -hour intervals.

Captured Lake Sturgeon were measured for fork length (FL) and total length (TL; $\pm 1 \mathrm{~cm}$ ), weighed (with a digital handheld hanging scale, handheld conventional scale, or pan scale $\pm 25 \mathrm{~g}$ ), and externally marked with an individually numbered plastic Floy-FD-94 T-bar anchor tag (Floy tag). Floy tags were inserted between the basal pterygiophores of the dorsal fin using a Dennison Mark Il tagging gun. In addition to the external tag, each sturgeon had an individually numbered Passive Integrated Transponder (PIT) tag (Oregon RFID Ltd., Portland, Oregon) injected under the third dorsal scute using Oregon RFID tag injector needles, dipped in Polysporin to minimize the risk of infection. Tags were injected into dorsal muscle tissue parallel to the horizontal axis of the fish. Following implantation, the fish was scanned using a Biomark HPR Lite Handheld PIT tag reader (Biomark; Boise, Idaho).

Sex and maturity were determined for individual adult Lake Sturgeon by applying pressure to the ventral surface of the fish to express gametes. If no gametes were expressed, sex and maturity codes were not assigned. The following sexual maturity codes were used:

| Female (F) | Male (M) |
| :---: | :---: |
| 2 - maturing to spawn (pre-spawn) | 7 - maturing to spawn (pre-spawn) |
| 3 - ripe | 8 - ripe |
| 4 - spent (post-spawn) | 9 - spent (post-spawn) |

Species other than Lake Sturgeon captured in the gill nets were measured for FL, weighed, and released.

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### 3.2 Data Analysis

As was done in previous years, data analysis included all sizes of Lake Sturgeon captured (as opposed to only those with FL measuring 800 mm or greater). Mesh sizes are used to target large Lake Sturgeon, but smaller fish are also captured. Inclusion of all fish in the summary statistics ensures comparability among years.

Mean FL (mm), weight ( g ), and condition factor (K) were calculated for all first-time captures and recaptured Lake Sturgeon tagged in a previous year. Condition factor was calculated for individual fish based on the following equation (after Fulton 1911, in Ricker 1975):

$$
K=W /\left(L^{3} / 10^{5}\right)
$$

Where:

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \mathrm{W}=\text { round weight }(\mathrm{g}) ; \text { and } \\
& \mathrm{L}=\text { fork length }(\mathrm{mm})
\end{aligned}
$$

Mean condition factor was calculated by 50 mm FL interval for adult Lake Sturgeon. Mean condition factor by FL interval was compared between pre-Project (i.e., 2001-2014), construction (i.e., 2015-2021), and operation (i.e., 2022) using a Kruskal-Wallis H test (significance level set at 0.05). If a significant difference was found, a Dunn's test was conducted to determine which sampling period differed. The test was only used if the sample size (i.e., the number of fish captured) was greater than ten.

A length-frequency distribution for Lake Sturgeon was plotted in 50 mm FL intervals (e.g., 1,000$1,049 \mathrm{~mm}$ ).

A length-weight relationship was calculated using least squares regression analysis on logarithmic transformations of FL and weight according to the following relationship:

$$
\log _{10}(W)=\log _{10}(a)+b^{*} \log _{10}(L)
$$

Where:

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \mathrm{W}=\text { round weight }(\mathrm{g}) ; \\
& \mathrm{L}=\text { fork length }(\mathrm{mm}) ; \\
& \mathrm{a}=\mathrm{Y} \text {-intercept; and } \\
& \mathrm{b}=\text { slope of the regression line }
\end{aligned}
$$

Catch-per-unit-effort (CPUE) was calculated and expressed as the number of Lake Sturgeon captured in 91.4 m ( 50 yd ; the standard length of adult Lake Sturgeon nets) of net per 24-hour period using the following formula:

CPUE $=\Sigma$ \# Lake Sturgeon $/ \Sigma$ gillnetting hours $\times 24 \mathrm{~h} /$ length of gill net used $\times 91.4 \mathrm{~m}$

Where:
$\Sigma=$ sum of the number of fish or gillnetting hours at all sites.
Lake Sturgeon that were tagged in a previous year and recaptured in 2021 were included in all analyses; however, current-year recaptures (i.e., those captured multiple times within the same sampling year) were only included for the first capture.

### 3.3 POPULATION Estimation

Mark-recapture population estimates have been calculated for the Burntwood River during the spring of twelve different years (2005-2007, 2009-2013, 2015, 2017, 2019, 2022), for the Kelsey GS area during the spring of ten different years (2005-2007, 2009, 2011, 2013, 2015, 2017, 2019, 2022), for the Keeyask reservoir during the spring of 14 different years (1995, 2001-2004, 2006, 2008, 2010, 2012, 2014, 2016, 2018, and 2021-2022) and for Stephens Lake during the spring of 14 different years (2001-2006, 2008, 2010, 2012, 2014, 2016, 2018, and 2021-2022). For Stephens Lake, 2022 was the third year during which sufficient numbers of fish were re-captured that mark-recapture population estimates could be calculated. Given that encounter histories were developed for these fish, estimates were calculated for the spring in all the years that sturgeon gillnetting studies were conducted in Stephens Lake (2001-2006, 2008, 2010-2012, 2014, 2016, 2018, 2021, and 2022). However, estimates from years prior to 2018 are associated with a higher degree of uncertainty due to the small numbers of fish captured. Sampling methods and protocols differed between time periods. Lake Sturgeon were tagged in 1995 in Gull Lake by Manitoba Fisheries Branch and the Split Lake Resource Management Board. All data for the period 20012012 were collected annually as part of environmental studies related to the pre-Project environment, while data from 2014 until 2044 are collected biennially as part of monitoring studies related to the Keeyask GS project.

After spring sampling in 2021, a large number of adult Lake Sturgeon began to move downstream out of the Keeyask reservoir (Hrenchuk 2022). This impacted the population model for the Keeyask reservoir in 2022. The population model interprets fish that move from the Keeyask reservoir to Stephens as mortalities as they are not able to return and are lost from the upstream population. Although these fish moved downstream after sampling in 2021, the model assumes the event happened over time, impacting the survival rates between 2018 and 2022 (instead of for 2022 alone). This leads to falsely low estimates for 2018 and 2021. To account for this, abundance estimates generated for the Keeyask reservoir in 2021 were used for the years between 1995-2021 and the 2022 estimate was only generated for the current study year.

The Jolly-Seber model (POPAN formulation; Arnason and Schwarz 2002), as implemented within MARK, was used to estimate the annual abundance of adult Lake Sturgeon in the Burntwood River, Kelsey GS Area, Keeyask reservoir and Stephens Lake. Survival estimates calculated based on model recommendations. These differed based on location as follows:

- Burntwood River: 2001-2007, 2008-2013, and 2014-2022;
- Kelsey GS Area: 2001-2013 and 2014-2022;
- Keeyask reservoir: 1995-2001, 2001-2004, 2004-2021, and 2021-2022; and
- Stephens Lake: 2001-2013 and 2014-2022.

In order to track short-term trends in population size, current-year estimates were compared to those from the previous one and two sampling periods. Both the Burntwood River and Kelsey GS estimates were compared to 2017 and 2019. The Keeyask reservoir and Stephens Lake were compared to 2018 and 2021. A statistically significant change was determined as an increase beyond the $95^{\text {th }}$ percentile or a decrease below the $5^{\text {th }}$ percentile (e.g., if the 2022 estimate was greater than the $95^{\text {th }}$ percentile from the 2021 estimate, the increase in population size was significant).

Long-term population trajectory was analysed using a standard linear regression. Slopes that were significantly different than zero ( $F$-tests, $\mathrm{p}<0.05$ ) indicated an increasing or decreasing trend. The slope of the regression through time indicated the approximate number of individuals added to or removed from the population each year.

Fish that moved downstream from the Keeyask reservoir to Stephens Lake prior to the spring sampling period were removed from upstream analysis and added to Stephens Lake.

Detailed methods for the population estimation can be found in Appendix 3.

### 4.0 RESULTS

Tag and biological data for all first-time Lake Sturgeon captures are presented in Appendix 1 and data from recaptured Lake Sturgeon are presented in Appendix 2.

### 4.1 BURNTWOOD RIVER

### 4.1.1 Relative Abundance/CPUE

Gill nets were set at 90 sites in the Burntwood River between May 28 and July 4, 2022 (Table 1; Map 2). Water temperature ranged from 5.0 to $16.0^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ during the study (Figure 1). A total of 286 fish were captured, the majority of which ( $n=270 ; 94 \%$ ) were Lake Sturgeon (Table 1). No Lake Sturgeon mortalities occurred during sampling.

Table 1. Number of fish, by species, captured during adult Lake Sturgeon population monitoring in the Burntwood River, spring 2022.

| Common Name | Scientific Name | Abbreviation | Burntwood River | \% of <br> Catch |
| :--- | :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Burbot | Lota lota | BURB | 1 | 0.3 |
| Common Carp | Cyprinus carpio | CMCR | 3 | 1.0 |
| Freshwater Drum | Aplodinotus grunniens | FRDR | 2 | 0.7 |
| Lake Sturgeon | Acipenser fulvescens | LKST $^{1}$ | $\mathbf{2 7 0}$ | $\mathbf{9 4 . 4}$ |
| Northern Pike | Esox lucius | NRPK | 6 | 2.1 |
| Walleye | Sander vitreus | WALL | 4 | 1.4 |
| Total |  |  | $\mathbf{2 8 6}$ | 100 |

1. Does not include fish recaptured in the same waterbody in the season/year in which they were tagged.


Map 2. $\quad$ Sites fished with large mesh gill net gangs in the Burntwood River, spring 2022.

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Figure 1. Mean daily water temperature of the Burntwood River, May 28 to July 4, 2022.

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In total, 270 Lake Sturgeon were captured in 8,665 gill net hours, resulting in an overall CPUE of 0.75 LKST/91.4 m net/24 h (Table 2). Site-specific CPUE ranged from 0.0-3.3 LKST/91.4 m net/24 h. Gillnetting effort and CPUE was highest in Zone BWR-A (the area immediately downstream of First Rapids (Table 3).

Table 2. Lake Sturgeon catch-per-unit-effort (CPUE; \# LKST/91.4 m net/24 h) values observed during mark/recapture studies in the Burntwood River spring 20012022.

| Year | \# Sites | Total Lake <br> Sturgeon $^{\mathbf{1}}$ | Total Gill Net Hours $^{\mathbf{2}}$ | Total CPUE |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2001 | 26 | 23 | 1,975 | 0.28 |
| 2002 | 30 | 16 | - | 0.38 |
| 2005 | 18 | 14 | 1,874 | 0.18 |
| 2006 | 16 | 37 | 2,577 | 0.34 |
| 2007 | 27 | 60 | 6,247 | 0.24 |
| 2009 | 21 | 70 | 3,139 | 0.54 |
| 2010 | 15 | 30 | 1,716 | 0.42 |
| 2011 | 29 | 65 | 2,728 | 0.50 |
| 2012 | 19 | 29 | 590 | 1.18 |
| 2013 | 79 | 123 | 7,610 | 0.38 |
| 2015 | 67 | 109 | 5,835 | 0.44 |
| 2017 | 78 | 207 | 7,726 | 0.64 |
| 2019 | 72 | 231 | 9,258 | 0.60 |
| $\mathbf{2 0 2 2}$ | $\mathbf{9 0}$ | $\mathbf{2 7 0}$ | $\mathbf{8 , 6 6 5}$ | $\mathbf{0 . 7 5}$ |

1. Does not include fish recaptured in the same waterbody in the season/year in which they were tagged.
2. The effort has been corrected to account for panel length. For example, the duration of a gill net gang consisting of four panels (i.e., 91.4 m long) was doubled (i.e., equivalent of two 91.4 m gang sets).

Table 3. Number and catch-per-unit-effort (CPUE; \# LKST/91.4 m net/24 h) values, by zone, observed during adult Lake Sturgeon population monitoring in the Burntwood River, spring 2022.

| Zone | \# Sites | Total Lake Sturgeon $^{\mathbf{1}}$ | Total Gill Net Hours $^{\mathbf{2}}$ | Total CPUE |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| BWR-A | 48 | 230 | 5,286 | 1.04 |
| BWR-B | 38 | 36 | 3,194 | 0.27 |
| BWR-C | 4 | 4 | 185 | 0.52 |

1. Does not include fish recaptured in the same waterbody in the season/year in which they were tagged.
2. The effort ( $h$ ) has been corrected to account for panel length set at each site. For example, the duration of a gill net gang consisting of four panels (i.e., 91.4 m long) was doubled (i.e., equivalent of two 91.4 m gang sets)

### 4.1.2 Biological Metrics

Lake Sturgeon captured had a mean fork length of 939 mm (range: 310-1,600 mm), a mean weight of $7,392 \mathrm{~g}$ (range: $250-33,566 \mathrm{~g}$ ), and a mean condition factor of 0.81 (range: 0.48-1.15) (Table 5). One fish was unintentionally released prior to being measured. Of the 269 Lake Sturgeon measured, 234 were considered adults ( $\mathrm{FL} \geq 800 \mathrm{~mm}$ ) and 35 were considered juveniles ( FL < 800 mm ). Lake Sturgeon measuring 900-999 mm FL were captured most frequently ( $\mathrm{n}=$ 97), making up $19 \%$ of the total catch and $22 \%$ of the adult Lake Sturgeon catch (Figure 2).

Mean condition factor of adult Lake Sturgeon did not differ significantly between baseline (20012013), construction (2015, 2017, and 2019) and operation (2022) for six of the seven FL intervals for which comparisons were possible. Mean condition of fish captured in the 1,000-1,049 mm FL interval was significantly lower during operation than baseline but did not differ from construction (Figure 3). The length-weight relationship is presented in Figure 4.

Sex and maturity were confirmed for 94 individuals, including 91 males and three females. The catch included 37 pre-spawn, 61 ripe, and one post-spawn male, two pre-spawn females, and one ripe female (Table 4). All spawning Lake Sturgeon were captured immediately below First Rapids (Zone BWR-A) (Map 2).

Five mature fish (Floy tag \#119595 [female], \#119594 [male], \#114070 [male], \#98902 [male], \#119577 [male]) were used as broodstock for the Project's stocking program. Details on gamete collection, egg fertilization, egg transport, hatch, larval rearing, and stocking can be found in Klassen et al. (2023).

Table 4. Sex and maturity data for Lake Sturgeon captured in the Burntwood River during adult population monitoring, spring, 2001-2022.

| Year | Sex and Maturity ${ }^{1}$ |  |  |  |  |  | \# of Spawners ${ }^{2}$ | Unknown maturity | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Male |  |  | Female |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 7 | 8 | 9 | 2 | 3 | 4 |  |  |  |
| 2001 | 7 | - | - | - | - | - | 7 | 16 | 23 |
| 2002 | 3 | - | 1 | - | - | - | 4 | 12 | 16 |
| 2005 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 14 | 14 |
| 2006 | - | 7 | 3 | - | - | - | 8 | 29 | 37 |
| 2007 | 9 | 4 | 4 | - | - | - | 15 | 45 | 60 |
| 2009 | 7 | 24 | 2 | - | - | - | 30 | 40 | 70 |
| 2010 | 12 | 4 | - | - | - | - | 16 | 14 | 30 |
| 2011 | 9 | 30 | 1 | - | - | - | 40 | 25 | 65 |
| 2012 | 10 | 12 | - | - | - | - | 20 | 9 | 29 |
| 2013 | 18 | 27 | 5 | 1 | 1 | - | 52 | 71 | 123 |
| 2015 | 16 | 28 | - | 1 | - | - | 43 | 66 | 109 |
| 2017 | 26 | 77 | 7 | - | 2 | - | 96 | 111 | 207 |
| 2019 | 28 | 27 | 4 | 2 | - | - | 61 | 171 | 231 |
| 2022 | 37 | 61 | 1 | 2 | 1 | - | 94 | 176 | 270 |

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Table 5. Mean fork length (mm), weight ( g ), and relative condition factor ( K ) of Lake Sturgeon captured during adult Lake Sturgeon population monitoring in the Burntwood River (Upper Split Lake Area), spring 2001-2022.

| Year | Fork Length (mm) |  |  |  | Weight (g) |  |  |  | K |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\mathrm{n}^{1}$ | Mean | Std ${ }^{2}$ | Range | n | Mean | Std | Range | n | Mean | Range |
| 2001 | 23 | 945 | 189 | 600-1,436 | 22 | 6,620 | 3,279 | 1,600-15,600 | 22 | 0.76 | 0.46-1.04 |
| 2002 | 15 | 982 | 173 | 644-1,315 | 16 | 9,227 | 5,716 | 2,200-22,000 | 15 | 0.81 | 0.71-0.92 |
| 2005 | 14 | 1,002 | 146 | 838-1,310 | 14 | 9,542 | 5,637 | 4,990-22,226 | 14 | 0.86 | 0.70-1.01 |
| 2006 | 37 | 1,014 | 148 | 734-1,325 | 37 | 9,654 | 5,030 | 3,629-23,133 | 37 | 0.86 | 0.66-1.02 |
| 2007 | 59 | 984 | 159 | 354-1,362 | 57 | 9,179 | 4,324 | 2,727-25,000 | 57 | 0.88 | 0.71-1.12 |
| 2009 | 69 | 965 | 156 | 485-1,360 | 69 | 8,263 | 3,864 | 907-21,772 | 68 | 0.85 | 0.56-1.09 |
| 2010 | 30 | 919 | 166 | 242-1,100 | 28 | 6,520 | 2,277 | 1,361-10,886 | 28 | 0.76 | 0.52-1.11 |
| 2011 | 63 | 987 | 133 | 641-1,350 | 63 | 8,686 | 4,066 | 2,100-25,855 | 63 | 0.85 | 0.57-1.10 |
| 2012 | 29 | 966 | 76 | 809-1,105 | 26 | 7,820 | 1,874 | 4,082-12,701 | 26 | 0.87 | 0.71-1.11 |
| 2013 | 119 | 942 | 173 | 560-1,720 | 122 | 7,714 | 6,025 | 1,247-54,658 | 119 | 0.76 | 0.47-1.07 |
| 2015 | 109 | 971 | 152 | 260-1,341 | 107 | 8,756 | 3,321 | 1,588-22,906 | 107 | 0.89 | 0.70-1.35 |
| 2017 | 206 | 931 | 178 | 336-1,457 | 210 | 7,305 | 3,901 | 295-26,308 | 200 | 0.80 | 0.41-1.20 |
| 2019 | 228 | 932 | 155 | 336-1,457 | 228 | 6,908 | 3,648 | 100-24,494 | 227 | 0.77 | 0.46-1.31 |
| 2022 | 269 | 939 | 173 | 310-1,600 | 269 | 7,392 | 4,030 | 250-33,566 | 269 | 0.81 | 0.48-1.15 |

1. Number of fish measured.
2. Standard deviation.


Figure 2. Length-frequency distribution for Lake Sturgeon captured in large mesh gill nets set in the Burntwood River, spring 2022.


Figure 3. Mean condition factor by $\mathbf{5 0} \mathbf{~ m m}$ length intervals for adult ( $\geq \mathbf{8 0 0} \mathbf{~ m m}$ ) Lake Sturgeon captured in the Burntwood River during baseline studies (red bars), construction monitoring (blue bars), and operation monitoring (green bars). Letters denote significant differences between groups (Kruskal-Wallis, p<0.05). Error bars represent standard deviations.

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Figure 4. Length-weight regression for Lake Sturgeon captured in large mesh gill nets set in the Burntwood River, spring 2022.

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### 4.1.3 Movements

Of the 270 Lake Sturgeon captured in the Burntwood River, 108 were recaptures from previous gillnetting studies, four were hatchery-reared fish captured for the first time since stocking, and 158 were un-tagged (new captures). Floy and/or PIT tags were applied to 157 newly captured fish; one was released prior to being tagged (Appendix 1).

All four hatchery-reared fish were stocked in the Burntwood River in zone BWR-B, three in 2018 and one in 2021. None of the hatchery-reared Lake Sturgeon made significant movements or have been captured since initial release.

Excluding the four hatchery-reared fish, 40\% of Lake Sturgeon were recaptures from previous gillnetting studies $(\mathrm{n}=108)$ (Table 6). Eight of the 108 recaptured Lake Sturgeon (7\%) lost their Floy tag since initial tagging or last recapture but retained their PIT tag. Biological and previous year capture information are provided in Table A2-1 and movements are summarized below:

- Eighty-five (79\%) were originally tagged or have remained in the Burntwood River since their last recapture event (after initial tagging in other areas in previous years).
- Ten were originally tagged or last recaptured in the Kelsey GS Area:
- Ten were originally tagged or last recaptured in Split Lake (SPL-A):
- Three fish were tagged in Gull Lake in 2014, 2018, and 2019 and have not been recaptured since the date of original capture.

Table 6. Recapture data for Lake Sturgeon captured in the Burntwood River during adult population monitoring, spring 2002-2022.

| Recapture Location | Year | Original Tagging / Last Capture Location ${ }^{2}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  | Total Recaptures ${ }^{\mathbf{1}}$ | Total LKST Captured | $\%$ <br> Recaptures |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | U/S of Kelsey GS | D/S of Kelsey GS | Burntwood River | Odei <br> River | Split Lake | D/S of Birthday Rapids | Gull <br> Lake |  |  |  |
| Burntwood River | 2002 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 16 | 12.5 |
|  | 2005 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 14 | 21.4 |
|  | 2006 | 0 | 1 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 37 | 24.3 |
|  | 2007 | 0 | 4 | 13 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 17 | 60 | 28.3 |
|  | 2009 | 0 | 6 | 30 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 36 | 70 | 51.4 |
|  | 2010 | 0 | 2 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 30 | 30.0 |
|  | 2011 | 0 | 6 | 19 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 25 | 65 | 38.5 |
|  | 2012 | 0 | 1 | 11 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 12 | 29 | 41.4 |
|  | 2013 | 0 | 8 | 33 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 41 | 123 | 33.3 |
|  | 2015 | 0 | 9 | 33 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 42 | 109 | 38.5 |
|  | 2017 | 0 | 16 | 57 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 73 | 207 | 35.3 |
|  | 2019 | 0 | 9 | 75 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 95 | 231 | 40.3 |
|  | 2022 | 0 | 10 | 85 | 0 | 10 | 0 | 3 | 108 | 270 | 40.0 |

1. Does not include fish recaptured in the same waterbody in the season/year in which they were tagged; nor does it include hatchery-reared fish that were captured for the first time since release.
2. Initial tagging location of fish recaptured for the very first time since tagging or last known location of fish caught multiple times over multiple years.

### 4.1.4 POPULATION Estimation

The population estimate for adult Lake Sturgeon (measuring $\geq 800 \mathrm{~mm} \mathrm{FL}$ ) in the Burntwood River in 2022 was 707 individuals ( $95 \%$ CI: 520-961) (Figure 5; Table A3-1). The estimated annual survival (2014-2022) was $88 \%$. The annual population growth rate (lambda) fluctuated greatly between 2005 and 2011 (between 2.3 and 57.0\% annual change), but only ranged from 0.03 to $15.5 \%$ change between 2012 and 2022. This indicates a relatively stable population growth rate (Figure 6).

The mean population abundance in 2022 increased significantly (by 29.5\%) from 2017 but did not differ significantly from 2019 (Figure 7). Overall, abundance estimates calculated between 2005 and 2022 show a significant increasing trend ( $r^{2}=0.81, F=43.15, p<0.0001$ ) (Figure 8).


Figure 5. Adult Lake Sturgeon abundance estimates based on POPAN best model for the Burntwood River (2005-2022). Horizontal line inside the box represents the estimated abundance (i.e., the number of adult Lake Sturgeon in the area during the time of capture), the black dots represent the minimum and maximum estimates, and the vertical bar lines represent the upper and lower $\mathbf{9 5 \%}$ confidence intervals.


Figure 6. Annual percent change in adult Lake Sturgeon population growth estimates (lambda) based on the POPAN annual estimates for the Burntwood River. Percentages indicate change in population abundance between years.




Figure 7. Analysis of change in mean population abundance estimates for the Burntwood River between one sample period ( 2019 to 2022) and two sampling periods (2017 to 2022). A significant change from the 2017 estimate would be a $\mathbf{1 8 \%}$ decrease or a $\mathbf{2 0 \%}$ increase. A significant change from the 2018 estimate would be a $\mathbf{2 0 \%}$ decrease or a $\mathbf{2 3 \%}$ increase. The mean population estimate in 2022 showed a 30\% increase from 2017 and a 0.1\% increase from 2019.

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Figure 8. Abundance estimates for adult Lake Sturgeon in the Burntwood River by sampling year (2005-2022) showing a significant positive trend.

### 4.2 Kelsey GS Area

### 4.2.1 Relative Abundance/CPUE

Large mesh gill nets were set at 95 sites in the Kelsey GS (KGS) Area between May 27 and July 4, 2022 (Map 3). Water temperature ranged from 5.2 to $16.1^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ during the study (Figure 9). A total of 272 fish were captured, the majority of which ( $n=231 ; 85 \%$ ) were Lake Sturgeon (Table 7). No Lake Sturgeon mortalities occurred during sampling.

Table 7. Number of fish, by species, captured during adult Lake Sturgeon population monitoring in the Kelsey GS Area (including the Grass River), spring 2022.

| Common <br> Name | Scientific Name | Abbreviation | Kelsey GS Area | \% of <br> Catch |
| :--- | :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Channel Catfish | Ictalurus punctatus | CHCT | 2 | 0.7 |
| Common Carp | Cyprinus carpio | CMCR | 4 | 1.5 |
| Freshwater Drum | Aplodinotus grunniens | FRDR | 6 | 2.2 |
| Lake Sturgeon | Acipenser fulvescens | LKST | $\mathbf{2 3 1}$ | $\mathbf{8 4 . 9}$ |
| Northern Pike | Esox lucius | NRPK | 23 | 8.5 |
| Walleye | Sander vitreus | WALL | 5 | 1.8 |
| White Sucker | Catostomus commersonii | WHSC | 1 | 0.4 |
| Total |  |  | $\mathbf{2 7 2}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 0}$ |

1. Does not include fish recaptured in the same waterbody in the season/year in which they were tagged.


Map 3. Sites fished with large mesh gill net gangs in the Kelsey GS Area, spring 2022.

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Figure 9. Mean daily water temperature of the Nelson River recorded at the Kelsey GS (Station \#05UF791; Manitoba Hydro unpublished data), May 27 to July 4, 2022.

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In total, 231 Lake Sturgeon were captured in 8,456 gill net hours, resulting in an overall CPUE of 0.66 LKST/91.4 m net/24 h (Table 8). Site-specific CPUE ranged from 0.0-2.6 LKST/91.4 m net/24 h. Gillnetting effort and CPUE was highest in Zone KGS-A (the area downstream of Kelsey GS including the Grass River) (Table 9).

Table 8. Lake Sturgeon catch-per-unit-effort (CPUE; \# LKST/91.4 m net/24 h) values observed during mark/recapture studies in the Kelsey GS Area (including the Grass River), spring 2001-2022.

| Year | \# Sites | Total Lake <br> Sturgeon $^{\mathbf{1}}$ | Total Gill Net Hours ${ }^{2}$ | Total CPUE |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2001 | 44 | 13 | 2,813 | 0.12 |
| 2002 | 26 | 5 | - | 0.06 |
| 2005 | 20 | 7 | 1,753 | 0.10 |
| 2006 | 56 | 29 | 8,709 | 0.08 |
| 2007 | 78 | 69 | 13,150 | 0.13 |
| 2009 | 61 | 48 | 4,689 | 0.24 |
| 2010 | 5 | 1 | 239 | 0.10 |
| 2011 | 50 | 50 | 6,032 | 0.20 |
| 2013 | 150 | 125 | 7,088 | 0.42 |
| 2015 | 98 | 147 | 7,647 | 0.38 |
| 2017 | 63 | 147 | 8,387 | 0.43 |
| 2019 | 58 | 172 | 9,138 | 0.45 |
| $\mathbf{2 0 2 2}$ | $\mathbf{9 5}$ | $\mathbf{2 3 1}$ | $\mathbf{8 , 4 5 6}$ | $\mathbf{0 . 6 6}$ |

1. Does not include fish recaptured in the same waterbody in the season/year in which they were tagged.
2. The effort has been corrected to account for panel length. For example, the duration of a gill net gang consisting of four panels (i.e., 91.4 m long) was doubled (i.e., equivalent of two 91.4 m gang sets).

Table 9. Number and catch-per-unit-effort (CPUE; \# LKST/91.4 m net/24 h) values, by zone, observed during adult Lake Sturgeon population monitoring in the Kelsey GS Area (including the Grass River), spring 2022.

| Zone | \# Sites | Total Lake <br> Sturgeon $^{\mathbf{1}}$ | Total Gill Net <br> Hours $^{\mathbf{2}}$ | Total CPUE |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| KGS-A | 27 | 146 | 4,065 | 0.86 |
| KGS-B | 14 | 26 | 1,040 | 0.60 |
| KGS-C | 22 | 16 | 1,139 | 0.34 |
| KGS-D | 19 | 24 | 1,384 | 0.42 |
| SPL-A | 13 | 19 | 828 | 0.55 |

1. Does not include fish recaptured in the same waterbody in the season/year in which they were tagged.
2. The effort (h) has been corrected to account for panel length set at each site. For example, the duration of a gill net gang consisting of four panels (i.e., 91.4 m long) was doubled (i.e., equivalent of two 91.4 m gang sets).

### 4.2.2 Biological Metrics

Lake Sturgeon captured in the KGS Area had a mean fork length of 920 mm (range: 427-1,460 mm ), a mean weight of $6,234 \mathrm{~g}$ (range: 700-22,680 g), and a mean condition factor of 0.76 (range: $0.62-1.15$ ) (Table 11). Two fish were unintentionally released prior to being measured. Of the 229 Lake Sturgeon measured, 195 were considered adults ( $\mathrm{FL} \geq 800 \mathrm{~mm}$ ) and 34 were considered juveniles ( $\mathrm{FL}<800 \mathrm{~mm}$ ). Lake Sturgeon measuring 850-999 mm FL were captured most frequently ( $n=118$ ), making up $52 \%$ of the total catch and $61 \%$ of the adult Lake Sturgeon catch (Figure 10).

Mean condition factor was significantly higher during baseline studies than both construction and operation, and higher during construction than operation for (2022) for all six FL intervals for which comparisons were possible (Figure 11). The length-weight relationship is presented in Figure 12. Sex and maturity were confirmed for one ripe male (Table 10).

Table 10. Sex and maturity data for Lake Sturgeon captured in the Kelsey GS Area (including the Grass River) during adult population monitoring, spring, 20012022.

| Location | Year | Sex and Maturity ${ }^{1}$ |  |  |  |  |  | \# of Spawners ${ }^{2}$ | Unknown maturity | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Male |  |  | Female |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | 7 | 8 | 9 | 2 | 3 | 4 |  |  |  |
| Kelsey GS Area | 2001 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 13 | 13 |
|  | 2002 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 5 | 5 |
|  | 2005 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 7 | 7 |
|  | 2006 | - | 1 | - | 1 | - | - | 2 | 27 | 29 |
|  | 2007 | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | 1 | 59 | 60 |
|  | 2009 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 45 | 45 |
|  | 2010 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 1 |
|  | 2011 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 46 | 46 |
|  | 2013 | 3 | - | - | - | 1 | - | 4 | 119 | 123 |
|  | 2015 | 1 | 2 | - | - | - | - | 3 | 143 | 146 |
|  | 2017 | - | 7 | 2 | - | - | - | 9 | 138 | 147 |
|  | 2019 | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 171 | 172 |
|  | 2022 | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | 1 | 230 | 231 |
| Grass River ${ }^{3}$ | 2007 | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | 1 | 8 | 9 |
|  | 2009 | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | 1 | 2 | 3 |
|  | 2011 | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | 1 | 3 | 4 |
|  | 2013 | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | 1 | 1 | 2 |

[^2]2. Maturity status columns include recaptures of fish whose maturity status progressed between captures (e.g., would include recaptures of fish initially captured in maturing condition and recaptured in ripe or spent condition), but the columns may not add up to the "\# of Spawners" column since this only includes individual fish captured (i.e., CYTR that were captured in different maturity classifications were only counted once).
3. Data analyzed separately for fish captured in the Grass River during these years.

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Table 11. Mean fork length (mm), weight (g), and relative condition factor (K) of Lake Sturgeon captured during adult Lake Sturgeon population monitoring in the Kelsey GS Area (Upper Split Lake Area), spring 2001-2022.

| Location | Year | Fork Length (mm) |  |  |  | Weight (g) |  |  |  | K |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | $\mathrm{n}^{1}$ | Mean | Std ${ }^{2}$ | Range | n | Mean | Std | Range | n | Mean | Range |
| Kelsey GS Area | 2001 | 13 | 940 | 198 | 692-1,423 | 12 | 8,334 | 6,522 | 3,200-26,000 | 12 | 0.92 | 0.81-1.09 |
|  | 2002 | 5 | 963 | 144 | 774-1,130 | 5 | 9,370 | 5,549 | 4,300-18,500 | 5 | 0.97 | 0.77-1.28 |
|  | 2005 | 7 | 841 | 78 | 737-960 | 7 | 5,520 | 1,582 | 3,182-7,500 | 7 | 0.9 | 0.77-1.01 |
|  | 2006 | 29 | 936 | 168 | 698-1,346 | 29 | 8,904 | 6,070 | 3,402-27,216 | 28 | 0.98 | 0.69-1.48 |
|  | 2007 | 60 | 906 | 185 | 605-1,475 | 56 | 7,565 | 5,988 | 1,588-33,112 | 56 | 0.88 | 0.54-1.15 |
|  | 2009 | 44 | 886 | 122 | 688-1,295 | 44 | 7,093 | 3,074 | 3,175-19,958 | 44 | 0.98 | 0.63-1.26 |
|  | 2010 | 1 | - | - | 955 | 1 | - |  | 7,711 | 1 | - | 0.89 |
|  | 2011 | 46 | 890 | 148 | 292-1,403 | 46 | 7,753 | 3,597 | 702-24,040 | 46 | 1.02 | 0.70-1.46 |
|  | 2013 | 122 | 911 | 145 | 270-1,438 | 121 | 8,035 | 4,056 | 75-26,082 | 121 | 0.99 | 0.38-2.20 |
|  | 2015 | 147 | 922 | 139 | 445-1,362 | 146 | 7,159 | 2,895 | 200-21,999 | 144 | 0.84 | 0.36-1.76 |
|  | 2017 | 147 | 922 | 139 | 445-1,362 | 147 | 7,760 | 3,598 | 454-24,948 | 147 | 0.93 | 0.51-1.34 |
|  | 2019 | 172 | 895 | 133 | 411-1,270 | 172 | 6,081 | 2,778 | 500-18,144 | 172 | 0.79 | 0.43-1.25 |
|  | 2022 | 229 | 920 | 125 | 427-1,460 | 228 | 6,234 | 2,848 | 700-22,680 | 228 | 0.76 | 0.62-1.15 |
| Grass River ${ }^{3}$ | 2007 | 9 | 1,191 | 248 | 840-1,640 | 9 | 21747 | 13,902 | 6,804-49,895 | 9 | 1.14 | 0.89-1.36 |
|  | 2009 | 3 | 1,310 | 382 | 910-1,670 | 2 | 29257 | 32,395 | 6,350-52,163 | 2 | 0.74 | 0.56-0.91 |
|  | 2011 | 4 | 1,353 | 335 | 888-1,650 | 4 | 32432 | 19,811 | 9,979-19,811 | 4 | 1.19 | 0.97-1.43 |
|  | 2013 | 2 | 935 | 3 | 932-937 | 2 | 7598 | 340 | 7,257-7,938 | 2 | 0.93 | 0.90-0.10 |

1. Number of fish measured.
2. Standard deviation.
3. Data analyzed separately for fish captured in the Grass River during these years.

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Figure 10. Length-frequency distribution for Lake Sturgeon captured in large mesh gill nets set in the Kelsey GS Area, spring 2022.


Figure 11. Mean condition factor by $\mathbf{5 0} \mathbf{~ m m}$ length intervals for adult ( $\geq \mathbf{8 0 0} \mathbf{~ m m}$ ) Lake Sturgeon captured in the Kelsey GS Area during baseline studies (red bars), construction monitoring (blue bars), and operation monitoring (green bars). Significant differences were found in all Fork Length intervals between $\mathbf{8 0 0}$ and $\mathbf{1 , 0 9 9} \mathbf{~ m m ~ ( K r u s k a l - W a l l i s ~ p < 0 . 0 5 ) . ~}$ Error bars represent standard deviations.

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Figure 12. Length-weight regression for Lake Sturgeon captured in large mesh gill nets set in the Kelsey GS Area, spring 2022.

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### 4.2.3 Movements

Of the 231 Lake Sturgeon captured in the Kelsey GS Area, 74 were recaptures from previous gillnetting studies, two were hatchery-reared fish captured for the first time since stocking, and 155 were untagged fish (Table 12). Floy and PIT tags were applied to all 155 new captures (Table A1-2).

Both hatchery-reared fish were stocked in the Burntwood River at Zone BWR-B, one in 2014, and one in 2018. Neither have been captured since release.

Excluding the two hatchery-reared fish, $32 \%$ of Lake Sturgeon were recaptures from previous gillnetting studies ( $n=74$ ). Nine of the 74 recaptured Lake Sturgeon (12\%) lost their Floy tag since initial tagging or last recapture but retained their PIT tag. Biological and previous year capture information are provided in Table A2-2 and movements are summarized below.

- Thirty-three (45\%) were last captured in the Nelson River between the Kelsey GS and Split Lake.
- Eleven ( $15 \%$ ) last captured in Split Lake near the outlet of the Nelson River (SPL-A).
- $\quad$ Seven (9\%) were last recaptured in the Burntwood River between 2009 and 2019.
- Two (3\%) were captured in the Burntwood River in 2022:
- One (Floy \#114182) was tagged in the Burntwood River in 2019 and was recaptured in the same area on June 8, 2022. It was then captured downstream of the Kelsey GS on June 25.
- One (Floy \#123311) was tagged in the Burntwood River on June 11, 2022 and was recaptured on July 3 in Split Lake (SPL-A).
- Three (4\%) were tagged upstream of Kelsey GS during spawning studies conducted by the Nelson River Sturgeon Board (Map 4):
- One (Floy \#4655) was tagged on July 5, 2014, at Gap Creek on the Nelson River approximately 81 km upstream of the Kelsey GS (Site ID: Gap Creek A).
- One (Floy \#4081) was tagged on June 14, 2014, on the Nelson River near the Landing River Spawn Camp approximately 85 km upstream of the Kelsey GS (Site ID: Camp).
- One (Floy \#4034) was tagged on June 6, 2015, on the Nelson River at the Old Tower approximately 14 km downstream of the outlet of Sipiwesk Lake and 102 km upstream of the Kelsey GS (Site ID: Old Tower B).

Table 12. Recapture data for Lake Sturgeon captured in the Kelsey GS Area during adult population monitoring, spring 20022022.

| Recapture Location | Year | Original Tagging / Last Capture Location ${ }^{2}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  | Total Recaptures ${ }^{\mathbf{1}}$ | Total LKST Captured | $\%$ <br> Recaptures |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | U/S of Kelsey GS | D/S of Kelsey GS | Burntwood River | Odei River | Split <br> Lake | D/S of Birthday Rapids | Gull <br> Lake |  |  |  |
| Kelsey GS Area | 2002 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0.0 |
|  | 2005 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 0.0 |
|  | 2006 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 29 | 10.3 |
|  | 2007 | 1 | 5 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 8 | 69 | 11.6 |
|  | 2009 | 0 | 12 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 12 | 48 | 25.0 |
|  | 2010 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0.0 |
|  | 2011 | 0 | 11 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 12 | 50 | 24.0 |
|  | 2013 | 1 | 17 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 27 | 125 | 21.6 |
|  | 2015 | 0 | 21 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 32 | 147 | 21.8 |
|  | 2017 | 1 | 29 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 42 | 147 | 28.6 |
|  | 2019 | 2 | 36 | 4 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 3 | 49 | 172 | 28.5 |
|  | 2022 | 3 | 33 | 9 | 0 | 11 | 0 | 18 | $74{ }^{3}$ | 231 | 32.0 |

1. Does not include fish recaptured in the same waterbody in the season/year in which they were tagged; nor does it include hatchery-reared fish that were captured for the first time since release
2. Initial tagging location of fish recaptured for the very first time since tagging or last known location of fish caught multiple times over multiple years.
3. Includes two fish captured and tagged in the Burntwood River during the current study.


Map 4. Initial tagging locations of three Lake Sturgeon tagged upstream of the Kelsey GS and recaptured in the Kelsey GS Area, spring 2022.

- Eighteen (24\%) were last captured in the Keeyask reservoir.
- Sixteen were recaptured for the first time since tagging. Of these fish, one was tagged in 2008, two in 2010, one in 2012, three in 2014, three in 2016, four in 2018, and two in 2021.
- Two were previously recaptured in the Keeyask reservoir, one in 2018 and one in 2021.


### 4.2.4 Population Estimation

The population estimate for adult Lake Sturgeon (measuring $\geq 800 \mathrm{~mm} \mathrm{FL}$ ) in the Kelsey GS Area in 2022 was 957 individuals ( $95 \% \mathrm{Cl}$ : 586-1,563), which is higher than previous years (Figure 13; Table A3-1). The estimated annual survival (2004-2021) was $86 \%$. The annual population growth rate (lambda) has been increasing since 2011 (other than a slight decrease in 2019) indicating that the population might be increasing (Figure 14).

The mean population abundance in 2022 increased significantly from both 2017 and 2019 (Figure 15). Overall, abundance estimates calculated between 2005 and 2022 show a positive although not significant trend ( $r^{2}=0.09, F=0.82, p=0.39$ ) (Figure 16).


Figure 13. Adult Lake Sturgeon abundance estimates based on POPAN best model for the Kelsey GS Area (2005-2022). Horizontal line inside the box represents the estimated abundance (i.e., the number of adult Lake Sturgeon in the area during the time of capture), the black dots represent the minimum and maximum estimates, and the vertical bar lines represent the upper and lower $95 \%$ confidence intervals.


Figure 14. Annual percent change in adult Lake Sturgeon population growth estimates (lambda) based on the POPAN annual estimates in the Kelsey GS Area. Percentages indicate change in population abundance between years.

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Figure 15. Analysis of change in mean population abundance estimates for the Kelsey GS Area between one sample period ( 2019 to 2022) and two sampling periods (2017 to 2022). A significant change from the 2017 estimate would be a $\mathbf{2 5 \%}$ decrease or a 30\% increase. A significant change from the 2019 estimate would be a $\mathbf{2 8 \%}$ decrease or a $\mathbf{3 4 \%}$ increase. The mean population estimate in 2022 showed a significant increase from both 2017 (35\%) and 2019 (38\%).


Figure 16: Abundance estimates for adult Lake Sturgeon in the Kelsey GS Area by sampling year (2005-2022) no significant trend.

### 4.3 Keeyask reservoir

### 4.3.1 Relative Abundance/CPUE

Gill nets were set at 79 sites between Clark Lake and the Keeyask GS between May 27 and July 3, 2022 (Map 5). Water temperature ranged from 5.1 to $16.4^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ during the study (Figure 17). A total of 72 fish were captured, the majority of which ( $n=63 ; 88 \%$ ) were Lake Sturgeon (Table 13). No Lake Sturgeon mortalities occurred during sampling.

Table 13. Number of fish, by species, captured during adult Lake Sturgeon population monitoring in the Keeyask reservoir, spring 2022.

| Common <br> Name | Scientific Name | Abbreviation | Keeyask reservoir ${ }^{\mathbf{1 , 2}}$ | \% of <br> Catch |
| :--- | :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Lake Sturgeon | Acipenser fulvescens | LKST | $\mathbf{6 3}$ | $\mathbf{8 7 . 5}$ |
| Northern Pike | Esox lucius | NRPK | 8 | 11.1 |
| Walleye | Sander vitreus | WALL | 1 | 1.4 |
| Total |  |  | $\mathbf{7 2}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 0}$ |

1. Does not include fish recaptured in the same waterbody in the season/year in which they were tagged
2. Includes catch and effort from gillnetting in the reach upstream of Birthday Rapids (BR-U).

In total, 63 Lake Sturgeon were captured in 11,057 gill net hours, resulting in an overall CPUE of $0.14 \mathrm{LKST} / 91.4 \mathrm{~m}$ net/24 h (Table 14). Site-specific CPUE ranged from 0.0-1.6 LKST/91.4 m net/24 h. Gillnetting effort and CPUE was highest in Zone BR-D (the reach of the Nelson River downstream of Birthday Rapids) (Map 5; Table 15).

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Map 5. Sites fished with large mesh gill net gangs in the Keeyask reservoir, spring 2022.

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Figure 17. Mean daily water temperature of the Nelson River in the Keeyask reservoir May 27 to July 3, 2022.

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Table 14. Lake Sturgeon catch-per-unit-effort (CPUE; \# LKST/91.4 m net/24 h) values observed during mark/recapture studies in the Keeyask reservoir, spring 20012022.

| Year | \# Sites | Total Lake Sturgeon $^{\mathbf{1}}$ | Total Gill Net Hours $^{\mathbf{2}}$ | Total CPUE |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2001 | 37 | 60 | 4,538 | 0.32 |
| 2002 | 19 | 59 | 4,918 | 0.29 |
| 2003 | 30 | 85 | 7,565 | 0.27 |
| 2004 | 17 | 51 | 6,907 | 0.18 |
| 2006 | 22 | 150 | 12,587 | 0.29 |
| 2008 | 16 | 52 | 9,960 | 0.13 |
| 2010 | 18 | 65 | 9,128 | 0.17 |
| $2011^{3}$ | 34 | 33 | 6,734 | 0.12 |
| $2012^{3}$ | 32 | 114 | 10,018 | 0.27 |
| 2014 | 62 | 239 | 17,897 | 0.32 |
| $2016^{3}$ | 55 | 189 | 15,503 | 0.29 |
| $2018^{3}$ | 49 | 232 | 16,763 | 0.33 |
| $2021^{3}$ | 61 | 178 | 7,911 | 0.54 |
| $\mathbf{2 0 2 2}^{\mathbf{3}}$ | $\mathbf{7 9}$ | $\mathbf{6 3}$ | $\mathbf{1 1 , 0 5 7}$ | $\mathbf{0 . 1 4}$ |

1. Does not include fish recaptured in the same waterbody in the season/year in which they were tagged.
2. The effort has been corrected to account for panel length. For example, the duration of a gill net gangs consisting of four panels (i.e., 91.4 m long) was doubled (i.e., equivalent of two 91.4 m gang sets).
3. Includes catch and effort from gillnetting in the reach upstream of Birthday Rapids (BR-U).

Table 15. Number and catch-per-unit-effort (CPUE; \# LKST/91.4 m net/24 h) values, by zone, observed during adult Lake Sturgeon population monitoring in the Keeyask reservoir, spring 2022.

| Zone | \# Sites | Total Lake <br> Sturgeon $^{\mathbf{1}}$ | Total Gill Net <br> Hours $^{\mathbf{2}}$ | Total CPUE |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\mathrm{BR}-\mathrm{U}$ | 6 | 0 | 831 | 0.00 |
| $\mathrm{BR}-\mathrm{D}$ | 60 | 58 | 9,043 | 0.15 |
| $\mathrm{GL}-\mathrm{A}$ | 5 | 1 | 486 | 0.05 |
| $\mathrm{GL-B}$ | 3 | 2 | 415 | 0.12 |
| $\mathrm{GL-C}$ | 5 | 2 | 403 | 0.12 |

1. Does not include fish recaptured in the same waterbody in the season/year in which they were tagged.
2. The effort ( $h$ ) has been corrected to account for panel length set at each site. For example, the duration of a gill net gang consisting of four panels (i.e., 91.4 m long) was doubled (i.e., equivalent of two 91.4 m gang sets).

### 4.3.2 Biological Metrics

Lake Sturgeon had a mean fork length of 843 mm (range: 400-1,495 mm), a mean weight of $6,020 \mathrm{~g}$ (range: $475-40,000 \mathrm{~g}$ ), and a mean condition factor of 0.76 (range: 0.41-1.27) (Table 17). Of the 63 Lake Sturgeon measured, 32 were considered adults ( $\mathrm{FL} \geq 800 \mathrm{~mm}$ ) and 31 were considered juveniles ( $F L<800 \mathrm{~mm}$ ). Lake Sturgeon measuring 750-799 mm FL were captured most frequently ( $n=13$ ), making up $21 \%$ of the total and $42 \%$ of the juvenile Lake Sturgeon catch (Figure 18).

Too few Lake Sturgeon were captured in 2022 to compare mean condition factor between sampling periods. Mean condition factor ranged from 0.57-1.49 during baseline (2001-2014), 0.38-1.46 during construction (2016, 2018, and 2021), and 0.41-1.27 during operation (2022) (Figure 19). The length-weight relationship is presented in Figure 20.

Sex and maturity were confirmed for three fish including one pre-spawn male, one spawning male, and one pre-spawn female. Fish were captured between June 10 and 16 when water temperatures ranged from 11.4 to $14.4^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ (Table 16).

Table 16. Sex and maturity data for Lake Sturgeon captured in the Keeyask reservoir (Birthday Rapids to the Keeyask GS), spring, 2001-2022.

| Year ${ }^{1}$ | Sex and Maturity ${ }^{2}$ |  |  |  |  |  | \# of Spawners ${ }^{3}$ | Unknown maturity | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Male |  |  | Female |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 7 | 8 | 9 | 2 | 3 | 4 |  |  |  |
| 2001 | 5 | 10 | 1 | 3 | - | - | 19 | 41 | 60 |
| 2002 | 8 | 1 | 5 | - | - | - | 14 | 46 | 60 |
| 2003 | 3 | - | - | 1 | - | - | 4 | 89 | 93 |
| 2004 | 3 | 2 | - | - | - | - | 5 | 46 | 51 |
| 2006 | 13 | 3 | - | - | - | - | 16 | 134 | 150 |
| 2008 | 1 | 1 | 1 | - | - | - | 3 | 49 | 52 |
| 2010 | 5 | 3 | - | - | - | - | 8 | 57 | 65 |
| 2011* | 6 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 15 | 19 | 34 |
| 2012* | 1 | 4 | 2 | - | - | - | 7 | 109 | 116 |
| 2014 | 8 | 7 | 2 | 4 | - | 3 | 21 | 227 | 248 |
| 2016* | 16 | 2 | - | 2 | 2 | - | 22 | 168 | 190 |
| 2018* | 13 | 4 | - | 1 | - | - | 18 | 217 | 235 |
| 2021 | 14 | 5 | - | - | 1 | - | 20 | 158 | 178 |
| 2022 | 1 | 1 | - | 1 | - | - | 3 | 60 | 63 |

1. An * indicates that a few individuals from the Nelson River between Clark Lake to Birthday Rapids are included in the analysis.
2. Refer to Section 3.1 for maturity codes.
3. Maturity status columns include recaptures of fish whose maturity status progressed between captures (e.g., would include recaptures of fish initially captured in maturing condition and recaptured in ripe or spent condition), but the columns may not add up to the "\# of Spawners" column since this only includes individual fish captured (i.e., CYTR that were captured in different maturity classifications were only counted once).

Table 17. Mean fork length (mm), weight (g), and relative condition factor ( K ) of Lake Sturgeon captured during adult Lake Sturgeon population monitoring in the Keeyask reservoir, spring 2001-2022.

| Year ${ }^{1}$ | Fork Length (mm) |  |  |  | Weight (g) |  |  |  | K |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\mathrm{n}^{2}$ | Mean | Std ${ }^{3}$ | Range | n | Mean | Std | Range | n | Mean | Range |
| 2001 | 79 | 1,022 | 148 | 739-1,355 | 78 | 9,984 | 5,059 | 3,500-24,000 | 78 | 0.88 | 0.64-1.26 |
| 2002 | 67 | 1,055 | 149 | 680-1,415 | 66 | 12,198 | 6,367 | 2,722-34,020 | 66 | 0.97 | 0.73-1.44 |
| 2003 | 52 | 1,067 | 148 | 700-1,540 | 87 | 11,949 | 6,681 | 3,000-54,431 | 87 | 0.94 | 0.67-1.49 |
| 2004 | 51 | 1,149 | 152 | 870-1,468 | 51 | 14,115 | 6,747 | 5,443-31,298 | 51 | 0.87 | 0.67-1.10 |
| 2006 | 150 | 1,003 | 217 | 300-1,550 | 146 | 10,343 | 7,071 | 1,134-43,091 | 146 | 0.86 | 0.61-1.44 |
| 2008 | 52 | 1,057 | 223 | 648-1,551 | 50 | 12,186 | 8,207 | 2,268-40,823 | 50 | 0.87 | 0.66-1.09 |
| 2010 | 65 | 901 | 267 | 443-1,390 | 65 | 8,056 | 6,977 | 500-29,937 | 65 | 0.83 | 0.57-1.11 |
| 2011* | 34 | 1,090 | 219 | 664-1,610 | 34 | 13,209 | 9,052 | 2,268-43,092 | 34 | 0.89 | 0.61-1.19 |
| 2012* | 116 | 844 | 284 | 330-1,620 | 116 | 7,536 | 8,214 | 200-37,648 | 116 | 0.85 | 0.51-1.23 |
| 2014 | 239 | 838 | 229 | 449-1,640 | 238 | 6,111 | 5,873 | 650-29,710 | 238 | 0.82 | 0.38-1.39 |
| 2016* | 189 | 872 | 229 | 301-1,439 | 184 | 7,569 | 6,531 | 227-33,566 | 184 | 0.90 | 0.49-1.46 |
| 2018* | 235 | 850 | 189 | 436-1,550 | 235 | 5,960 | 4,960 | 318-30,844 | 235 | 0.81 | 0.28-1.43 |
| 2021 | 178 | 908 | 189 | 401-1,435 | 178 | 6,892 | 4,760 | 450-27,216 | 178 | 0.82 | 0.61-1.54 |
| 2022 | 63 | 843 | 234 | 400-1,495 | 63 | 6,020 | 7,193 | 475-40,000 | 63 | 0.76 | 0.41-1.27 |

1. An * indicates that a few individuals from the Nelson River between Clark Lake to Birthday Rapids are included in the analysis.
2. Number of fish measured.
3. Standard deviation.

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Figure 18. Length-frequency distribution for Lake Sturgeon captured in large mesh gill nets set in the Keeyask reservoir, spring 2022.


Figure 19. Mean condition factor by $\mathbf{5 0} \mathbf{~ m m ~ l e n g t h ~ i n t e r v a l s ~ f o r ~ a d u l t ~ ( ~} \geq \mathbf{8 0 0} \mathbf{~ m m}$ ) Lake Sturgeon captured in the Keeyask reservoir during baseline studies (red bars), construction monitoring (blue bars), and operation monitoring (green bars). Too few fish were captured post-impoundment to statistically compare any Fork Length interval. Error bars represent standard deviations.

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Figure 20. Length-weight regression for Lake Sturgeon captured in large mesh gill nets set in the Keeyask reservoir, spring 2022.

### 4.3.3 Movements

Of the 63 Lake Sturgeon captured in the Keeyask reservoir, 26 were recaptures from previous gillnetting studies, two were hatchery-reared fish captured for the first time since stocking, and 35 were untagged fish. All 35 newly captured fish were tagged (Table A1-3). Acoustic transmitters were applied to 23 fish to continue ongoing acoustic telemetry studies (described in Hrenchuk 2023).

Of the two hatchery-reared fish:

- One was stocked in Gull Lake on June 6, 2019.
- One was stocked in the Burntwood River in (Zone BWR-B) on October 2, 2014, and captured downstream of Birthday Rapids (Zone BR-D).

In total, $41 \%$ (26 of 63) of Lake Sturgeon were recaptures from previous gillnetting studies (Table 18). Two (8\%) lost their Floy tag (since initial tagging or last recapture) but retained their PIT tag. Biological and previous year capture information are provided in Table A2-3 and movements are summarized below:

- Twenty-five fish were last captured in the reach of the Nelson River between Birthday Rapids and the Keeyask GS.
- Nine have been captured multiple times within this area since initial tagging.
- One (Floy \#116621) was initially tagged in Split Lake (SPL-A) in 2019 and was recaptured below Birthday Rapids (BR-D) in 2022.

Table 18. Recapture data for Lake Sturgeon captured in the Keeyask reservoir during adult population monitoring, spring 2002-2022.

| Recapture Location | Year | Original Tagging / Last Capture Location ${ }^{3}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  | Total Recaptures ${ }^{2}$ | Total LKST Captured | \% Recaptures |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Kelsey GS Area | Split <br> Lake | Upstream Birthday Rapids | Downstream Birthday Rapids | Gull <br> Lake | Stephens Lake | Unknown |  |  |  |
| Keeyask reservoir ${ }^{1}$ | 2002 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 15 | 59 | 25.4 |
|  | 2003 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 5 | 1 | 0 | 16 | 85 | 18.8 |
|  | 2004 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 11 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 15 | 51 | 29.4 |
|  | 2006 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 23 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 25 | 150 | 16.7 |
|  | 2008 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 16 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 24 | 52 | 46.2 |
|  | 2010 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 11 | 9 | 1 | 0 | 21 | 65 | 32.3 |
|  | 2011* | 0 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 15 | 34 | 44.1 |
|  | 2012* | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 27 | 0 | 0 | 33 | 116 | 28.4 |
|  | 2014 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 16 | 50 | 1 | 1 | 70 | 239 | 29.3 |
|  | 2016* | 1 | 0 | 0 | 20 | 51 | 2 | 2 | 76 | 190 | 40.0 |
|  | 2018* | 0 | 0 | 0 | 16 | 57 | 0 | 1 | 74 | 235 | 31.5 |
|  | 2021 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 29 | 40 | 1 | 0 | 71 | 178 | 39.9 |
|  | 2022 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 19 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 26 | 63 | 41.3 |

1. An * indicates that a few individuals from the Nelson River between Clark Lake to Birthday Rapids are included in the analysis.
2. Does not include fish recaptured in the same waterbody in the season/year in which they were tagged, nor does it include hatchery fish that were captured in gill nets for the first time.
3. Initial tagging location of fish recaptured for the very first time since tagging or last known location of fish caught multiple times over multiple years.

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### 4.3.4 POPULATION Estimation

The population estimate for adult Lake Sturgeon (measuring $\geq 800 \mathrm{~mm}$ FL) in the Keeyask reservoir in 2022 was 345 individuals ( $95 \% \mathrm{CI}$ : 221-537), which is much lower than in previous years (Figure 21; Table A3-3). The estimated annual survival (2021-2022) was 78\%. The low survival was driven by a large number of fish that moved downstream out of the Keeyask reservoir beginning in summer 2021 which are interpreted as mortalities by the model as they are lost from the population. When emigration ( $14 \%$ based on mark-recapture data) is considered, the actual survival is $92 \%$.

The mean population abundance in 2022 decreased significantly from both 2018 and 2021 (Figure 22). Overall, abundance estimates calculated between 2002 and 2022 do not show a significant increasing or decreasing trend ( $r^{2}=0.18, F=2.14, p=0.17$ ) (Figures 23 and 24).


Figure 21. Adult Lake Sturgeon abundance estimates based on POPAN best model for the Keeyask reservoir (2002-2022). Horizontal line inside the box represents the estimated abundance (i.e., the number of adult Lake Sturgeon in the area during the time of capture), the black dots represent the minimum and maximum estimates, and the vertical bar lines represent the upper and lower $\mathbf{9 5 \%}$ confidence intervals.


Figure 22. Annual percent change in adult Lake Sturgeon population growth estimates (lambda) based on the POPAN annual estimates in the Keeyask reservoir. Percentages indicate change in population abundance between years.


Figure 23. Analysis of change in mean population abundance estimates for the Keeyask reservoir between one sample period ( 2021 to 2022) and two sampling periods (2018 to 2022). A significant change from the 2018 estimate would be a $\mathbf{2 0 \%}$ decrease or a 23\% increase. A significant change from the 2021 estimate would be a $\mathbf{2 3 \%}$ decrease or a $\mathbf{2 8 \%}$ increase. The mean population estimate in 2022 showed a significant decrease both from the 2018 (62\%) and 2021 (62\%) estimates.


Figure 24. Abundance estimates for adult Lake Sturgeon in the Keeyask reservoir by sampling year (2002-2022) showing no significant trend.

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### 4.4.1 Relative Abundance/CPUE

Large mesh gill nets were set at 64 sites in Stephens Lake between May 27 and July 3, 2022 (Map 6). Water temperature ranged from 5.1 to $16.4^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ during this time (Figure 25). A total of 197 fish, comprised of five species, were captured, the majority of which ( $n=176$; 89\%) were Lake Sturgeon (Table 19). No Lake Sturgeon mortalities occurred during sampling.

Table 19. Number of fish, by species, captured during adult Lake Sturgeon population monitoring in the Stephens Lake, spring 2022.

| Common Name | Scientific Name | Abbreviation | Stephens Lake ${ }^{\mathbf{1}}$ | $\mathbf{\%}$ of <br> Catch |
| :--- | :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Lake Sturgeon | Acipenser fulvescens | LKST | $\mathbf{1 7 6}$ | $\mathbf{8 9 . 3}$ |
| Longnose Sucker | Catostomus catostomus | LNSC | 1 | 0.5 |
| Northern Pike | Esox lucius | NRPK | 12 | 6.1 |
| Sauger | Sander canadense | SAUG | 5 | 2.5 |
| Walleye | Sander vitreus | WALL | 3 | 1.5 |
| Total |  |  | $\mathbf{1 9 7}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 0}$ |

1. Does not include fish recaptured in the same waterbody in the season/year in which they were tagged.

In total, 176 Lake Sturgeon were captured in 8,759 gill net hours, resulting in an overall CPUE of 0.48 LKST/91.4 m net/24 h (Table 20). Gillnetting effort was highest in Zone STL-A (6,744 gill net hours) (Table 21).


Map 6. $\quad$ Sites fished with large mesh gill net gangs in Stephens Lake, spring 2022.

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Figure 25. Mean daily water temperature of the Nelson River in Stephens Lake, May 27 to July 3, 2022.

Table 20. Lake Sturgeon catch-per-unit-effort (CPUE; \# LKST/91.4 met/24 h) values observed during mark/recapture studies in Stephens Lake, spring 2001-2022.

| Year | \# Sites | Total Lake Sturgeon $^{\mathbf{1}}$ | Total Gill Net Hours $^{\mathbf{2 , 3}}$ | Total CPUE |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2001 | 18 | 24 | 6,254 | 0.09 |
| 2002 | 15 | 4 | 3,250 | 0.03 |
| 2003 | 29 | 24 | 9,638 | 0.06 |
| 2004 | 8 | 5 | 4,638 | 0.03 |
| 2005 | 35 | 6 | 7,933 | 0.02 |
| 2006 | 21 | 13 | 6,084 | 0.05 |
| 2010 | 37 | 17 | 4,898 | 0.08 |
| 2011 | 49 | 18 | 6,663 | 0.06 |
| $2012^{4}$ | 23 | 15 | 3,555 | 0.10 |
| $2014^{4}$ | 5 | 9 | 473 | 0.46 |
| 2016 | 90 | 71 | 17,037 | 0.10 |
| 2018 | 62 | 241 | 15,863 | 0.36 |
| 2021 | 72 | 170 | 6,382 | 0.64 |
| $\mathbf{2 0 2 2}$ | $\mathbf{6 4}$ | $\mathbf{1 7 6}$ | $\mathbf{8 , 7 5 9}$ | $\mathbf{0 . 4 8}$ |

1. Does not include fish recaptured in the same waterbody in the season/year in which they were tagged.
2. The effort has been corrected to account for panel length. For example, the duration of a gill net gangs consisting of four panels (i.e., 91.4 m long) was doubled (i.e., equivalent of two 91.4 m gang sets).
3. The catch and effort from gillnetting conducted in other areas of Stephens Lake other than the reach downstream of the Keeyask GS (i.e., zones GR-A, STL-A, and STL-B) have been excluded from this table in the years it was conducted
4. CPUE value reflects study objective (i.e., fish were captured for acoustic tagging) and may not be comparable to studies conducted in other years.

Table 21. Number and catch-per-unit-effort (CPUE; \# LKST/91.4 m net/24 h) values, by zone, observed during adult Lake Sturgeon population monitoring in Stephens Lake, spring 2022.

| Zone | \# Sites | Total Lake <br> Sturgeon $^{\mathbf{1}}$ | Total Gill Net <br> Hours $^{\mathbf{2}}$ | Total CPUE |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| GR-A | 12 | 24 | 1,485 | 0.39 |
| STL-A | 46 | 131 | 6,744 | 0.47 |
| STL-B | 6 | 21 | 530 | 0.95 |

1. Does not include fish recaptured in the same waterbody in the season/year in which they were tagged.
2. The effort ( $h$ ) has been corrected to account for panel length set at each site. For example, the duration of a gill net gang consisting of four panels (i.e., 91.4 m long) was doubled (i.e., equivalent of two 91.4 m gang sets).

### 4.4.2 Biological Metrics

Lake Sturgeon captured in Stephens Lake had a mean FL of 918 mm (range: 410-1,475 mm), a mean weight of $6,807 \mathrm{~g}$ (range: $450-24,040 \mathrm{~g}$ ), and a mean condition factor of 0.76 (range: 0.481.30) (Table 23). Six fish were accidentally released prior to being measured and nine were released without being weighed. Of the 170 Lake Sturgeon measured, 132 were classified as adults ( $\mathrm{FL} \geq 800 \mathrm{~mm}$ ) and 38 were classified as juveniles ( $\mathrm{FL}<800 \mathrm{~mm}$ ). Lake Sturgeon measuring 800-899 mm FL were captured most frequently ( $n=51$ ), 30\% of the total and $39 \%$ of the adult Lake Sturgeon catch (Figure 26). Most ( $47 \%$; $\mathrm{n}=18$ ) of the 38 juvenile fish ( $\mathrm{FL}<800$ mm ) captured were in the 750-799 mm interval.

Mean condition factor of adult Lake Sturgeon did not differ significantly between baseline (20012014), construction (2016, 2018, and 2021), and operation (2022) for the two FL intervals (850899 and 900-949 mm) for which comparisons were possible (Figure 27). The length-weight relationship is presented in Figure 28.

Sex and maturity were confirmed for two pre-spawn males, one on June 16 and one on June 19 at water temperatures of 14.0 and $14.5^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$, respectively (Table 22).

Table 22. Sex and maturity data for Lake Sturgeon captured in Split Lake spring, 20012022.

| Year ${ }^{1}$ | Sex and Maturity ${ }^{\mathbf{2}}$ |  |  |  |  |  | \# of Spawners ${ }^{3}$ | Unknown maturity | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Male |  |  | Female |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 7 | 8 | 9 | 2 | 3 | 4 |  |  |  |
| 2001 | 5 | - | - | 3 | - | - | 8 | 16 | 24 |
| 2002 | 3 | - | - | - | - | - | 3 | 1 | 4 |
| 2003 | 2 | - | - | 1 | - | - | 3 | 21 | 24 |
| 2004 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 5 | 5 |
| 2005* | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 7 | 7 |
| 2006* | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | 1 | 15 | 16 |
| 2010 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 17 | 17 |
| 2011 | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 29 | 30 |
| 2012 | 3 | 1 | - | - | - | - | 4 | 11 | 15 |
| 2014 | - | 2 | - | - | - | - | 2 | 7 | 9 |
| 2016 | 4 | 4 | - | - | - | - | 8 | 63 | 71 |
| 2018 | 11 | 15 | 6 | - | - | - | 30 | 211 | 241 |
| 2021 | 5 | - | - | - | - | - | 5 | 165 | 170 |
| 2022 | 2 | - | - | - | - | - | 2 | 174 | 176 |

1. An * indicates a few individuals from farther downstream in Stephens Lake are included in the analysis.
2. Refer to Section 3.1 for maturity codes.
3. Maturity status columns include recaptures of fish whose maturity status progressed between captures (e.g., would include recaptures of fish initially captured in maturing condition and recaptured in ripe or spent condition), but the columns may not add up to the "\# of Spawners" column since this only includes individual fish captured (i.e., CYTR that were captured in different maturity classifications were only counted once).

Table 23. Mean fork length (mm), weight (g), and relative condition factor (K) of Lake Sturgeon captured during adult Lake Sturgeon population monitoring in Stephens Lake, spring 2001-2022.

| Year | Fork Length (mm) |  |  |  | Weight (g) |  |  |  | K |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\mathrm{n}^{2}$ | Mean | Std ${ }^{3}$ | Range | n | Mean | Std | Range | n | Mean | Range |
| 2001 | 24 | 1,077 | 181 | 792-1,447 | 24 | 13,148 | 9,499 | 4,400-40,000 | 24 | 0.94 | 0.71-1.56 |
| 2002 | 4 | 1,045 | 51 | 1,001-1,100 | 4 | 10,888 | 2,995 | 8,050-15,000 | 4 | 0.94 | 0.80-1.13 |
| 2003 | 24 | 1,018 | 206 | 555-1,340 | 23 | 11,212 | 7,205 | 1,700-26,000 | 23 | 0.90 | 0.61-1.20 |
| 2004 | 5 | 1,180 | 112 | 1,025-1,324 | 4 | 15,347 | 4,577 | 9,450-20,412 | 4 | 0.97 | 0.72-1.32 |
| 2005* | 7 | 922 | 130 | 763-1,100 | 7 | 8,701 | 4,989 | 3,636-15,455 | 7 | 1.00 | 0.82-1.44 |
| 2006* | 14 | 1,144 | 162 | 902-1,421 | 13 | 13,224 | 6,071 | 5,897-24,948 | 13 | 0.86 | 0.73-1.03 |
| 2010 | 17 | 1,028 | 162 | 730-1,349 | 16 | 9,993 | 5,272 | 3,200-24,040 | 16 | 0.83 | 0.65-0.98 |
| 2011 | 18 | 890 | 255 | 362-1,208 | 12 | 9,053 | 3,984 | 1,082-16,556 | 12 | 0.87 | 0.76-0.99 |
| 2012 | 15 | 896 | 144 | 645-1,176 | 11 | 7,468 | 3,113 | 3,901-14,969 | 11 | 0.92 | 0.74-1.07 |
| 2014 | 9 | 941 | 115 | 810-1,150 | 9 | 6,854 | 3,374 | 4,082-13,608 | 9 | 0.77 | 0.66-1.01 |
| 2016 | 71 | 902 | 152 | 343-1,425 | 69 | 6,740 | 3,540 | 253-22,680 | 69 | 0.85 | 0.63-1.20 |
| 2018 | 240 | 901 | 159 | 361-1,411 | 240 | 6,692 | 3,951 | 250-27,125 | 239 | 0.83 | 0.43-1.53 |
| 2021 | 170 | 837 | 215 | 335-1,480 | 170 | 6,717 | 4,538 | 250-29,000 | 170 | 0.97 | 0.64-1.77 |
| 2022 | 170 | 918 | 190 | 410-1,475 | 167 | 6,807 | 4,727 | 450-24,040 | 167 | 0.76 | 0.48-1.30 |

1. An * indicates a few individuals from farther downstream in Stephens Lake are included in the analysis.
2. Number of fish measured.
3. Standard deviation.


Figure 26. Length-frequency distribution for Lake Sturgeon captured in large mesh gill nets set in Stephens Lake, spring 2022.


Figure 27. Mean condition factor by $\mathbf{5 0} \mathbf{~ m m}$ length intervals for adult ( $\geq \mathbf{8 0 0} \mathbf{~ m m}$ ) Lake Sturgeon captured in Stephens Lake during baseline studies (red bars), construction monitoring (blue bars), and operation monitoring (green bars). No significant differences were found for the two Fork Length intervals (850-899 and 900-999 mm) that could be compared (Mann Whitney U test, p > 0.05). Error bars represent standard deviations.

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Figure 28. Length-weight regression for Lake Sturgeon captured in large mesh gill nets set in Stephens Lake, spring 2022.

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### 4.4.3 Movements

Of the 176 Lake Sturgeon captured in Stephens Lake, 110 were recaptures from previous gillnetting studies, one was a hatchery fish that was captured for the first time since stocking, and 65 were newly captured fish (all which received a Floy and PIT tag; Table A1-4).
A single hatchery-reared fish (PIT \#900067000109660) was captured for the fist time since initial release. It was stocked in Gull Lake on June 6, 2019, and measured 231 mm FL. It was captured in Stephens Lake on June 27, 2022, and measured 419 mm FL, an increase of 188 mm in the three years since release.

Excluding the one hatchery-reared fish that was captured for the first time since stocking, 63\% of Lake Sturgeon were recaptures from previous gillnetting studies ( $n=110$ ) (Table 24). Nineteen of the 110 recaptured Lake Sturgeon (17\%) lost their Floy tag but retained their PIT tag. Biological and previous year capture information are provided in Table A2-4 and movements are summarized below:

Of the two hatchery-reared fish that were recaptured from previous year studies:

- One (PIT \#900067000109308) was stocked in Stephens Lake on May 23, 2019. It was captured in Stephens Lake during the juvenile population study on September 13, 2019.
- One (PIT \#900067000109322) was stocked in Stephens Lake on June 13, 2019. It was captured in Stephens Lake during the juvenile population study on September 17, 2021.

Sixty-one fish (55\%) were last captured in Stephens Lake between 2002 and 2021.

- One fish was a previous year recapture with an old Floy tag but no PIT tag. Due to a miss read of the Floy tag its location of initial tagging could not be determined; however, it did receive a PIT tag at time of capture in 2022.
- Four were originally tagged in Gull Lake but were last captured in Stephens Lake during previous studies.
- \#80374 was tagged in 2008 and was captured in Stephens Lake in 2012.
- \#105424 was tagged in 2014 and was captured in Stephens Lake in 2018.
- \#107222 was tagged in 2016 and was captured in Stephens Lake in 2017.
- \#94085 was tagged in 2010 and was captured in Stephens Lake in 2018.

Table 24. Recapture data for Lake Sturgeon captured in Stephens Lake during adult population monitoring, spring 20022022.

| Recapture Location | Year | Original Tagging / Last Capture Location ${ }^{3}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  | Total Recaptures ${ }^{2}$ | Total LKST Captured | $\begin{gathered} \text { \% } \\ \text { Recaptures } \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Kelsey GS Area | Split <br> Lake | Upstream Birthday Rapids | Downstream Birthday Rapids | Gull <br> Lake | Stephens Lake | Unknown |  |  |  |
| Stephens Lake ${ }^{1}$ | 2002 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0.0 |
|  | 2003 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 4 | 24 | 16.7 |
|  | 2004 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 5 | 60.0 |
|  | 2005* | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 7 | 28.6 |
|  | 2006* | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 7 | 0 | 9 | 14 | 64.3 |
|  | 2010 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 8 | 0 | 10 | 17 | 58.8 |
|  | 2011 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 6 | 18 | 33.3 |
|  | 2012 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 6 | 15 | 40.0 |
|  | 2014 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 4 | 9 | 44.4 |
|  | 2016 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 15 | 0 | 16 | 71 | 22.5 |
|  | 2018 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 81 | 0 | 87 | 241 | 36.1 |
|  | 2021 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 82 | 1 | 89 | 170 | 52.3 |
|  | 2022 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 16 | 31 | 60 | 1 | 110 | 176 | 62.5 |

1. An * indicates a few individuals from farther downstream in Stephens Lake are included in the analysis.
2. Does not include fish recaptured in the same waterbody in the season/year in which they were tagged, nor does it include hatchery fish that were captured in gill nets for the first time.
3. Initial tagging location of fish recaptured for the very first time since tagging or last known location of fish caught multiple times over multiple years.

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Forty-seven (43\%) were last captured in the Nelson River between Clark Lake and the Keeyask GS between 2006 and 2021.

- One (Floy \#79711) was originally tagged in the Kelsey GS area in 2009. It was last captured in the Keeyask reservoir in 2019.


### 4.4.4 POPULATION ESTIMATION

The 2022 population estimate for adult Lake Sturgeon (measuring $\geq 800 \mathrm{~mm} \mathrm{FL}$ ) in Stephens Lake was 1,164 individuals ( $\mathrm{Cl} 95 \%$ : 853-1,589; Figure 29; Table A3-4). The annual survival estimate (2014-2021) was $97 \%$. The annual population growth rate (lambda) has continued to fluctuate, showing a 26\% increase between 2018 and 2021 and 52\% between 2021 and 2022 (Figure 30).

Overall, there was a significant increase in the estimated mean abundance of Lake Sturgeon in Stephens Lake compared to 2018 and 2021 (Figure 31). The 2022 population estimate showed an increase of $171 \%$ from 2018 and $52 \%$ from 2021. Abundance estimates between 2003 and 2022 show a significant increasing trend ( $r^{2}=0.79, F=36.94, p=0.0001$; Figure 32).


Figure 29. Adult Lake Sturgeon abundance estimates based on POPAN best model for Stephens Lake (2003-2022). Horizontal line inside the box represents the estimated abundance (i.e., the number of adult Lake Sturgeon in the area during the time of capture), the black dots represent the minimum and maximum estimates, and the vertical bar lines represent the upper and lower $95 \%$ confidence intervals.


Figure 30. Annual percent change in adult Lake Sturgeon population growth estimates (lambda) based on the POPAN annual estimates in Stephens Lake. Percentages indicate change in population abundance between years.


Figure 31. Analysis of change in mean population abundance estimates for Stephens Lake between one sample period (2021 to 2022) and two sampling periods (2018 to 2022). A significant change from the 2018 estimate would be a $17 \%$ decrease or a $19 \%$ increase. A significant change from the 2021 estimate would be a $23 \%$ decrease or a $27 \%$ increase. The mean population estimate in 2022 showed a significant increase from both the 2018 (171\%) and 2021 (52\%) estimates.

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Figure 32. Abundance estimates for adult Lake Sturgeon in Stephens Lake by sampling year (2003-2022) showing a significant positive trend.

### 5.0 DISCUSSION

### 5.1 Upper Split Lake Area

The main objective of long-term adult Lake Sturgeon population monitoring in the Upper Split Lake Area is to identify changes in abundance, survival, and condition factor over time. Continued monitoring will also identify long-term trends in the size of the spawning population and monitor the influence of stocking (initiated in 2013). Although sampling in this area is planned to occur biennially, due to complications associated with conducting field work during the COVID-19 pandemic, the Upper Split Lake Area was last sampled in 2019.

### 5.1.1 MOVEMENT

Since spring adult population monitoring was initiated in 2001, 472 and 259 Lake Sturgeon have been recaptured in the Burntwood River and Kelsey GS Area, respectively. The majority of recaptured sturgeon have been tagged and recaptured in the same general area, however, movements between the Kelsey GS area and the Burntwood River are common.

It was predicted in the EIS that increased numbers of Lake Sturgeon may leave the Keeyask reservoir due to rapid changes in water levels and velocities during impoundment and decreased water velocity at Birthday Rapids. It was predicted that both upstream and downstream emigration may occur. In 2022, a large proportion of the fish recaptured in the Kelsey GS Area were tagged in Gull Lake representing $24 \%$ of recaptured fish $(\mathrm{n}=18)$. In previous years, fish from this area have represented between 0 and $10 \%$ of recaptured fish ( $n=0-3$ ). Movement monitoring studies using acoustic telemetry conducted in 2022 observed an increase in adult Lake Sturgeon movements upstream out of the Keeyask reservoir (Hrenchuk 2023). Although these fish are only tracked as far as the inlet to Clark Lake, it is possible that they continued to move as far upstream as the Kelsey GS.

### 5.1.2 Adult Lake Sturgeon Abundance

In the short-term (2017, 2019, and 2022 data sets), Lake Sturgeon abundance in both the Burntwood River and the Kelsey GS Area has increased significantly. The 2022 abundance estimate was significantly higher than 2017 in the Burntwood River and significantly higher than both 2017 and 2019 in the Kelsey GS Area. The long-term trajectory between 2005 and 2022 shows a significant increasing trend over time in the Burntwood River. Although the long-term trajectory in the Kelsey GS Area is positive, the increase is not significant.

This increasing trend is also reflected in the CPUE of fish captured in both sampling locations. Overall CPUE in the Burntwood River in 2022 ( 0.75 Lake Sturgeon) was higher than in any

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previous year since sampling began in 2001 (0.18-0.60 Lake Sturgeon) other than in 2012. Similarly, CPUE in the Kelsey GS Area in 2022 ( 0.66 Lake Sturgeon/91.4 m net/24 h) was higher than in any previous year (0.06-0.46 Lake Sturgeon).

### 5.1.3 SPAWNING

In 2022, 94 spawning-condition Lake Sturgeon were captured in the Burntwood River, representing $35 \%$ of the total catch. Spawning sturgeon have represented a large portion of the catch from this area (between 26 and $69 \%$ of captured fish) since 2011. In 2022, one ripe female fish was captured and eggs were collected and used to produce broodstock for the Keeyask Lake Sturgeon production and stocking program. A total of 91 male Lake Sturgeon were identified as being in spawning condition, which is within the range observed in previous years.

Spawning-condition Lake Sturgeon are captured less frequently in the Kelsey GS Area and have only been observed in seven of the past 13 years. A single ripe male was captured in 2022 in the area immediately downstream of the Kelsey GS. Based on the capture of spawning-condition fish in this area in previous years, it is likely that Lake Sturgeon spawn immediately below the Kelsey GS where high water velocities and a lack of structure make it difficult to set gill nets.

### 5.1.4 Key Questions

Is there a biologically relevant (and statistically significant) change in the rate of population growth for the Upper Split Lake Area population?

The population estimate for adult Lake Sturgeon (measuring $\geq 800 \mathrm{~mm} \mathrm{FL}$ ) in 2022 was 707 individuals (95\% CI: 520-961) in the Burntwood River and 957 individuals (CI 95\%: 586-1,563) in the Kelsey GS Area. The 2022 population estimate for the Burntwood River shows a significant increase from the 2017 estimate but not the 2019 estimate. The 2022 population estimate for the Kelsey GS area increased significantly from both 2017 and 2019. Based on data collected from 2005-2022, the population in both areas appears to be increasing.

Is there a biologically relevant (and statistically significant) change in survival for Upper Split Lake Area population?

The best-fit model did not indicate a marked change in the survival rate in either sampling area compared to the estimate calculated in 2019. The survival rate for the Burntwood River (20142022) was $88 \%$, while the survival rate for the Kelsey GS Area (2014-2022) was $86 \%$.

Is there a biologically relevant (and statistically observable) change in the condition factor of Lake Sturgeon?

In the Burntwood River, mean condition factor was significantly lower during operation (2022) than baseline (2001-2013) for a single fork length interval ( $1,000-1,049 \mathrm{~mm}$ ) but did not differ

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significantly from construction (2015, 2017, and 2019). Significant differences were found for all FL intervals between 800 and $1,099 \mathrm{~mm}$ FL in the Kelsey GS Area. In all intervals, condition was significantly higher during baseline (2001-2013) than either construction (2015, 2017, and 2019) or operation, and operation (2022) was significantly lower than construction.

Will the frequency of long-distance movements (from the Keeyask/Stephens Lake area to the Upper Split Lake Area) by sub-adult and adult Lake Sturgeon increase during Project operation?

In 2022, 21 Lake Sturgeon originally tagged in the Keeyask reservoir were recaptured in the Upper Split Lake Area (three in the Burntwood River and 18 in the Kelsey GS area). The number captured in the Burntwood River is comparable to the number recaptured previously, while the number captured in the Kelsey GS area is higher than any other year. In previous years, fish tagged in the Keeyask reservoir have represented between 0 and $10 \%$ of recaptured fish in the Kelsey GS Area. In 2022, they represented $24 \%$ of recaptures.

### 5.2 Keeyask Area

Although adult Lake Sturgeon population monitoring was conducted in the Keeyask reservoir and Stephens Lake in 2021, sampling was repeated in 2022. Following sampling in 2021, a large number of adult Lake Sturgeon were observed moving downstream through the Keeyask GS during acoustic telemetry studies (Hrenchuk and Small 2022). Monitoring was repeated in 2022 to determine if the downstream movements observed after the population study was completed in spring 2021 were substantial enough to impact the population size.

### 5.2.1 MOVEMENT

Adult population monitoring was initiated in 2001, and 481 and 346 Lake Sturgeon have been recaptured in the Keeyask reservoir and in Stephens Lake, respectively. Increased emigration from the Keeyask reservoir into Stephens Lake was identified as a potential impact of construction of the Keeyask GS. Prior to 2022, only a small proportion of fish recaptured in Stephens Lake (0$7 \%$ ) were tagged in the Keeyask reservoir. In 2022, this number increased substantially. In total, 47 fish captured in Stephens Lake in 2022 ( $43 \%$ of recaptured fish and $27 \%$ of all captures) were originally tagged in the Keeyask reservoir. It is not possible to determine when the majority of these fish moved downstream or whether they moved through the powerhouse or spillway due to the length of time between last capture and recapture. However, eight fish were last captured in the Keeyask reservoir in late 2020 or 2021 and moved downstream following reservoir impoundment.

Acoustic telemetry studies have also identified an increase in downstream movements of adult Lake Sturgeon through the Keeyask GS following reservoir impoundment. Prior to 2021, only six fish tagged with acoustic transmitters had been observed moving downstream. In 2021, 13 of 41 adult Lake Sturgeon tagged upstream of the Keeyask GS moved downstream through the GS

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between July and September (Hrenchuk and Small 2022). One additional fish moved downstream during winter 2021/2022 and six moved downstream in open-water 2022 (Hrenchuk 2023).

### 5.2.2 AdULT Lake Sturgeon Abundance

It was predicted in the EIS that Lake Sturgeon abundance may decline in the Keeyask reservoir due to emigration upstream and downstream in response to environmental disturbance associated with initial operation. Fewer adult Lake Sturgeon were captured in the Keeyask reservoir in 2022 compared to previous years, leading to a substantial decrease in abundance estimates. The total CPUE in 2022 ( 0.14 Lake Sturgeon/91.4 m net/24 h) was the lowest since 2011 ( 0.12 Lake Sturgeon/91.4 m net/24 h). The population estimate for the Keeyask reservoir in 2022 was significantly lower than the previous two study years and was the lowest number recorded since estimates have been produced. Comparatively, population estimates for Stephens Lake have shown a significant increasing trend between 2011 and 2022. In the short term, Lake Sturgeon abundance in Stephens Lake in 2022 increased significantly from both 2018 (171\% increase) and 2021 ( $52 \%$ increase). The decrease in population abundance in the Keeyask reservoir and the increase in Stephens Lake is largely driven by an increase in the number of fish moving downstream through the Keeyask GS between summer 2021 and 2022. It should be noted that this reduction may also be due to the increase in the volume of the reservoir and lower capture efficiency.

### 5.2.3 SPAWNING

A total of three spawning-condition fish were captured in the Keeyask reservoir in 2022 including two male and one female fish. All three fish were captured in the vicinity of Birthday Rapids (Map 2). This is similar to capture locations in previous years (Hrenchuk et al. 2015; Legge et al. 2017; Holm and Hrenchuk 2019; Loeppky and Hrenchuk 2022). Spawning condition fish are often underrepresented in the catch and their presence is not always indicative of spawning success. For example, in 2008, only three spawning fish were captured (the lowest number caught from 2001-2021) yet the 2008 cohort has been one of the strongest cohorts recorded since studies began.

It was predicted in the EIS that the inundation of Birthday Rapids may change spawning habitat and potentially result in Lake Sturgeon no longer using this area to spawn, potentially moving upstream to spawn at Long Rapids instead. However, no Lake Sturgeon were captured in gill nets set downstream of Long Rapids in 2022. Ongoing acoustic telemetry studies also suggest that post-impoundment, Lake Sturgeon continued to use spawning areas in the vicinity of Birthday Rapids. Ten fish ( $34 \%$ of all tracked) were detected downstream of Birthday Rapids during the spawning period in 2022 (Hrenchuk 2023). This, along with evidence of spawning individuals at Birthday Rapids, suggests Lake Sturgeon continue to use this habitat post-impoundment.

In Stephens Lake, spawning Lake Sturgeon have been observed in the majority of recent sampling years, representing between $3 \%$ and $75 \%$ of the total number of fish captured. In 2022, the Keeyask GS was fully operational during the spawning period for the first time. During this time, high water levels on the Nelson River necessitated the use of both the Keeyask spillway and powerhouse. Two pre-spawn male fish were captured along the north shore downstream of the tailrace, representing only $1 \%$ of the total catch. However, 22 wild young-of-the-year Lake Sturgeon were captured during juvenile Lake Sturgeon monitoring conducted in September 2022, indicating that successful spawning occurred downstream of the Keeyask GS in 2022 (Burnett and Hrenchuk 2023).

### 5.2.4 Key Questions

Commissioning of the Keeyask GS was completed in March 2022, when all powerhouse units became functional. Therefore, 2022 represents the first year of sampling during operation conditions in both the Keeyask reservoir and Stephens Lake. Key questions identified in the AEMP are addressed below.

Is there a biologically relevant (and statistically significant) change in the rate of population growth for the Keeyask reservoir and Stephens Lake populations?

The population estimate for adult Lake Sturgeon (measuring $\geq 800 \mathrm{~mm} \mathrm{FL}$ ) in 2022 was 345 individuals (95\% CI: 221-537) in the Keeyask reservoir and 1,164 individuals (CI 95\%: 8531,589 ) in Stephens Lake. The population estimate for the Keeyask reservoir in 2022 was significantly lower than both the 2018 and 2021 estimates. The 2022 population estimate for Stephens Lake was significantly higher than both the 2018 and 2021 estimates. The overall abundance estimates calculated between 2003 and 2022 show a significant increasing trend in Stephens Lake over time.

Is there a biologically relevant (and statistically significant) change in survival for the Keeyask reservoir and Stephens Lake populations?

The best-fit model indicated a marked decrease in adult Lake Sturgeon survival in the Keeyask reservoir, decreasing from $91 \%$ in 2004-2021 to $78 \%$ from 2021-2022. However, this is the result of a large number of Lake Sturgeon moving out of the reservoir. The model interprets fish that move from the Keeyask reservoir to Stephens Lake as mortalities as they are not able to return and are lost from the upstream population. Therefore, the decrease in survival reflects the large downstream migration observed in 2021 and 2022 rather than fish mortality. When emigration ( $14 \%$ based on mark-recapture) is considered, the survival estimate becomes $92 \%$, which is comparable to previous years.

The survival estimate for Stephens Lake was $97 \%$, which is very high.

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Is there a biologically relevant (and statistically observable) change in the condition factor of Lake Sturgeon?

Too few adult Lake Sturgeon were captured in the Keeyask reservoir to compare condition at FL interval between baseline, construction, and post-impoundment. However, annual mean condition during operation (2022; 0.41-1.27) fell within the ranges observed during baseline (2001-2014; $0.57-1.49)$ and construction (2016, 2018, and 2021; 0.38-1.46). No significant differences were found between the two size classes that could be compared in Stephens Lake.

Is the relative abundance/CPUE of adult Lake Sturgeon in Stephens Lake changing?
The CPUE of Lake Sturgeon in 2022 in Stephens Lake ( 0.48 LKST/91.4 m net/24 h) was higher than any sampling year other than 2021. In addition to the population estimate, these results suggest that the abundance of Lake Sturgeon is increasing in Stephens Lake.

Are spawning adults present in the Keeyask reservoir and Stephens Lake?
Spawning adult Lake Sturgeon were captured both in the Keeyask reservoir and Stephens Lake during spring 2022. Both spawning females ( $n=1$ ) and males ( $n=2$ ) were captured in the reservoir, and spawning males $(\mathrm{n}=2)$ were captured in Stephens Lake.

Where (on a coarse-scale) do Lake Sturgeon spawn in the post-Project environment?
All spawning adult Lake Sturgeon were captured in the Keeyask reservoir at Birthday Rapids. In Stephens Lake, spawning fish were captured on the north shore downstream of the Keeyask GS powerhouse.

### 6.0 SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

- Population monitoring was conducted in spring 2022 to derive an adult Lake Sturgeon population estimate and examine size and condition of the sturgeon populations in the Burntwood River, Kelsey GS Area, Keeyask reservoir and Stephens Lake.
- Although adult Lake Sturgeon population monitoring was conducted in the Keeyask reservoir and Stephens Lake in 2021, sampling was repeated in 2022. Following sampling in 2021, a large number of adult Lake Sturgeon were observed moving downstream through the Keeyask GS during acoustic telemetry studies. Monitoring was repeated in 2022 to determine if the downstream movements observed after the population study was completed in spring 2021 were substantial enough to impact the population size.
- A total of 740 individual Lake Sturgeon were captured in the four different areas in 2022. Of these, 270 were caught in the Burntwood River ( 234 adults [ $\geq 800 \mathrm{~mm}$ ] and 35 juveniles), 231 were caught in the Kelsey GS Area ( 195 adults and 35 juveniles), 63 were caught in the Keeyask reservoir ( 32 adults and 31 juveniles) and 176 were caught in Stephens Lake ( 132 adults and 32 juveniles).
- In the Burntwood River, CPUE in 2022 ( 0.75 Lake Sturgeon/91.4 m net/24 h) was the second highest recorded since studies began. Similarly, CPUE in the Kelsey GS Area in 2022 was the highest ever recorded (0.66 Lake Sturgeon)
- Overall CPUE in the Keeyask reservoir in 2022 (0.14 Lake Sturgeon/91.4 m net/24 h) was the third lowest since studies began in 2001 (0.12-0.54 Lake Sturgeon). Comparatively, CPUE in Stephens Lake ( 0.48 Lake Sturgeon) was the second highest recorded since 2001 (0.02-0.64 Lake Sturgeon).
- Sex and maturity were confirmed for 94 individuals in the Burntwood River: 91 males (37 pre-spawn, 53 ripe and one post-spawn) and three females (two pre-spawn and one ripe). In the Kelsey GS Area, sex and maturity was confirmed for one ripe male fish. A total of three fish including one pre-spawn male, one spawning male and one pre-spawn female were captured in the Keeyask reservoir. In Stephens Lake, sex and maturity was confirmed for two pre-spawn males.
- The population estimates for adult Lake Sturgeon (measuring $\geq 800 \mathrm{~mm} \mathrm{FL}$ ) in the Burntwood River, Kelsey GS Area, Keeyask reservoir and Stephens Lake in 2022 were 707 individuals ( $95 \% \mathrm{CI}$ : 540-904), 957 individuals ( $95 \% \mathrm{Cl}$ : 614-1,400), 345 individuals ( $95 \% \mathrm{Cl}$ : 232-488) and 1,164 individuals ( $95 \% \mathrm{Cl}$ : 886-1,492), respectively.
- Key questions in the AEMP related to Lake Sturgeon monitoring in the Upper Split Lake Area are addressed below:
- Is there a biologically relevant (and statistically significant) change in the rate of population growth for the Upper Split Lake Area population?

The 2022 population estimate for the Burntwood River shows a significant increase from the 2017 estimate but not the 2019 estimate. The 2022 population estimate for the Kelsey GS area increased significantly from both 2017 and 2019. Based on data collected from 2005 to 2022, the population in both areas appears to be increasing.

- Is there a biologically relevant (and statistically significant) change in survival for Upper Split Lake Area population?

The best-fit model did not indicate a marked change in the survival rate in either sampling area compared to the estimate calculated in 2019. The survival rate for the Burntwood River (2014-2022) was $88 \%$, while the survival rate for the Kelsey GS Area (2014-2022) was 86\%.

- Is there a biologically relevant (and statistically observable) change in the condition factor of Lake Sturgeon?

In the Burntwood River, mean condition factor was significantly lower during operation than baseline for a single fork length interval ( $1,000-1,049 \mathrm{~mm}$ ) but did not differ significantly from construction. Significant differences were found for all FL intervals between 800 and 1,099 mm FL in the Kelsey GS Area. In all intervals, condition was significantly higher during baseline than either construction or operation and operation was significantly lower than construction.

- Will the frequency of long-distance movements (from the Keeyask/Stephens Lake area to the Upper Split Lake Area) by sub-adult and adult Lake Sturgeon increase during Project operation?

In 2022, 21 Lake Sturgeon originally tagged in the Keeyask reservoir were recaptured in the Upper Split Lake Area (three in the Burntwood River and 18 in the Kelsey GS area). In previous years, fish tagged in the Keeyask reservoir have represented between 0 and 10\% of recaptured fish in the Kelsey GS Area. In 2022, they represented $24 \%$ of recaptures. This observation is consistent with the movement of adult Lake Sturgeon out of the Keeyask reservoir observed during the acoustic telemetry study.

- Key questions in the AEMP related to Lake Sturgeon monitoring in the Keeyask Area are addressed below:
- Is there a biologically relevant (and statistically significant) change in the rate of population growth for the Keeyask reservoir and Stephens Lake populations?

The population estimate for the Keeyask reservoir in 2022 was significantly lower than both the 2018 and 2021 estimates. The 2022 population estimate for Stephens Lake was significantly higher than both the 2018 and 2021 estimates. The overall abundance estimates calculated between 2003 and 2022 show a significant increasing trend over time.

- Is there a biologically relevant (and statistically significant) change in survival for the Keeyask reservoir and Stephens Lake populations?

The best-fit model indicated a marked decrease in adult Lake Sturgeon survival in the Keeyask reservoir, decreasing from 91\% in 2004-2021 to 78\% from 2021-2022. However, this is the result of a large number of Lake Sturgeon moving out of the reservoir. The model interprets fish that move from the Keeyask reservoir to Stephens Lake as mortalities as they are not able to return and are lost from the upstream population. Therefore, the decrease in survival reflects the large downstream migration observed in 2021 and 2022 rather than fish mortality. When emigration ( $14 \%$ based on mark-recapture) is considered, the survival estimate becomes $92 \%$, which is comparable to previous years.

The survival estimate for Stephens Lake was $97 \%$, which is very high.
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Too few Lake Sturgeon were captured in the Keeyask reservoir to compare condition between baseline, construction, and post-impoundment. No significant differences were found between the two size classes that could be compared in Stephens Lake.

- Is the relative abundance/CPUE of adult Lake Sturgeon in Stephens Lake changing?

The CPUE of Lake Sturgeon in 2022 in Stephens Lake ( 0.48 LKST/91.4 m net/24 h) was higher than any sampling year other than 2021. In addition to the population estimate, these results suggest that the abundance of Lake Sturgeon is increasing in Stephens Lake.

- Are spawning adults present in the Keeyask reservoir and Stephens Lake?

Spawning adult Lake Sturgeon were captured both in the Keeyask reservoir and Stephens Lake during spring 2022. Both spawning females ( $n=1$ ) and males ( $n=2$ ) were captured in the reservoir, and spawning males ( $n=2$ ) were captured in Stephens Lake.

- Where (on a coarse-scale) do Lake Sturgeon spawn in the post-Project environment?

All spawning adult Lake Sturgeon were captured in the Keeyask reservoir at Birthday Rapids. In Stephens Lake, spawning fish were captured on the north shore downstream of the Keeyask GS powerhouse.

- During the initial years of Project operation, the EIS predicted that increased numbers of Lake Sturgeon would leave the Keeyask reservoir (both upstream and downstream) leading to a decrease in population abundance. Floy-tag recaptures suggest that both

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upstream and downstream emigration has occurred. Eighteen fish tagged in the Keeyask reservoir were captured in the Kelsey GS area and 47 were captured in Stephens Lake in 2022, representing an increase over previous years. Seven fish tagged in Gull Lake were captured in the Kelsey GS area between 2006 and 2019 while 14 were captured in Stephens Lake between 2003 and 2021. This was reflected both in the decreases in overall CPUE and calculated population estimate in the Keeyask reservoir. The total CPUE in 2022 ( 0.14 Lake Sturgeon/91.4 m net/24 h) was the lowest since 2011 ( 0.12 Lake Sturgeon/91.4 m net/24 h). Population abundance was estimated at 345 individuals ( $95 \% \mathrm{CI}$ : 221-537) was significantly lower than 2018 (909 individuals; $95 \% \mathrm{CI}$ : 7001,180 ) and 2021 ( 913 individuals ( $95 \% \mathrm{Cl}$ : 673-1,239). It should be noted that this reduction may also be in part due to the increase in the volume of the reservoir and lower capture efficiency. The EIS also predicted that habitat alterations would lead to a decrease in attraction and use of spawning habitat at Birthday Rapids. Although there has been a reduction in the amount of white water present, water velocities have remained high and spawning Lake Sturgeon were captured downstream of Birthday Rapids following reservoir impoundment in both 2021 and 2022.

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## APPENDICES

# APPENDIX 1: <br> TAGGING AND BIOLOGICAL INFORMATION FOR LAKE STURGEON CAPTURED IN THE UPPER SPLIT LAKE AND KEEYASK AREAS, SPRING 2022 

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Table A1-1. Tagging and biological information for Lake Sturgeon marked with Floy tags and PIT tags in the Burntwood River, spring 2022.

| Location | Zone | Date | Prefix | Floy tag | PIT tag | Fork Length (mm) | Total Length (mm) | Weight (g) | Sex | Maturity ${ }^{1}$ |
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| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 29-May-22 | NSC | 119551 | 900226001232134 | 910 | 1010 | 3800 | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-B | 29-May-22 | NSC | 119553 | 900226001232486 | 441 | 496 | 700 | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 31-May-22 | NSC | 119554 | 900226001232261 | 1220 | 1330 | 14500 | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 31-May-22 | NSC | 119555 | 900226001232262 | 500 | 575 | 1000 | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 31-May-22 | NSC | 119556 | 900226001232258 | 800 | 900 | 4900 | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-B | 31-May-22 | NSC | 119557 | 900226001232214 | 1100 | 1223 | 9525 | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 3-Jun-22 | NSC | 119559 | 900226001232299 | 950 | 1080 | 8165 | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 3-Jun-22 | NSC | 119560 | 900226001232227 | 1020 | 1111 | 9072 | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 3-Jun-22 | NSC | 119562 | 900226001232278 | 969 | 1080 | 6804 | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 4-Jun-22 | NSC | 119563 | 900226001232250 | 770 | 865 | 4082 | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 4-Jun-22 | NSC | 119564 | 900226001232284 | 1065 | 1175 | 9979 | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 4-Jun-22 | NSC | 119565 | 900226001232223 | 1188 | 1204 | 12247 | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 4-Jun-22 | NSC | 119595 | 900226001232229 | 1450 | 1550 | 33566 | M | 11 |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 5-Jun-22 | NSC | 119566 | 900226001232263 | 816 | 899 | 4536 | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 5-Jun-22 | NSC | 119567 | 900226001232283 | 924 | 1036 | 9072 | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 5-Jun-22 | NSC | 119568 | 900226001232269 | 1065 | 1111 | 10433 | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 5-Jun-22 | NSC | 119570 | 900226001232273 | 788 | 881 | 4536 | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-B | 5-Jun-22 | NSC | 119572 | 900226001232257 | 1069 | 1185 | 10433 | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-B | 5-Jun-22 | NSC | 119573 | 900226001232254 | 985 | 1090 | 9072 | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 7-Jun-22 | NSC | 119574 | 900226001232295 | 949 | 1082 | 8165 | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 7-Jun-22 | NSC | 119575 | 900226001232293 | 1048 | 1155 | 9525 | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 8-Jun-22 | NSC | 119576 | 900226001232267 | 899 | 1008 | 8165 | M | 7 |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 8-Jun-22 | NSC | 119577 | 900226001232252 | 928 | 1031 | 8165 | M | 7 |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 8-Jun-22 | NSC | 119578 | 900226001232238 | 718 | 803 | 4082 | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 8-Jun-22 | NSC | 119579 | 900226001232255 | 885 | 997 | 4536 | M | 7 |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 8-Jun-22 | NSC | 119580 | 900226001232297 | 811 | 905 | 5897 | M | 7 |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 8-Jun-22 | NSC | 119581 | 900226001232298 | 1228 | 1377 | 18144 | M | 7 |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 8-Jun-22 | NSC | 119582 | 900226001232208 | 890 | 986 | 6804 | M | 7 |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 9-Jun-22 | NSC | 119583 | 900226001232202 | 945 | 1082 | 7711 | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 9-Jun-22 | NSC | 119584 | 900226001232286 | 1070 | 1180 | 11340 | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 9-Jun-22 | NSC | 119585 | 900226001232289 | 880 | 985 | 6350 | - | - |

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| Location | Zone | Date | Prefix | Floy tag | PIT tag | Fork Length (mm) | Total Length (mm) | Weight <br> (g) | Sex | Maturity ${ }^{1}$ |
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| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 9-Jun-22 | NSC | 119586 | 900226001232270 | 1045 | 1141 | 9979 | M | 7 |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 9-Jun-22 | NSC | 119587 | 900226001232201 | 910 | 1004 | 5443 | M | 7 |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 9-Jun-22 | NSC | 119588 | 900226001232275 | 864 | 961 | 7257 | M | 7 |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 9-Jun-22 | NSC | 119589 | 900226001232290 | 1223 | 1335 | 14969 | M | 8 |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 9-Jun-22 | NSC | 119591 | 900226001232206 | 816 | 911 | 5443 | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 9-Jun-22 | NSC | 119592 | 900226001232228 | 966 | 1056 | 9979 | M | 7 |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 9-Jun-22 | NSC | 119593 | 900226001232243 | 995 | 1122 | 10886 | M | 7 |
| Burntwood River | BWR-B | 9-Jun-22 | NSC | 119594 | 900226001232428 | 919 | 1011 | 8618 | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 10-Jun-22 | NSC | 119598 | - | 1005 | 1125 | 10886 | M | 7 |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 10-Jun-22 | NSC | 119599 | - | 1020 | 1139 | 9979 | M | 7 |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 10-Jun-22 | NSC | 119600 | 900226001232241 | 1098 | 1200 | 11793 | M | 8 |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 10-Jun-22 | NSC | 123301 | 900226001232287 | 953 | 1059 | 9072 | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 10-Jun-22 | NSC | 123302 | 900226001232204 | 941 | 1060 | 6350 | M | 7 |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 10-Jun-22 | NSC | 123303 | 900226001232246 | 1029 | 1156 | 9525 | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 10-Jun-22 | NSC | 123304 | 900226001232215 | 959 | 1062 | 6804 | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-B | 10-Jun-22 | NSC | 123305 | 900226001232265 | 960 | 1078 | 6804 | M | 7 |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 11-Jun-22 | NSC | 123306 | 900226001232218 | 745 | 844 | 3629 | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 11-Jun-22 | NSC | 123308 | 900226001232230 | 917 | 1025 | 4536 | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 11-Jun-22 | NSC | 123309 | 900226001232247 | 870 | 970 | 4536 | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 11-Jun-22 | NSC | 123310 | 900226001232236 | 1025 | 1139 | 7711 | M | 7 |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 11-Jun-22 | NSC | 123311 | 900226001232276 | 889 | 1010 | 6350 | M | 7 |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 12-Jun-22 | NSC | 123313 | - | 888 | 993 | 4536 | M | 8 |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 12-Jun-22 | NSC | 123314 | 900226001232244 | 815 | 906 | 4990 | M | 8 |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 12-Jun-22 | NSC | 123315 | 900226001232200 | 926 | 1039 | 6804 | M | 8 |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 12-Jun-22 | NSC | 123316 | 900226001232217 | 1036 | 1154 | 9072 | M | 8 |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 12-Jun-22 | NSC | 123317 | 900226001232226 | 905 | 1011 | 6350 | M | 7 |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 12-Jun-22 | NSC | 123318 | 900226001232272 | 734 | 833 | 2722 | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 12-Jun-22 | NSC | 123319 | 900226001232219 | 980 | 1091 | 7711 | M | 8 |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 12-Jun-22 | NSC | 123320 | 900226001232279 | 873 | 972 | 5443 | M | 8 |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 12-Jun-22 | NSC | 123322 | 900226001232291 | 905 | 1004 | 6804 | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 12-Jun-22 | NSC | 123323 | 900226001232221 | 964 | 1060 | 8165 | M | 8 |

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| Location | Zone | Date | Prefix | Floy tag | PIT tag | Fork Length (mm) | Total Length (mm) | Weight (g) | Sex | Maturity ${ }^{1}$ |
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| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 12-Jun-22 | NSC | 123325 | 900226001232203 | 878 | 984 | 6350 | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-B | 12-Jun-22 | NSC | 123326 | 900226001232213 | 880 | 979 | 4536 | M | 7 |
| Burntwood River | BWR-B | 12-Jun-22 | NSC | 123328 | 900226001232231 | 475 | 544 | 907 | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-B | 12-Jun-22 | NSC | 123329 | 900226001232253 | 1176 | 1288 | 13608 | F | 2 |
| Burntwood River | BWR-B | 12-Jun-22 | NSC | 123330 | 900226001232212 | 620 | 698 | 1814 | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 13-Jun-22 | NSC | 123331 | 900226001232242 | 1070 | 1192 | 9072 | M | 8 |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 13-Jun-22 | NSC | 123332 | 900226001232210 | 1035 | 1163 | 8618 | M | 8 |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 13-Jun-22 | NSC | 123333 | 900226001232220 | 1026 | 1143 | 8165 | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 13-Jun-22 | NSC | 123334 | 900226001232249 | 1064 | 1183 | 9525 | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 13-Jun-22 | NSC | 123335 | 900226001232268 | 1600 | 1730 | 27216 | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 13-Jun-22 | NSC | 123336 | 900226001232459 | 875 | 992 | 5443 | M | 8 |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 13-Jun-22 | NSC | 123337 | 900226001232248 | 1046 | 1158 | 9072 | M | 8 |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 13-Jun-22 | NSC | 123338 | 900226001232277 | 947 | 1064 | 6804 | M | 8 |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 13-Jun-22 | NSC | 123339 | 900226001232264 | 1010 | 1119 | 7711 | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 13-Jun-22 | NSC | 123340 | 900226001232209 | 1029 | 1092 | 9979 | M | 8 |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 13-Jun-22 | NSC | 123341 | 900226001232271 | 1395 | 1520 | 20412 | F | 3 |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 13-Jun-22 | NSC | 123342 | 900226001232234 | 1021 | 1132 | 9072 | M | 8 |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 13-Jun-22 | NSC | 123343 | 900226001232233 | 979 | 1091 | 6804 | M | 8 |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 13-Jun-22 | NSC | 123344 | 900226001232274 | 889 | 1002 | 6804 | M | 8 |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 13-Jun-22 | NSC | 123345 | 900226001232282 | 906 | 1004 | 6804 | M | 8 |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 13-Jun-22 | NSC | 123346 | 900226001232281 | 909 | 1012 | 5897 | M | 8 |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 13-Jun-22 | NSC | 123347 | 900226001232146 | 924 | 1036 | 6804 | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 13-Jun-22 | NSC | 123348 | 900226001232224 | 1097 | 1164 | 8165 | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 13-Jun-22 | NSC | 123349 | 900226001232165 | 937 | 1026 | 8165 | M | 8 |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 13-Jun-22 | NSC | 123350 | 900226001232140 | 1090 | 1120 | 8165 | M | 8 |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 14-Jun-22 | NSC | 123251 | 900226001232127 | 924 | 1025 | 5000 | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 14-Jun-22 | NSC | 123252 | 900226001232194 | 925 | 1026 | 6200 | M | 8 |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 14-Jun-22 | NSC | 123253 | 900226001232122 | 1052 | 1183 | 8250 | M | 8 |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 14-Jun-22 | NSC | 123254 | 900226001232191 | 835 | 935 | 5000 | M | 11 |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 14-Jun-22 | NSC | 123355 | 900226001232156 | 970 | 1069 | 7000 | M | 11 |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 14-Jun-22 | NSC | 123256 | 900226001232145 | 904 | 1008 | 6000 | M | 11 |

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| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 14-Jun-22 | NSC | 123257 | 900226001232151 | 920 | 1020 | 6200 | M | 8 |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 14-Jun-22 | NSC | 123258 | 900226001232123 | 839 | 932 | 4500 | M | 8 |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 14-Jun-22 | NSC | 123259 | 900226001232115 | 1000 | 1100 | 7500 | M | 11 |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 14-Jun-22 | NSC | 123260 | 900226001232163 | 944 | 1042 | 7000 | M | 11 |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 14-Jun-22 | NSC | 123261 | 900226001232128 | 897 | 1010 | 5100 | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 14-Jun-22 | NSC | 123262 | 900226001232245 | 989 | 1106 | 7000 | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 15-Jun-22 | NSC | 123263 | 900226001232211 | 941 | 1062 | 6500 | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 15-Jun-22 | NSC | 123264 | 900226001232170 | 802 | 896 | 3750 | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 15-Jun-22 | NSC | 123265 | 900226001232118 | 920 | 1015 | 5400 | M | 8 |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 15-Jun-22 | NSC | 123266 | 900226001232121 | 918 | 1023 | 5600 | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 15-Jun-22 | NSC | 123267 | 900226001232108 | 1028 | 1130 | 7500 | M | 8 |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 15-Jun-22 | NSC | 123268 | 900226001232159 | 940 | 1050 | 6250 | M | 8 |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 15-Jun-22 | NSC | 123269 | 900226001232174 | 867 | 1072 | 7400 | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 15-Jun-22 | NSC | 123270 | 900226001232178 | 1062 | 1174 | 9150 | M | 11 |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 15-Jun-22 | NSC | 123271 | 900226001232129 | 509 | 573 | 950 | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 16-Jun-22 | NSC | 123273 | 900226001232422 | 995 | 1114 | 8500 | M | 11 |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 16-Jun-22 | NSC | 123274 | 900226001232104 | 891 | 1005 | 5700 | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 16-Jun-22 | NSC | 123275 | 900226001232112 | 970 | 1076 | 6150 | M | 11 |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 16-Jun-22 | NSC | 123276 | 900226001232196 | 1030 | 1152 | 8300 | M | 11 |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 17-Jun-22 | NSC | 123277 | 900226001232180 | 987 | 1061 | 6370 | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 17-Jun-22 | NSC | 123278 | 900226001232476 | 840 | 932 | 3450 | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 17-Jun-22 | NSC | 123279 | 900226001232199 | 790 | 878 | 3500 | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 18-Jun-22 | NSC | 123280 | 900226001232158 | 580 | 652 | 1400 | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 18-Jun-22 | NSC | 123281 | 900226001232450 | 838 | 927 | 3825 | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-B | 18-Jun-22 | NSC | 123282 | 900226001232124 | 545 | 615 | 1150 | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 19-Jun-22 | NSC | 123283 | 900226001232430 | 662 | 751 | 1900 | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 19-Jun-22 | NSC | 123284 | 900226001232157 | 937 | 995 | 5800 | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 19-Jun-22 | NSC | 123285 | 900226001232427 | 935 | 1050 | 6750 | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 20-Jun-22 | NSC | 123286 | 900226001232141 | 1055 | 1181 | 8200 | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 20-Jun-22 | NSC | 123288 | 900226001232176 | 937 | 1040 | 6100 | M | 8 |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 20-Jun-22 | NSC | 123389 | 900226001232447 | 952 | 1070 | 6800 | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-B | 20-Jun-22 | NSC | 123291 | 900226001232471 | 1035 | 1148 | 7400 | - | - |

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| Location | Zone | Date | Prefix | Floy tag | PIT tag | Fork Length (mm) | Total Length (mm) | Weight <br> (g) | Sex | Maturity ${ }^{1}$ |
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| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 21-Jun-22 | NSC | 123292 | 900226001232460 | 880 | 987 | 5750 | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 21-Jun-22 | NSC | 123293 | 900226001232256 | 950 | 1060 | 5650 | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 21-Jun-22 | NSC | 123295 | 900226001232412 | 888 | 1000 | 5150 | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 21-Jun-22 | NSC | 123296 | 900226001232461 | 941 | 1050 | 6100 | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 21-Jun-22 | NSC | 123297 | 900226001232435 | 632 | 709 | 1800 | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 22-Jun-22 | NSC | 123298 | 900226001232487 | 1020 | 1135 | 6900 | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 22-Jun-22 | NSC | 123299 | 900226001232130 | 978 | 1100 | 6300 | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 22-Jun-22 | NSC | 123300 | 900226001232168 | 1020 | 1146 | 6500 | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-B | 22-Jun-22 | NSC | 123294 | 900226001232403 | 1213 | 1337 | 15000 | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 23-Jun-22 | NSC | 102159 | 900226001232467 | 798 | 910 | 2450 | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 23-Jun-22 | NSC | 102160 | 900226001232474 | 766 | 848 | 3300 | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 23-Jun-22 | NSC | 102161 | 900226001232454 | 949 | 1067 | 6950 | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 23-Jun-22 | NSC | 102163 | 900226001232449 | 1030 | 1160 | 7450 | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 24-Jun-22 | NSC | 102164 | 900226001232175 | 575 | 649 | 1300 | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-B | 24-Jun-22 | NSC | 102165 | 900226001232182 | 1023 | 1131 | 7650 | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-B | 24-Jun-22 | NSC | 102166 | 900226001232498 | 1075 | 1178 | 9650 | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 26-Jun-22 | - | - | 900226001232495 | 810 | 910 | 3000 | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 26-Jun-22 | NSC | 102168 | 900226001232161 | 785 | 895 | 3500 | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 26-Jun-22 | NSC | 102169 | 900226001232105 | 1142 | 1280 | 14000 | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 26-Jun-22 | NSC | 102170 | 900226001232187 | 835 | 945 | 4050 | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-B | 26-Jun-22 | NSC | 102172 | 900226001232475 | 987 | 1090 | 8200 | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 27-Jun-22 | NSC | 102173 | 900226001232419 | 930 | 1040 | 5200 | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-B | 27-Jun-22 | NSC | 102175 | 900226001232464 | 1161 | 1290 | 11500 | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-B | 28-Jun-22 | NSC | 93826 | 900226001232160 | 465 | 530 | 700 | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-B | 29-Jun-22 | NSC | 93827 | 900226001232132 | 340 | 379 | 325 | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-B | 29-Jun-22 | NSC | 93828 | 900226001232101 | 740 | 841 | 3200 | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-B | 30-Jun-22 | NSC | 93829 | 900226001232482 | 1200 | 1333 | 17000 | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-B | 30-Jun-22 | NSC | 93830 | 900226001232195 | 905 | 1004 | 5875 | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-C | 02-Jul-22 | NSC | 93831 | 900226001232442 | 1120 | 1265 | 14000 | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-B | 03-Jul-22 | NSC | 93832 | 900226001232166 | 331 | 371 | 300 | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-C | 03-Jul-22 | NSC | 93833 | 900226001232137 | 772 | 870 | 3850 | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-C | 04-Jul-22 | NSC | 93834 | 900226001232131 | 945 | 1054 | 5800 | - | - |

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| Location | Zone | Date | Prefix | Floy tag | PIT tag | Fork Length <br> $(\mathbf{m m})$ | Total Length <br> $(\mathbf{m m})$ | Weight <br> $(\mathbf{g})$ | Sex | Maturity |
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1. Fish labeled GRH in the maturity column are Grand Rapids Hatchery released fish.

Table A2-1: Tagging and biological information for Lake Sturgeon marked with Floy tags and PIT tags in the Kelsey GS Area, spring 2022.

| Location | Zone | Date | Prefix | Floy tag | PIT Tag | Fork Length (mm) | Total Length (mm) | Weight (g) | Sex | Maturity ${ }^{1}$ |
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| Kelsey GS Area | SPL-A | 28-May-22 | NSC | 122393 | 900226001226213 | 974 | 1085 | 8000 | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-C | 28-May-22 | NSC | 122394 | 900226001226221 | 878 | 983 | 4200 | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-A | 28-May-22 | NSC | 122395 | 900226001227855 | 1193 | 1315 | 10886 | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-A | 28-May-22 | NSC | 122397 | 900226001226219 | 866 | 977 | 4800 | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-A | 28-May-22 | NSC | 122398 | 900226001227872 | 807 | 889 | 3700 | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-A | 28-May-22 | NSC | 122399 | 900226001227840 | 825 | 938 | 4100 | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-A | 28-May-22 | NSC | 122400 | 900226001226254 | 970 | 1073 | 6800 | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-A | 29-May-22 | NSC | 122390 | 900226001226289 | 894 | 942 | 5050 | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-A | 29-May-22 | NSC | 122391 | 900226001227804 | 907 | 1012 | 5500 | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-A | 29-May-22 | NSC | 122392 | 900226001227824 | 782 | 869 | 3900 | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | SPL-A | 30-May-22 | NSC | 122381 | 900226001227817 | 810 | 915 | 3400 | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-A | 30-May-22 | NSC | 122382 | 900226001226265 | 831 | 936 | 4650 | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-A | 30-May-22 | NSC | 122383 | 900226001226264 | 939 | 1055 | 6400 | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-A | 30-May-22 | NSC | 122384 | 900226001227892 | 785 | 868 | 3900 | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-A | 30-May-22 | NSC | 122385 | 900226001226280 | 967 | 1090 | 7200 | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-A | 30-May-22 | NSC | 122386 | 900226001226292 | 848 | 955 | 4300 | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-A | 30-May-22 | NSC | 122387 | 900226001227802 | 835 | 940 | 4000 | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-A | 30-May-22 | NSC | 122388 | 900226001226208 | 977 | 1090 | 7100 | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-A | 31-May-22 | NSC | 122377 | 900226001227841 | 1015 | 1150 | 7300 | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-A | 31-May-22 | NSC | 122378 | 900226001226293 | 835 | 950 | 4600 | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-A | 31-May-22 | NSC | 122379 | 900226001226224 | 880 | 977 | 5500 | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-A | 31-May-22 | NSC | 122380 | 900226001226296 | 822 | 915 | 4500 | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-C | 1-Jun-22 | NSC | 122376 | 900226001226537 | 834 | 945 | 4000 | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-C | 1-Jun-22 | NSC | 122901 | 900226001226235 | 740 | 828 | 3750 | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | SPL-A | 1-Jun-22 | NSC | 122902 | 900226001226587 | 937 | 1045 | 6950 | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-A | 1-Jun-22 | NSC | 122904 | 900226001226267 | 896 | 994 | 5000 | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-A | 1-Jun-22 | NSC | 122906 | 900226001226255 | 855 | 982 | 4600 | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-A | 1-Jun-22 | NSC | 122907 | 900226001226204 | 995 | 1131 | 6100 | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-A | 1-Jun-22 | NSC | 122908 | 900226001227619 | 968 | 1077 | 7400 | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-A | 1-Jun-22 | NSC | 122909 | 900226001226260 | 1007 | 1122 | 7400 | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-A | 1-Jun-22 | NSC | 122910 | 900226001226245 | 890 | 1007 | 5000 | - | - |

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Table A2-1: Tagging and biological information for Lake Sturgeon marked with Floy tags and PIT tags in the Kelsey GS Area, spring 2022 (continued).

| Location | Zone | Date | Prefix | Floy tag | PIT Tag | Fork Length <br> $\mathbf{( m m )}$ | Total Length <br> $(\mathbf{m m})$ | Weight <br> (g) | Sex | Maturity |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |

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Table A1-2: Tagging and biological information for Lake Sturgeon marked with Floy tags and PIT tags in the Kelsey GS Area, spring 2022 (continued).

| Location | Zone | Date | Prefix | Floy tag | PIT Tag | Fork Length <br> $\mathbf{( m m )}$ | Total Length <br> $(\mathbf{m m})$ | Weight <br> (g) | Sex | Maturity |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |

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Table A1-2: Tagging and biological information for Lake Sturgeon marked with Floy tags and PIT tags in the Kelsey GS Area, spring 2022 (continued).

| Location | Zone | Date | Prefix | Floy tag | PIT Tag | Fork Length <br> $\mathbf{( m m )}$ | Total Length <br> $(\mathbf{m m})$ | Weight <br> (g) | Sex | Maturity |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |

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Table A1-2: Tagging and biological information for Lake Sturgeon marked with Floy tags and PIT tags in the Kelsey GS Area, spring 2022 (continued).

| Location | Zone | Date | Prefix | Floy tag | PIT Tag | Fork Length (mm) | Total Length (mm) | Weight (g) | Sex | Maturity ${ }^{1}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-A | 28-Jun-22 | NSC | 122423 | 900226001226583 | 946 | 1060 | 6250 | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-D | 29-Jun-22 | NSC | 122424 | 900226001226682 | 818 | 925 | 4100 | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-A | 29-Jun-22 | NSC | 122425 | 900226001226563 | 872 | 773 | 5000 | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-A | 29-Jun-22 | NSC | 122426 | 900226001226524 | 878 | 976 | 4900 | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-A | 29-Jun-22 | NSC | 122428 | 900226001226540 | 1100 | 1211 | 10200 | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-A | 29-Jun-22 | NSC | 122429 | 900226001227657 | 955 | 1075 | 7000 | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-B | 29-Jun-22 | NSC | 122430 | 900226001227669 | 863 | 972 | 5300 | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | SPL-A | 30-Jun-22 | NSC | 122433 | 900226001227821 | 770 | 871 | 3100 | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | SPL-A | 30-Jun-22 | NSC | 122435 | 900226001226541 | 1125 | 1240 | 9300 | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-A | 30-Jun-22 | NSC | 122436 | 900226001226585 | 1094 | 1215 | 10600 | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-A | 30-Jun-22 | NSC | 122438 | 900226001226595 | 910 | 1013 | 5800 | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-B | 2-Jul-22 | NSC | 122431 | 900226001226284 | 872 | 892 | 4600 | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-D | 2-Jul-22 | NSC | 122439 | 900226001224067 | 1192 | 1310 | - | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | SPL-A | 2-Jul-22 | NSC | 122440 | 900226001226533 | 795 | 908 | 3800 | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-A | 2-Jul-22 | NSC | 122442 | 900226001226588 | 985 | 1100 | 6400 | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-A | 2-Jul-22 | NSC | 122443 | 900226001227618 | 815 | 921 | 3650 | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-B | 2-Jul-22 | NSC | 122444 | 900226001226249 | 895 | 995 | 5800 | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-B | 2-Jul-22 | NSC | 122445 | 900226001227625 | 1045 | 1159 | 8600 | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-A | 2-Jul-22 | NSC | 122446 | 900226001225577 | 764 | 848 | 2800 | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-A | 2-Jul-22 | NSC | 122447 | 900226001230070 | 924 | 1050 | 5100 | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-A | 2-Jul-22 | NSC | 122448 | 900226001227829 | 870 | 984 | 4800 | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-B | 2-Jul-22 | NSC | 122450 | 900226001224949 | 1016 | 1125 | 7700 | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-B | 2-Jul-22 | NSC | 122451 | 900226001226515 | 1055 | 1184 | 7800 | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-A | 3-Jul-22 | NSC | 122434 | 900226001658951 | 780 | 889 | 3500 | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-A | 3-Jul-22 | NSC | 122441 | 900226001226556 | 973 | 1065 | 7700 | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-B | 3-Jul-22 | NSC | 122449 | 900226001230064 | 1005 | 1123 | 10000 | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-B | 4-Jul-22 | NSC | 122369 | 900226001226514 | 840 | 959 | 4200 | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-B | 4-Jul-22 | NSC | 122370 | 900226001226525 | 920 | 1016 | 5600 | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | SPL-A | 30-Jun-22 | NSC | 122432 | 900067000110709 | 427 | 491 | 700 | - | GRH |
| Kelsey GS Area | SPL-A | 2-Jun-22 | NSC | 122912 | 900043000119488 | 684 | 760 | 2200 | - | GRH |

1. Fish labeled GRH in the maturity column are Grand Rapids Hatchery released fish.

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Table A1-3. Tagging and biological information for Lake Sturgeon marked with Floy tags and PIT tags in the Keeyask reservoir, spring 2022.

| Location | Zone | Date | Prefix | Floy tag | PIT tag | Acoustic Serial No. | Acoustic Tag Code | Fork Length (mm) | Total Length (mm) | Weight (g) | Sex | Maturity |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Keeyask reservoir | BR-D | 28-May-22 | NSC | 121676 | - | - | - | 783 | 870 | 2900 | - | - |
| Keeyask reservoir | BR-D | 28-May-22 | NSC | 121677 | - | - | - | 711 | 814 | 4100 | - | - |
| Keeyask reservoir | BR-D | 28-May-22 | NSC | 121678 | - | - | - | 770 | 860 | 2950 | - | - |
| Keeyask reservoir | BR-D | 31-May-22 | NSC | 121679 | 900226001224083 | 1520526 | 57486 | 859 | 962 | 4800 | - | - |
| Keeyask reservoir | BR-D | 2-Jun-22 | NSC | 121681 | 900226001224033 | - | - | 584 | 674 | 1600 | - | - |
| Keeyask reservoir | BR-D | 2-Jun-22 | NSC | 121682 | 900226001227551 | - | - | 525 | 600 | 1500 | - | - |
| Keeyask reservoir | BR-D | 2-Jun-22 | NSC | 121683 | 900226001227532 | - | - | 1108 | 1294 | 12600 | - | - |
| Keeyask reservoir | BR-D | 4-Jun-22 | NSC | 121684 | 900226001224085 | - | - | 651 | 737 | 1800 | - | - |
| Keeyask reservoir | BR-D | 5-Jun-22 | NSC | 121689 | 900226001224024 | - | - | 400 | 450 | 550 | - | - |
| Keeyask reservoir | BR-D | 5-Jun-22 | NSC | 121690 | 900226001226909 | - | - | 510 | 570 | 1525 | - | - |
| Keeyask reservoir | BR-D | 5-Jun-22 | NSC | 121691 | 900226001227537 | - | - | 755 | 852 | 3100 | - | - |
| Keeyask reservoir | BR-D | 6-Jun-22 | NSC | 121693 | 900226001224073 | 1520532 | 57492 | 911 | 1001 | 5050 | - | - |
| Keeyask reservoir | BR-D | 6-Jun-22 | NSC | 121694 | 900226001227360 | 1520529 | 57489 | 885 | 991 | 5000 | - | - |
| Keeyask reservoir | BR-D | 8-Jun-22 | NSC | 121697 | 900226001224076 | - | - | 604 | 681 | 1875 | - | - |
| Keeyask reservoir | BR-D | 9-Jun-22 | NSC | 121698 | 900226001227393 | - | - | 812 | 915 | 3250 | - | - |
| Keeyask reservoir | BR-D | 9-Jun-22 | NSC | 121699 | 900226001227501 | - | - | 745 | 845 | 2650 | - | - |
| Keeyask reservoir | BR-D | 9-Jun-22 | NSC | 121700 | 900226001227508 | - | - | 1165 | 1291 | 14650 | - | - |
| Keeyask reservoir | BR-D | 11-Jun-22 | NSC | 121923 | 900226001227343 | 1520533 | 57439 | 1367 | 1472 | 21000 | F | 2 |
| Keeyask reservoir | BR-D | 12-Jun-22 | NSC | 121922 | 900226001227550 | 1520530 | 57490 | 1325 | 1404 | 19100 | - | - |
| Keeyask reservoir | BR-D | 14-Jun-22 | NSC | 121919 | 900226000629045 | 1520521 | 57481 | 1040 | 1177 | 10810 | - | - |
| Keeyask reservoir | BR-D | 18-Jun-22 | NSC | 121916 | 900226001227313 | - | - | 787 | 885 | 2600 | - | - |
| Keeyask reservoir | BR-D | 19-Jun-22 | NSC | 121914 | 900226001227592 | - | - | 764 | 861 | 2900 | - | - |
| Keeyask reservoir | BR-D | 19-Jun-22 | NSC | 121915 | 900226001227504 | - | - | 485 | 552 | 1400 | - | - |
| Keeyask reservoir | BR-D | 20-Jun-22 | NSC | 121912 | 900226001227581 | - | - | 780 | 872 | 3150 | - | - |
| Keeyask reservoir | BR-D | 20-Jun-22 | NSC | 121913 | 900226001227523 | - | - | 770 | 871 | 3600 | - | - |
| Keeyask reservoir | BR-D | 21-Jun-22 | NSC | 121910 | 900226001224054 | - | - | 709 | 805 | 2550 | - | - |

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Table A1-3. Tagging and biological information for Lake Sturgeon marked with Floy tags and PIT tags in the Keeyask reservoir, spring 2022 (continued).

| Location | Zone | Date | Prefix | Floy tag | PIT tag | Acoustic Serial No. | Acoustic Tag Code | Fork Length (mm) | Total Length (mm) | Weight (g) | Sex | Maturity |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Keeyask reservoir | BR-D | 21-Jun-22 | NSC | 121911 | 900226001224022 | - | - | 775 | 865 | 2950 | - | - |
| Keeyask reservoir | BR-D | 23-Jun-22 | NSC | 121909 | 900226001224023 | - | - | 774 | 868 | 3000 | - | - |
| Keeyask reservoir | BR-D | 24-Jun-22 | NSC | 121907 | 900226001227591 | - | - | 770 | 876 | 2950 | - | - |
| Keeyask reservoir | BR-D | 24-Jun-22 | NSC | 121908 | 900226001227375 | - | - | 733 | 827 | 2400 | - | - |
| Keeyask reservoir | BR-D | 28-Jun-22 | NSC | 121905 | 900226001224032 | - | - | 714 | 799 | 3000 | - | - |
| Keeyask reservoir | BR-D | 28-Jun-22 | NSC | 121906 | 900226001227507 | - | - | 455 | 518 | 550 | - | - |
| Keeyask reservoir | GL-B | 2-Jul-22 | NSC | 121901 | 900226001227526 | - | - | 809 | 895 | 3150 | - | - |
| Keeyask reservoir | GL-A | 2-Jul-22 | NSC | 121902 | 900226001227502 | - | - | 495 | 563 | 500 | - | - |
| Keeyask reservoir | GL-C | 2-Jul-22 | NSC | 121903 | 900226001227565 | - | - | 565 | 612 | 1625 | - | - |

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Table A1-4. Tagging and biological information for Lake Sturgeon marked with Floy tags and PIT tags in Stephens Lake, spring 2022.

| Location | Zone | Date | Prefix | Floy tag 1 | Floy tag 2 | PIT tag | Fork Length (mm) | Total Length (mm) | Weight (g) | Sex | Maturity |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Stephens Lake | STL-A | 29-May-22 | NSC | 122927 | - | 900226001226009 | 800 | 895 | 2948 | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | STL-A | 29-May-22 | NSC | 122929 | - | 900226001226031 | 952 | 1083 | 6350 | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | STL-A | 31-May-22 | NSC | 122931 | - | 900226001226061 | 940 | 1055 | 5897 | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | STL-A | 31-May-22 | NSC | 122932 | - | 900226001226090 | 810 | 925 | 3175 | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | STL-A | 31-May-22 | NSC | 122933 | - | 900226001226004 | 685 | 776 | 1814 | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | STL-A | 31-May-22 | NSC | 122934 | - | 900226001226019 | 1120 | 1219 | 10886 | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | STL-B | 31-May-22 | NSC | 122935 | - | 900226001226098 | 834 | 938 | 3629 | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | STL-A | 31-May-22 | NSC | 122937 | - | 900226001226048 | 1202 | 1303 | 12701 | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | STL-A | 1-Jun-22 | NSC | 122938 | - | 900226001226007 | 805 | 900 | 3629 | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | STL-A | 1-Jun-22 | NSC | 122939 | - | 900226001226001 | 840 | 946 | 3629 | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | STL-A | 2-Jun-22 | NSC | 122941 | - | 900226001226020 | 754 | 854 | 2268 | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | STL-A | 2-Jun-22 | NSC | 122942 | - | 900226001226003 | 854 | 955 | 4536 | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | STL-B | 3-Jun-22 | NSC | 122946 | - | 900226001226014 | 760 | 850 | 2722 | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | STL-A | 3-Jun-22 | NSC | 122950 | - | 900226001226024 | 1475 | 1550 | 22680 | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | STL-A | 4-Jun-22 | NSC | 121976 | - | 900226001226053 | 1460 | 1560 | 19504 | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | STL-A | 4-Jun-22 | NSC | 121977 | - | 900226001226017 | 742 | 841 | 2268 | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | STL-A | 4-Jun-22 | NSC | 121978 | - | 900226001226034 | 820 | 917 | 4309 | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | STL-A | 5-Jun-22 | NSC | 121980 | - | 900226001226022 | 875 | 1001 | 3856 | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | STL-B | 5-Jun-22 | NSC | 121981 | - | 900226001226002 | 871 | 992 | 4309 | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | STL-B | 5-Jun-22 | NSC | 121982 | - | 900226001226094 | 805 | 908 | 2722 | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | STL-A | 5-Jun-22 | NSC | 121983 | - | 900226001226011 | 796 | 900 | 3629 | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | STL-A | 5-Jun-22 | NSC | 121984 | - | 900226001226055 | 835 | 930 | 4309 | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | STL-A | 5-Jun-22 | NSC | 121985 | - | 900226001226027 | 735 | 814 | 2495 | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | STL-A | 5-Jun-22 | NSC | 121986 | - | 900226001226097 | 694 | 785 | 2722 | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | STL-A | 6-Jun-22 | AAE | 371 | - | 989001038119596 | 774 | 873 | 2268 | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | STL-A | 6-Jun-22 | NSC | 121989 | - | 900226001226028 | 590 | 700 | 1588 | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | STL-B | 6-Jun-22 | NSC | 121990 | - | 900226001226059 | 737 | 836 | 2268 | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | STL-A | 7-Jun-22 | NSC | 121991 | - | 900226001227432 | 869 | 958 | 4082 | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | STL-B | 8-Jun-22 | NSC | 121993 | - | 900226001226075 | 833 | 946 | 4536 | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | STL-A | 8-Jun-22 | NSC | 121994 | - | 900226001226074 | 754 | 856 | 2268 | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | STL-A | 8-Jun-22 | NSC | 121995 | - | 900226001226083 | 685 | 770 | 1814 | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | STL-A | 8-Jun-22 | NSC | 121997 | - | 900226001226072 | 695 | 769 | 2268 | - | - |

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Table A1-4. Tagging and biological information for Lake Sturgeon marked with Floy tags and PIT tags in Stephens Lake, spring 2022 (continued).

| Location | Zone | Date | Prefix | Floy tag $1$ | Floy tag 2 | PIT tag | Fork Length (mm) | Total Length (mm) | Weight (g) | Sex | Maturity |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Stephens Lake | STL-B | 8-Jun-22 | NSC | 121998 | 121999 | 900226001226023 | 725 | 815 | 2722 | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | STL-A | 9-Jun-22 | NSC | 121786 | - | 900226001226066 | 880 | 1000 | 4082 | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | STL-A | 9-Jun-22 | NSC | 121797 | - | 900226001226008 | 1370 | 1470 | 15876 | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | STL-A | 9-Jun-22 | NSC | 121798 | - | 900226001226005 | 851 | 938 | 4082 | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | STL-B | 9-Jun-22 | NSC | 121800 | - | 900226001225388 | 770 | 905 | 3629 | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | STL-A | 11-Jun-22 | NSC | 121793 | - | 900226001225379 | 770 | 864 | 4536 | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | STL-A | 14-Jun-22 | NSC | 121792 | - | 900226001227407 | 755 | 815 | 4082 | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | STL-A | 15-Jun-22 | NSC | 121788 | - | 900226001226010 | 853 | 950 | 4990 | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | STL-A | 15-Jun-22 | NSC | 121789 | - | 900226001226015 | 899 | 1003 | 4082 | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | STL-A | 17-Jun-22 | NSC | 121784 | - | 900226001226046 | 931 | 1031 | 4990 | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | GR-A | 17-Jun-22 | NSC | 121785 | - | 900226001226026 | 1420 | 2000 | 22226 | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | STL-A | 17-Jun-22 | NSC | 121787 | - | 900226001226045 | 987 | 1085 | 7711 | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | GR-A | 18-Jun-22 | NSC | 121783 | - | 900067000121553 | 435 | 494 | - | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | GR-A | 19-Jun-22 | NSC | 121776 | - | 900226001226018 | 858 | 944 | 6350 | M | 7 |
| Stephens Lake | STL-A | 19-Jun-22 | NSC | 121777 | - | 900226001226041 | 728 | 810 | 2722 | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | GR-A | 20-Jun-22 | NSC | 121778 | - | 900226001226052 | 863 | 971 | 4990 | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | STL-A | 20-Jun-22 | NSC | 121779 | - | 900226001226036 | 900 | 1015 | 7257 | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | STL-A | 22-Jun-22 | NSC | 121780 | - | 900226001226069 | 885 | 987 | 6350 | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | STL-A | 22-Jun-22 | NSC | 122952 | - | 900226001226096 | 1360 | 1505 | 24040 | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | GR-A | 23-Jun-22 | NSC | 122953 | - | 900226001226091 | 867 | 976 | 7257 | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | STL-A | 23-Jun-22 | NSC | 122954 | - | 900226001226088 | 824 | 935 | 7257 | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | STL-A | 25-Jun-22 | NSC | 122958 | - | 900226001226851 | 990 | 1135 | 9525 | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | STL-A | 25-Jun-22 | NSC | 122959 | - | 900226001225655 | 830 | 945 | 7257 | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | GR-A | 25-Jun-22 | NSC | 122967 | - | 900226001226062 | 1000 | 1120 | 11340 | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | STL-A | 26-Jun-22 | NSC | 122960 | - | 900226001225628 | 770 | 868 | 3000 | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | GR-A | 26-Jun-22 | NSC | 122961 | - | 900226001225588 | 791 | 844 | 5443 | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | STL-A | 27-Jun-22 | NSC | 122962 | - | 900226001224658 | 965 | 1180 | 9525 | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | GR-A | 27-Jun-22 | NSC | 122964 | - | 900226001225539 | 731 | 835 | 2200 | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | GR-A | 27-Jun-22 | NSC | 122965 | - | 900226001224702 | 787 | 885 | 3700 | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | STL-A | 29-Jun-22 | NSC | 122966 | - | 900226001225571 | 1185 | 1320 | 13154 | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | STL-A | 30-Jun-22 | NSC | 122967 | - | 900226001224721 | 1383 | 1470 | 22680 | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | STL-A | 30-Jun-22 | NSC | 122968 | - | 900226001224878 | 953 | 1064 | 7711 | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | GR-A | 2-Jul-22 | NSC | 122969 | - | 900226001225532 | 731 | 823 | 2268 | - | - |

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| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 26-Jun-19 | NSC | 55274 | - | 900226000327019 | - | 992 | 1110 | 7394 | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 14-Jun-22 | NSC | 55274 | - | 900226000327019 | - | 1030 | 1150 | 9000 | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 21-Jun-22 | NSC | 55274 | - | 900226000327019 | - | - | - | - | M | 8 |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 13-Jun-17 | NSC | 103196 | - | 900226000153419 | - | 545 | 620 | 1179 | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 25-Jun-19 | NSC | 55276 | - | 900226000153419 | - | 560 | 636 | 1225 | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 24-Jun-22 | NSC | 55276 | - | 900226000153419 | - | 570 | 649 | 1500 | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 22-Jun-19 | NSC | 55280 | - | 900226000327714 | - | 937 | 1040 | 7620 | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 12-Jun-22 | NSC | 55280 | - | 900226000327714 | - | 964 | 1066 | 7711 | M | 8 |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 27-Jun-22 | NSC | 55280 | - | 900226000327714 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 19-Jun-19 | NSC | 55296 | - | 900226000327899 | - | 1096 | 1213 | 11431 | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 15-Jun-22 | NSC | 55296 | - | 900226000327899 | - | 1115 | 1235 | 12000 | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 01-Sep-15 | NSC | 56597 | - | - | - | 680 | 780 | 2000 | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 09-Jun-17 | NSC | 56597 | - | 900226000703418 | - | 700 | 797 | 2495 | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 23-Jun-22 | NSC | 56597 | - | 900226000703418 | - | 740 | 845 | 2850 | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 04-Jul-05 | NSC | 75136 | - | - | - | 838 | 935 | 5670 | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 11-Jun-17 | NSC | 75136 | - | 900226000768050 | - | 997 | 1100 | 7938 | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 3-Jun-22 | NSC | 75136 | - | 900226000768050 | - | 1000 | 1111 | 9525 | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 13-Jun-22 | NSC | 75136 | - | 900226000768050 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 21-Jun-22 | NSC | 75136 | - | 900226000768050 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Odie River | ODR-A | 06-Jun-07 | NSC | 76829 | - | - | - | 1000 | 1110 | 8636 | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 10-Jun-11 | NSC | 76829 | - | - | - | 1010 | 1138 | 9072 | M | 8 |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 12-Jun-22 | NSC | 76829 | - | 900226000548433 | - | 1060 | 1161 | 9072 | M | 8 |
| Nelson River (CL-GR) | GL-B | 29-Jun-18 | NSC | 79420 | - | 900226000629595 | - | 920 | 1018 | - | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-B | 26-Jun-22 | NSC | 79420 | - | 900226000629595 | - | 986 | 1086 | 7500 | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 02-Jun-06 | NSC | 80020 | - | - | - | 962 | 1075 | 6804 | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 08-Jun-11 | NSC | 80020 | - | - | - | 999 | 1104 | - | M | 8 |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 3-Jun-22 | NSC | 80020 | - | 900226001232237 | - | 1080 | 1180 | 9525 | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 4-Jun-17 | NSC | 80022 | - | 900226000153438 | - | 935 | 1031 | 6350 | M | 7 |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 1-Jun-19 | NSC | 80022 | - | 900226000153438 | - | 935 | 1040 | 6305 | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 14-Jun-22 | NSC | 80022 | - | 900226000153438 | - | 965 | 1059 | 6200 | - | - |

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| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 09-Jun-15 | NSC | 89040 | - | 900226000628965 | - | 941 | 1046 | 7484 | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 13-Jun-15 | NSC | 89040 | - | 900226000628965 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 11-Jun-17 | NSC | 89040 | - | 900226000628965 | - | 982 | 1085 | 7530 | M | 8 |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 26-Jun-17 | NSC | 89040 | - | 900226000628965 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-B | 04-Jun-19 | NSC | 89040 | - | 900226000628965 | - | 995 | 1098 | 7530 | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-B | 31-May-22 | NSC | 89040 | - | 900226000628965 | - | 1010 | 1110 | 9072 | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 11-Jun-15 | NSC | 89045 | - | - | - | 1070 | 1218 | 8845 | M | 8 |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 13-Jun-15 | NSC | 89045 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 12-Jun-19 | NSC | 89045 | - | 900226000327889 | - | 1062 | 1172 | 10841 | M | 7 |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 12-Jun-22 | NSC | 89045 | - | 900226000327889 | - | 1077 | 1194 | 9072 | M | 8 |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 13-Jun-15 | NSC | 89050 | - | 900226000628817 | - | 849 | 971 | 6124 | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 2-Jun-15 | NSC | 89050 | - | 900226000628817 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-B | 6-Jun-19 | NSC | 89050 | - | 900226000628817 | - | 890 | 1000 | 5625 | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-B | 10-Jun-19 | NSC | 89050 | - | 900226000628817 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-B | 16-Jun-19 | NSC | 89050 | - | 900226000628817 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 22-Jun-22 | NSC | 89050 | - | 900226000628817 | - | 905 | 1009 | 5550 | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 31-May-15 | NSC | 89059 | - | 900226000703380 | - | 917 | 1013 | 6804 | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 9-Jun-22 | NSC | 89059 | - | 900226000703380 | - | 936 | 1031 | 7711 | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 13-Jun-22 | NSC | 89059 | - | 900226000703380 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 4-Jun-15 | NSC | 89067 | - | 900226000628873 | - | 1031 | 1119 | 9299 | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 14-Jun-22 | NSC | 89067 | - | 900226000628873 | - | 1033 | 1142 | 7000 | M | 11 |
| Burntwood River | BWR-B | 07-Jun-15 | NSC | 89075 | - | 900226000628752 | - | 848 | 954 | 5216 | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 11-Jun-22 | NSC | 89075 | - | 900226000628752 | - | 899 | 1018 | 5443 | - | - |
| Odie River | ODR-A | 30-May-11 | NSC | 89872 | - | - | - | 1060 | 1180 | 8165 | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 6-Jun-15 | NSC | 89872 | - | 900226000628847 | - | 1103 | 1218 | 11793 | M | 8 |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 3-Jun-17 | NSC | 89872 | - | 900226000628847 | - | 1094 | 1205 | 11340 | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 6-Jun-17 | NSC | 89872 | - | 900226000628847 | - | - | - | - | M | 8 |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 20-Jun-17 | NSC | 89872 | - | 900226000628847 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 9-Jun-22 | NSC | 89872 | - | 900226000628847 | - | 1118 | 1226 | 14061 | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 16-Jun-22 | NSC | 89872 | - | 900226000628847 | - | - | - | - | - | - |

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| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 11-Jun-17 | NSC | 103184 | - | 900226000153431 | - | 882 | 1007 | 5216 | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 26-May-19 | NSC | 103184 | - | 900226000153431 | - | 890 | 1012 | 4899 | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 18-Jun-19 | NSC | 103184 | - | 900226000153431 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 12-Jun-22 | NSC | 103184 | - | 900226000153431 | - | 939 | 1051 | 5443 | M | 8 |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 12-Jun-17 | NSC | 103185 | - | 900226000153472 | - | 970 | 1090 | 7484 | M | 8 |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 13-Jun-22 | NSC | 103185 | - | 900226000153472 | - | 1010 | 1135 | 7711 | M | 8 |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 22-Jun-17 | NSC | 103799 | - | 900226000768044 | - | 911 | 1011 | 9072 | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 12-Jun-22 | NSC | 103799 | - | 900226000768044 | - | 977 | 1081 | 9072 | M | 8 |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 25-Jun-13 | NSC | 104527 | - | 900226000548366 | - | 650 | 745 | 1701 | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 9-Jun-17 | NSC | 104527 | - | 900226000548366 | - | 725 | 820 | 1588 | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 31-May-19 | NSC | 104527 | - | 900226000548366 | - | 750 | 835 | 2722 | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 10-Jun-22 | NSC | 104527 | - | 900226000548366 | - | 765 | 861 | 3629 | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-D | 2-Jun-13 | NSC | 91664 | - | 900226000548081 | - | 875 | 971 | 6350 | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 5-Jun-17 | NSC | 108603 | - | 900226000548081 | - | 942 | 1045 | 8165 | M | 7 |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 6-Jun-17 | NSC | 108603 | - | 900226000548081 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 15-Jun-17 | NSC | 108603 | - | 900226000548081 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-B | 9-Jun-19 | NSC | 108603 | - | 900226000548081 | - | 962 | 1064 | 6940 | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 13-Jun-22 | NSC | 108603 | - | 900226000548081 | - | 961 | 1062 | 7257 | M | 8 |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 7-Jun-17 | NSC | 108613 | - | 900226000153443 | - | 940 | 1058 | 6350 | M | 7 |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 13-Jun-22 | NSC | 108613 | - | 900226000153443 | - | 956 | 1074 | 6350 | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 6-Jun-17 | NSC | 108616 | - | 900226000768828 | - | 945 | 1055 | 7031 | M | 7 |
| Burntwood River | BWR-C | 03-Jul-22 | NSC | 108616 | - | 900226000768828 | - | 1000 | 1110 | 8750 | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 6-Jun-17 | NSC | 108618 | - | 900226000153430 | - | 1000 | 1130 | 7711 | M | 8 |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 8-Jun-17 | NSC | 108618 | - | 900226000153430 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 22-Jun-22 | NSC | 108618 | - | 900226000153430 | - | 1037 | 1170 | 7850 | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 01-Jun-17 | NSC | 108627 | - | 900226000768869 | - | 1033 | 1158 | 8618 | M | 7 |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 26-Jun-17 | NSC | 108627 | - | 900226000768869 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 26-Jun-19 | NSC | 108627 | - | 900226000768869 | - | 1039 | 1162 | 9788 | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 3-Jun-22 | NSC | 108627 | - | 900226000768869 | - | 1050 | 1160 | 8618 | - | - |

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| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 2-Jun-17 | NSC | 108632 | - | 900226000548475 | - | 910 | 1023 | 4763 | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 31-May-22 | NSC | 108632 | - | 900226000548475 | - | 1010 | 1113 | 8950 | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 4-Jun-17 | NSC | 108640 | - | 900226000768892 | - | 953 | 1072 | 7031 | M | 8 |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 12-Jun-19 | NSC | 108640 | - | 900226000768892 | - | 965 | 1082 | 5761 | M | 8 |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 9-Jun-22 | NSC | 108640 | - | 900226000768892 | - | 968 | 1089 | 7257 | M | 8 |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 14-Jun-22 | NSC | 108640 | - | 900226000768892 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-D | 13-Jun-17 | NSC | 110726 | - | 900226000768210 | - | 935 | 1030 | 6804 | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-B | 05-Jun-19 | NSC | 110726 | - | 900226000768210 | - | 950 | 1047 | 6441 | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 9-Jun-22 | NSC | 110726 | - | 900226000768210 | - | 1005 | 1093 | 9525 | M | 7 |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 14-Jun-22 | NSC | 110726 | - | 900226000768210 | - | - | - | - | M | 11 |
| Split Lake | SPL-A | 09-Jun-17 | NSC | 110745 | - | 900226000768278 | - | 1000 | 1100 | 11340 | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 26-Jun-19 | NSC | 110745 | - | 900226000768278 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-B | 30-Jun-22 | NSC | 110745 | - | 900226000768278 | - | 1005 | 1125 | 8300 | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-D | 07-Jun-17 | NSC | 110749 | - | 900226000768286 | - | 990 | 1080 | 9525 | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 24-Jun-22 | NSC | 110749 | - | 900226000768286 | - | 1005 | 1111 | 7500 | M | 9 |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-D | 30-Jun-17 | NSC | 111077 | - | 900226000154098 | - | 809 | 894 | 5897 | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 12-Jun-22 | NSC | 111077 | - | 900226000154098 | - | 870 | 954 | 6804 | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-A | 18-Jun-17 | NSC | 111570 | - | - | - | 880 | 973 | 6350 | - | - |
| Split Lake | SPL-A | 11-Jun-19 | NSC | 111570 | - | 900226000327611 | - | 991 | 1088 | 5443 | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 21-Jun-22 | NSC | 111570 | - | 900226000327611 | - | 915 | 1019 | 5000 | - | - |
| Split Lake | SPL-A | 03-Jun-19 | NSC | 112890 | - | 900226000327687 | - | 895 | 1000 | 5897 | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 12-Jun-22 | NSC | 112890 | - | 900226000327687 | - | 926 | 1038 | 6804 | M | 8 |
| Burntwood River | BWR-B | 26-May-19 | NSC | 114060 | 114061 | 900226000327009 | - | 910 | 994 | 5579 | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 3-Jun-19 | NSC | 114060 | 114061 | 900226000327009 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 15-Jun-22 | NSC | 114060 | 114061 | 900226000327009 | - | 942 | 1040 | 5100 | M | 11 |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 24-Jun-22 | NSC | 114060 | 114061 | 900226000327009 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-B | 26-May-19 | NSC | 114062 | - | 900226000327867 | - | 942 | 1051 | 7530 | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 10-Jun-19 | NSC | 114062 | - | 900226000327867 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 12-Jun-22 | NSC | 114062 | - | 900226000327867 | - | 975 | 1084 | 8165 | M | 8 |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 14-Jun-22 | NSC | 114062 | - | 900226000327867 | - | - | - | - | - | - |

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| Burntwood River | BWR-B | 28-May-19 | NSC | 114070 | - | 900226000327446 | - | 949 | 1052 | 7031 | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 8-Jun-22 | NSC | 114070 | - | 900226000327446 | - | 975 | 1073 | 9072 | M | 7 |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-D | 5-Jun-13 | NSC | 93886 | - | 900226000548172 | - | 840 | 934 | 5443 | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 12-Jun-19 | NSC | 114107 | - | 900226000548172 | - | 930 | 1037 | 6169 | M | 9 |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 10-Jun-22 | NSC | 114107 | - | 900226000548172 | - | 949 | 1058 | 6804 | M | 7 |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 13-Jun-22 | NSC | 114107 | - | 900226000548172 | - | - | - | - | M | 8 |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 12-Jun-19 | NSC | 114108 | - | 900226000327083 | - | 956 | 1072 | 7439 | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 14-Jun-19 | NSC | 114108 | - | 900226000327083 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 27-Jun-19 | NSC | 114108 | - | 900226000327083 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 10-Jun-22 | NSC | 114108 | - | 900226000327083 | - | 967 | 1091 | 9525 | M | 7 |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 23-Jun-22 | NSC | 114108 | - | 900226000327083 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 13-Jun-19 | NSC | 114112 | - | 900226000327824 | - | 833 | 919 | 4627 | M | 8 |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 11-Jun-22 | NSC | 114112 | - | 900226000327824 | - | 845 | 933 | 4082 | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 13-Jun-19 | NSC | 114113 | - | 900226000327733 | - | 951 | 1050 | 6895 | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 4-Jun-22 | NSC | 114113 | - | 900226000327733 | - | 979 | 1080 | 8165 | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 10-Jun-22 | NSC | 114113 | - | 900226000327733 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 13-Jun-19 | NSC | 114115 | - | 900226000327728 | - | 989 | 1103 | 7394 | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 10-Jun-22 | NSC | 114115 | - | 900226000327728 | - | 1000 | 1121 | 6804 | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 14-Jun-19 | NSC | 114118 | - | 900226000327000 | - | 923 | 1041 | 6033 | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 12-Jun-22 | NSC | 114118 | - | 900226000327000 | - | 939 | 1059 | 6804 | M | 8 |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 15-Jun-19 | NSC | 114119 | - | 900226000327805 | - | 1103 | 1241 | 10659 | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 24-Jun-22 | NSC | 114119 | - | 900226000327805 | - | 1115 | 1255 | 9800 | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 18-Jun-19 | NSC | 114124 | - | 900226000327431 | - | 1093 | 1233 | 9344 | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 9-Jun-22 | NSC | 114124 | - | 900226000327431 | - | 1120 | 1258 | 13154 | M | 7 |
| Burntwood River | BWR-B | 7-Jun-19 | NSC | 114130 | - | 900226000327841 | - | 915 | 1030 | 5307 | M | 7 |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 13-Jun-22 | NSC | 114130 | - | 900226000327841 | - | 934 | 1044 | 4990 | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 9-Jun-17 | NSC | 114137 | - | 900226000327897 | - | 854 | 956 | 4218 | M | 7 |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 12-Jun-22 | NSC | 114137 | - | 900226000327897 | - | 855 | 956 | 4536 | M | 8 |
| Burntwood River | BWR-B | 9-Jun-19 | NSC | 114139 | - | 900226000327827 | - | 1016 | 1138 | 8618 | M | 8 |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 12-Jun-22 | NSC | 114139 | - | 900226000327827 | - | 1055 | 1184 | 9072 | M | 8 |

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| Burntwood River | BWR-B | 10-Jun-19 | NSC | 114142 | - | 900226000327878 | - | 1230 | 1365 | 15059 | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 23-Jun-22 | NSC | 114142 | - | 900226000327878 | - | 1220 | 1335 | 14000 | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 11-Jun-19 | NSC | 114143 | - | 900226000327887 | - | 884 | 979 | 5216 | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 14-Jun-19 | NSC | 114143 | - | 900226000327887 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-B | 20-Jun-22 | NSC | 114143 | - | 900226000327887 | - | 900 | 1000 | 5750 | M | 11 |
| Burntwood River | BWR-B | 08-Jun-19 | NSC | 114146 | - | 900226000327952 | - | 871 | 947 | 6940 | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 10-Jun-22 | NSC | 114146 | - | 900226000327952 | - | 889 | 971 | 6350 | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 8-Jun-19 | NSC | 114150 | - | 900226000327822 | - | 1028 | 1161 | 8709 | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 14-Jun-19 | NSC | 114150 | - | 900226000327822 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-B | 19-Jun-22 | NSC | 114150 | - | 900226000327822 | - | 1040 | 1165 | 8500 | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-B | 31-May-19 | NSC | 114153 | - | 900226000327511 | - | 932 | 1040 | 6169 | M | 7 |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 10-Jun-22 | NSC | 114153 | - | 900226000327511 | - | 960 | 1058 | 7711 | M | 7 |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 31-May-19 | NSC | 114157 | - | 900226000327008 | - | 765 | 856 | 3130 | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 7-Jun-19 | NSC | 114157 | - | 900226000327008 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 14-Jun-22 | NSC | 114157 | - | 900226000327008 | - | 757 | 813 | 3000 | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 31-May-13 | NSC | 88682 | - | 900226000548343 | - | 957 | 1062 | 7756 | M | 7 |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 06-Jun-13 | NSC | 88682 | - | 900226000548343 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 09-Jun-13 | NSC | 88682 | - | 900226000548343 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-B | 01-Jun-19 | NSC | 114163 | - | 900226000548343 | - | 1076 | 1160 | 9752 | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 18-Jun-19 | NSC | 114163 | - | 900226000548343 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 13-Jun-22 | NSC | 114163 | - | 900226000548343 | - | 1089 | 1165 | 9525 | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 2-Jun-19 | NSC | 114166 | - | 900226000327017 | - | 889 | 981 | 5352 | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 10-Jun-22 | NSC | 114166 | - | 900226000327017 | - | 920 | 965 | 7711 | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-B | 2-Jun-19 | NSC | 114170 | - | 900226000327861 | - | 847 | 959 | 5080 | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 8-Jun-22 | NSC | 114170 | - | 900226000327861 | - | 860 | 969 | 6804 | M | 7 |
| Burntwood River | BWR-B | 4-Jun-19 | NSC | 114179 | - | 900226000327880 | - | 1091 | 1203 | 10070 | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 14-Jun-22 | NSC | 114179 | - | 900226000327880 | - | 1100 | 1215 | 11000 | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-B | 04-Jun-19 | NSC | 114182 | - | 900226000327874 | - | 920 | 1023 | 5534 | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 8-Jun-22 | NSC | 114182 | - | 900226000327874 | - | 952 | 1052 | 8165 | M | 7 |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 12-Jun-22 | NSC | 114182 | - | 900226000327874 | - | - | - | - | M | 8 |

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| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 02-Jun-11 | NSC | 94801 | - | - | - | 940 | 1025 | 6804 | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 30-May-13 | NSC | 94801 | - | 900226000548330 | - | 963 | 1052 | 8165 | M | 8 |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 14-Jun-13 | NSC | 94801 | - | 900226000548330 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 8-Jun-15 | NSC | 94801 | - | 900226000548330 | 900226000628765 | 988 | 1084 | 9299 | M | 8 |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 12-Jun-15 | NSC | 94801 | - | 900226000548330 | 900226000628765 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 04-Jun-17 | NSC | 94801 | - | 900226000548330 | 900226000628765 | 1017 | 1110 | 9525 | M | 7 |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 3-Jun-22 | NSC | 119561 | - | 900226000548330 | 900226000628765 | 1050 | 1140 | 11340 | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 21-Jun-22 | NSC | 119561 | - | 900226000548330 | 900226000628765 | - | - | - | M | 8 |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 3-Jun-22 | NSC | 119562 | - | 900226001232278 | - - | 969 | 1080 | 6804 | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 7-Jun-22 | NSC | 119562 | - | 900226001232278 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 20-Jun-22 | NSC | 119562 | - | 900226001232278 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 4-Jun-22 | NSC | 119563 | - | 900226001232250 | - | 770 | 865 | 4082 | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 15-Jun-22 | NSC | 119563 | - | 900226001232250 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 4-Jun-22 | NSC | 119564 | - | 900226001232284 | - | 1065 | 1175 | 9979 | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 23-Jun-22 | NSC | 119564 | - | 900226001232284 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 4-Jun-22 | NSC | 119565 | - | 900226001232223 | - | 1188 | 1204 | 12247 | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 7-Jun-22 | NSC | 119565 | - | 900226001232223 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 5-Jun-22 | NSC | 119566 | - | 900226001232263 | - | 816 | 899 | 4536 | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 24-Jun-22 | NSC | 119566 | - | 900226001232263 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Split Lake | SPL-A | 07-Jun-19 | NSC | 114287 | - | 900226000327642 | - | 930 | 1033 | 6000 | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 5-Jun-22 | NSC | 119569 | - | 900226000327642 | - | 982 | 1089 | 9072 | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-B | 5-Jun-22 | NSC | 119572 | - | 900226001232257 | - | 1069 | 1185 | 10433 | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 15-Jun-22 | NSC | 119572 | - | 900226001232257 | - | - | - | - | M | 8 |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 7-Jun-22 | NSC | 119575 | - | 900226001232293 | - | 1048 | 1155 | 9525 | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 14-Jun-22 | NSC | 119575 | - | 900226001232293 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 8-Jun-22 | NSC | 119581 | - | 900226001232298 | - | 1228 | 1377 | 18144 | M | 7 |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 13-Jun-22 | NSC | 119581 | - | 900226001232298 |  | - | - | - | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 9-Jun-22 | NSC | 119585 | - | 900226001232289 | - | 880 | 985 | 6350 | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 14-Jun-22 | NSC | 119585 | - | 900226001232289 |  | - | - | - | M | - |

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| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 14-Jun-19 | NSC | 114117 | - | 900226000327853 | - | 946 | 1073 | 5851 | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 9-Jun-22 | NSC | 119590 | - | 900226000327853 | - | 975 | 1098 | 9979 | M | 7 |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 9-Jun-22 | NSC | 119593 | - | 900226001232243 | - | 995 | 1122 | 10886 | M | 7 |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 14-Jun-22 | NSC | 119593 | - | 900226001232243 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 03-Jun-15 | NSC | 89063 | - | 900226000703311 | - | 1047 | 1145 | 9525 | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 10-Jun-22 | NSC | 119597 | - | 900226000703311 | - | 1095 | 1204 | 11793 | M | 7 |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 10-Jun-22 | NSC | 119598 | - | - | - | 1005 | 1125 | 10886 | M | 7 |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 16-Jun-22 | NSC | 119598 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 21-Jun-22 | NSC | 119598 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Split Lake | SPL-A | 10-Sep-20 | NSC | 119931 | - | 900226001031889 | - | 858 | 964 | 4380 | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 22-Jun-22 | NSC | 119931 | - | 900226001031889 | - | 857 | 987 | 4650 | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 28-Jun-13 | NSC | 104534 | - | 900226000548285 | - | 645 | 740 | 1814 | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-B | 15-Jun-22 | NSC | 123272 | - | 900226000548285 | - | 786 | 888 | 3200 | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 16-Jun-22 | NSC | 123276 | - | 900226001232196 | - | 1030 | 1152 | 8300 | M | 11 |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 21-Jun-22 | NSC | 123276 | - | 900226001232196 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 19-Jun-22 | NSC | 123284 | - | 900226001232157 | - | 937 | 995 | 5800 | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 20-Jun-22 | NSC | 123284 | - | 900226001232157 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 20-Jun-22 | NSC | 123286 | - | 900226001232141 | - | 1055 | 1181 | 8200 | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 26-Jun-22 | NSC | 123286 | - | 900226001232141 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-A | 07-Jun-13 | NSC | 93894 | - | 900226000548221 | - | 932 | 1039 | 7257 | M | 8 |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 04-Jun-17 | NSC | 108639 | - | 900226000548221 | - | 1019 | 1132 | 8618 | M | 7 |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 20-Jun-22 | NSC | 123287 | - | 900226000548221 | - | 1100 | 1225 | 10100 | M | 11 |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 22-Jun-22 | NSC | 123287 | - | 900226000548221 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 21-Jun-22 | NSC | 123293 | - | 900226001232256 | - | 950 | 1060 | 5650 | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 26-Jun-22 | NSC | 123293 | - | 900226001232256 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 10-Jun-22 | NSC | 123301 | - | 900226001232287 | - | 953 | 1059 | 9072 | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 20-Jun-22 | NSC | 123301 | - | 900226001232287 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 10-Jun-22 | NSC | 123303 | - | 900226001232246 | - | 1029 | 1156 | 9525 | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 16-Jun-22 | NSC | 123303 | - | 900226001232246 | - | - | - | - | - | - |

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| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 10-Jun-22 | NSC | 123304 | - | 900226001232215 | - | 959 | 1062 | 6804 | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 26-Jun-22 | NSC | 123304 | - | 900226001232215 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 07-Jun-11 | NSC | 94486 | - | - | - | 1019 | 1058 | 9979 | M | 8 |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 10-Jun-12 | NSC | 94486 | - | - | - | 1018 | 1080 | 9979 | M | 8 |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 31-May-13 | NSC | 94486 | - | 900226000548324 | - | 1030 | 1098 | 9752 | M | 8 |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 05-Jun-15 | NSC | 94486 | - | 900226000548324 | - | 1052 | 1118 | 10433 | M | 8 |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 11-Jun-17 | NSC | 94486 | - | 900226000548324 | - | 1085 | 1149 | 9979 | M | 8 |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 11-Jun-22 | NSC | 123307 | - | 900226000548324 | - | 1099 | 1179 | 10886 | M | 8 |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 11-Jun-22 | NSC | 123308 | - | 900226001232230 | - | 917 | 1025 | 4536 | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 16-Jun-22 | NSC | 123308 | - | 900226001232230 | - | - | - | - | M | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 11-Jun-22 | NSC | 123309 | - | 900226001232247 | - | 870 | 970 | 4536 | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 12-Jun-22 | NSC | 123309 | - | 900226001232247 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-C | 13-Jun-15 | NSC | 98649 | - | 900226000548665 | - | 1007 | 1133 | 7938 | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-C | 14-Jun-15 | NSC | 98649 | - | 900226000548665 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 11-Jun-22 | NSC | 123312 | - | 900226000548665 | - | 1036 | 1151 | 7711 | M | 8 |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 12-Jun-22 | NSC | 123319 | - | 900226001232219 | - | 980 | 1091 | 7711 | M | 8 |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 21-Jun-22 | NSC | 123319 | - | 900226001232219 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 12-Jun-22 | NSC | 123322 | - | 900226001232291 | - | 905 | 1004 | 6804 | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 18-Jun-22 | NSC | 123322 | - | 900226001232291 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 13-Jun-22 | NSC | 123339 | - | 900226001232264 | - | 1010 | 1119 | 7711 | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 15-Jun-22 | NSC | 123339 | - | 900226001232264 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 13-Jun-22 | NSC | 123340 | - | 900226001232209 | - | 1029 | 1092 | 9979 | M | 8 |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 14-Jun-22 | NSC | 123340 | - | 900226001232209 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 13-Jun-22 | NSC | 123341 | - | 900226001232271 | - | 1395 | 1520 | 20412 | F | 3 |
| Burntwood River | BWR-B | 29-Jun-22 | NSC | 123341 | - | 900226001232271 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 13-Jun-22 | NSC | 123347 | - | 900226001232146 | - | 924 | 1036 | 6804 | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 15-Jun-22 | NSC | 123347 | - | 900226001232146 | - | - | - | - | M | 8 |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 23-Jun-22 | NSC | 123347 | - | 900226001232146 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 13-Jun-22 | NSC | 123349 | - | 900226001232165 | - | 937 | 1026 | 8165 | M | 8 |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 22-Jun-22 | NSC | 123349 | - | 900226001232165 | - | - | - | - | - | - |

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Table A2-1. Tagging and biological information for Lake Sturgeon recaptured in the Burntwood River, spring 2022. A Floy tag that was lost and fish was retagged in 2022 is indicated by bold font (continued).

| Waterbody | Reach | Date | Prefix | Floy <br> tag 1 | Floy <br> tag 2 | PIT tag 1 | PIT tag 2 | Fork <br> Length <br> $(\mathbf{m m})$ | Total <br> Length <br> $(\mathbf{m m})$ | Weight <br> (g) | Sex Maturity |
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Table A2-2. Tagging and biological information for Lake Sturgeon recaptured in the Kelsey GS Area, spring 2022. A Floy tag that was lost and fish was retagged in 2022 is indicated by bold font.

| Location | Zone | Date | Prefix | Floy tag 1 | Floy tag 2 | PIT Tag 1 | Pit tag 2 | Fork Length (mm) | Total Length (mm) | Weight (g) | Sex | Maturity |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| U/S Kelsey GS | - | 6-Jun-15 | MB FISHERIES | 4034 | - | 985121008531296 | - | 956 | 1029 | 5375 | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-B | 25-Jun-22 | MB FISHERIES | 4034 | - | 985121008531296 | - | 1018 | 1160 | 6600 | - | - |
| U/S Kelsey GS | - | 15-Jun-14 | MB FISHERIES | 4081 | - | 989001003423237 | - | 932 | 1003 | 5420 | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-A | 1-Jun-22 | MB FISHERIES | 4081 | - | 989001003423237 | - | 1078 | 1285 | 10300 | - | - |
| U/S Kelsey GS | - | 5-Jul-14 | MB FISHERIES | 4655 | - | 989001003423430 | - | 658 | 705 | 1814 | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-A | 2-Jun-22 | MB FISHERIES | 4655 | - | 989001003423430 | - | 900 | 998 | 5650 | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-A | 30-May-07 | NSC | 74780 | - | - | - | 1246 | 1350 | 16329 | M | 8 |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-B | 1-Jun-07 | NSC | 74780 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-D | 10-Jun-07 | NSC | 74780 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-D | 11-Jun-07 | NSC | 74780 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-A | 8-Jun-15 | NSC | 74780 | - | 900226000548504 | - | 1285 | 1391 | 14742 | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-C | 30-May-22 | NSC | 74780 | - | 900226000548504 | - | 1290 | 1407 | 15876 | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-A | 13-Jul-05 | NSC | 75147 | - | - | - | 742 | 830 | 3175 | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-A | 12-Jun-09 | NSC | 75147 | - | - | - | 920 | 1030 | 7484 | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 5-Jun-11 | NSC | 75147 | - | - | - | 999 | 1015 | 8165 | M | 8 |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-A | 5-Jun-22 | NSC | 75147 | 75148 | 900226001226238 | - | 1125 | 1225 | 9600 | - | - |
| Nelson River (CL-GR) | GL-B | 14-Sep-08 | NSC | 75345 | - | - | - | 515 | 592 | 850 | - | - |
| Nelson River (CL-GR) | BR-D | 9-Jun-18 | NSC | 75345 | - | 900226000767058 | - | 868 | 984 | 5534 | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | SPL-A | 27-Jun-22 | NSC | 75345 | - | 900226000767058 | - | 920 | 1025 | 5600 | - | - |
| Nelson River (BR-GR) | GL-B | 27-Sep-08 | NSC | 86143 | - | - | - | 608 | 692 | 1710 | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-A | 2-Jun-17 | NSC | 86143 | - | 900226000768243 | - | 845 | 948 | 6804 | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-A | 30-Jun-22 | NSC | 86143 | - | 900226000768243 | - | 925 | 1037 | 5900 | - | - |
| Nelson River (CL-GR) | GL-B | 23-Sep-08 | NSC | 87239 | - | - | - | 484 | 542 | - | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-A | 29-May-22 | NSC | 87239 | - | 900226001227873 | - | 911 | 1006 | 5300 | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-A | 23-Jun-22 | NSC | 87239 | - | 900226001227873 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Nelson River (CL-GR) | GL-B | 28-Sep-10 | NSC | 87872 | - | 900226001226272 | - | 618 | 690 | 1750 | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-A | 31-May-22 | NSC | 87872 | - | 900226001226272 | - | 915 | 1043 | 5900 | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-B | 25-Jun-11 | NSC | 88606 | - | - | - | 811 | 917 | 5100 | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-B | 26-Jun-11 | NSC | 88606 | - | - | - | 818 | 920 | 5100 | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-B | 17-Jun-13 | NSC | 88606 | - | 900226000548033 | - | 880 | 992 | 6577 | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-B | 18-Jun-13 | NSC | 88606 | - | 900226000548033 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-A | 30-Jun-22 | NSC | 88606 | - | 900226000548033 | - | 995 | 1107 | 6700 | - | - |

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Table A2-2. Tagging and biological information for Lake Sturgeon recaptured in the Kelsey GS Area, spring 2022. A Floy tag that was lost and fish was retagged in 2022 is indicated by bold font (continued).

| Location | Zone | Date | Prefix | Floy tag 1 | Floy tag 2 | PIT Tag 1 | Pit tag 2 | Fork Length (mm) | Total Length (mm) | Weight (g) | Sex | Maturity |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 29-May-15 | NSC | 89057 | - | 900226000577222 | - | 995 | 1084 | 8618 | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-A | 29-Jun-22 | NSC | 89057 | - | 900226000577222 | - | 1123 | 1235 | 16329 | - | - |
| Odei River | ODR-A | 23-Jun-09 | NSC | 89362 | - | - | - | 895 | 1000 | 5443 | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 14-Jun-17 | NSC | 89362 | - | 900226000768066 | - | 1070 | 1182 | 9525 | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-A | 2-Jul-22 | NSC | 89362 | - | 900226000768066 | - | 1115 | 1240 | 11080 | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 24-Jun-09 | NSC | 89367 | - | - | - | 745 | 830 | 3175 | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-A | 26-Jun-22 | NSC | 89367 | - | 900226001227834 | - | 1003 | 1105 | 8400 | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-A | 27-May-19 | NSC | 90298 | - | 900226000327684 | - | 874 | 966 | 4990 | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-B | 30-Jun-22 | NSC | 90298 | - | 900226000327684 | - | 962 | 1060 | 6100 | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-A | 21-Jun-13 | NSC | 91374 | - | 900226000548000 | - | 917 | 1014 | 8845 | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-A | 30-May-17 | NSC | 91374 | - | 900226000548000 | - | 980 | 1090 | 10886 | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-D | 16-Jun-22 | NSC | 91374 | - | 900226000548000 | - | 1030 | 1141 | 8650 | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-D | 3-Jul-22 | NSC | 91374 | - | 900226000548000 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Nelson River (BR-GR) | GL-B | 27-Jun-14 | NSC | 91393 | - | 900226000629106 | - | 760 | 853 | 3250 | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-A | 8-Jun-22 | NSC | 91393 | - | 900226000629106 | - | 913 | 1025 | 5600 | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-A | 2-Jun-13 | NSC | 91672 | - | 900226000548129 | - | 929 | 1024 | 8391 | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-A | 21-Jun-13 | NSC | 91672 | - | 900226000548129 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-B | 21-Jun-22 | NSC | 91672 | - | 900226000548129 | - | 1065 | 1172 | 8400 | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-A | 3-Jun-13 | NSC | 93877 | - | 900226000548066 | - | 900 | 1000 | 7711 | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-A | 4-Jun-13 | NSC | 93877 | - | 900226000548066 | - | 952 | 1050 | 6350 | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-A | 16-Jun-13 | NSC | 93877 | - | 900226000548066 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-A | 17-Jun-13 | NSC | 93877 | - | 900226000548066 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-A | 23-May-19 | NSC | 93877 | - | 900226000548066 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-A | 31-May-22 | NSC | 93877 | - | 900226000548066 | - | 987 | 1106 | 6700 | - | - |
| Nelson River (BR-GR) | GL-C | 11-Jun-10 | NSC | 94040 | - | - | - | 643 | 708 | 2200 | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-B | 23-Jun-22 | NSC | 94040 | - | 900226001227825 | - | 1020 | 1141 | 7450 | - | - |
| Split Lake | SPL-A | 23-Jun-13 | NSC | 94133 | - | 000001380347872 | - | 682 | 773 | 2722 | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-A | 29-May-22 | NSC | 94133 | - | 000001380347872 | - | 903 | 1015 | 5700 | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-A | 21-Jun-11 | NSC | 94846 | - | - | - | 980 | 1080 | 9525 | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-B | 14-Jun-13 | NSC | 94846 | - | 900226000548155 | - | 1040 | 1159 | 10886 | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-B | 28-Jun-13 | NSC | 94846 | - | 900226000548155 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-B | 16-Jun-15 | NSC | 94846 | - | 900226000548155 | - | 1070 | 1173 | 9752 | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-A | 13-Jun-22 | NSC | 94846 | - | 900226000548155 | - | 1010 | 1210 | 9550 | - | - |

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Table A2-2. Tagging and biological information for Lake Sturgeon recaptured in the Kelsey GS Area, spring 2022. A Floy tag that was lost and fish was retagged in 2022 is indicated by bold font (continued).

| Location | Zone | Date | Prefix | Floy tag 1 | Floy tag 2 | PIT Tag 1 | Pit tag 2 | Fork Length (mm) | Total Length (mm) | Weight (g) | Sex | Maturity |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-A | 30-May-15 | NSC | 98614 | - | 900226000548607 | - | 865 | 948 | 6124 | - |  |
| Split Lake | SPL-A | 30-May-22 | NSC | 98614 | - | 900226000548607 | - | 990 | 1081 | 6700 | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-A | 18-Jun-15 | NSC | 98629 | - | 900226000548668 | - | 594 | 673 | 2041 | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-A | 11-Jun-19 | NSC | 98629 | - | 900226000548668 | - | 700 | 790 | 3000 | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-A | 9-Jun-22 | NSC | 98629 | - | 900226000548668 | - | 770 | 865 | 4100 | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-A | 28-Jun-22 | NSC | 98629 | - | 900226000548668 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-A | 19-Jun-15 | NSC | 98901 | - | 900226000548600 | - | 832 | 925 | 5216 | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-A | 28-May-22 | NSC | 98901 | - | 900226000548600 | - | 940 | 1045 | 5800 | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-A | 7-Jun-15 | NSC | 98988 | - | 900226000548541 | - | 941 | 1068 | 7711 | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-A | 2-Jun-17 | NSC | 98988 | - | 900226000548541 | - | 974 | 1105 | 9072 | - | - |
| Split Lake | SPL-A | 15-Jun-19 | NSC | 98988 | - | 900226000548541 | - | 1005 | 1130 | 7257 | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-A | 29-May-22 | NSC | 98988 | - | 900226000548541 | - | 1030 | 1171 | 7200 | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-C | 10-Aug-14 | NSC | 100364 | - | 900226000629971 | - | 825 | 914 | 4660 | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-B | 29-Jun-22 | NSC | 100364 | - | 900226000629971 | - | 905 | 1000 | 6000 | - | - |
| Nelson River (CL-GR) | GL-B | 8-Jun-12 | NSC | 100421 | - | - | - | 612 | 677 | 1850 | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-A | 6-Jun-22 | NSC | 100421 | - | 900226001226253 | - | 860 | 965 | 5000 | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-A | 24-Jun-22 | NSC | 100421 | - | 900226001226253 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Nelson River (BR-GR) | GL-B | 25-Jun-14 | NSC | 101433 | - | 900226000629100 | - | 804 | 895 | 4082 | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-A | 30-Jun-22 | NSC | 101433 | - | 900226000629100 | - | 930 | 1030 | 5900 | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-C | 29-May-19 | NSC | 101758 | - | 900226000327607 | - | 740 | 815 | 2950 | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-B | 26-Jun-22 | NSC | 101758 | - | 900226000327607 | - | 840 | 928 | 5200 | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-C | 30-May-19 | NSC | 101768 | - | 900226000327641 | - | 753 | 880 | 2900 | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-A | 1-Jun-22 | NSC | 101768 | - | 900226000327641 | - | 817 | 952 | 5300 | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 7-Jun-17 | NSC | 103162 | - | 900226000153449 | - | 945 | 1036 | - | M | 8 |
| Burntwood River | BWR-B | 27-May-19 | NSC | 103162 | - | 900226000153449 | - | 955 | 1051 | 6214 | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 13-Jun-19 | NSC | 103162 | - | 900226000153449 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | SPL-A | 29-May-22 | NSC | 103162 | - | 900226000153449 | - | 958 | 1060 | 5750 | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-C | 7-Sep-15 | NSC | 105028 | - | 900226000703431 | - | 710 | 805 | 2650 | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-D | 29-Jun-22 | NSC | 105028 | - | 900226000703431 | - | 905 | 1005 | 5300 | - | - |
| Nelson River (CL-GR) | GL-B | 27-Jun-16 | NSC | 106989 | - | 900226000768561 | - | 835 | 940 | 6350 | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-A | 6-Jun-22 | NSC | 106989 | - | 900226000768561 | - | 983 | 1093 | 7750 | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-A | 12-Jun-22 | NSC | 106989 | - | 900226000768561 | 900226001226206 | - | - | - | - | - |

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| Location | Zone | Date | Prefix | Floy tag 1 | Floy tag 2 | PIT Tag 1 | Pit tag 2 | Fork Length (mm) | Total Length (mm) | Weight (g) | Sex | Maturity |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Nelson River (CL-GR) | GL-C | 3-Jun-16 | NSC | 107211 | - | 900226000768582 | - | 1000 | 1182 | 12701 | - | - |
| Nelson River (CL-GR) | BR-D | 27-Jun-21 | NSC | 107211 | - | 900226000768582 | - | 1205 | 1317 | 17300 | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-A | 3-Jul-22 | NSC | 107211 | - | 900226000768582 | - | 1225 | 1340 | 16783 | - | - |
| Nelson River (CL-GR) | GL-B | 5-Jun-16 | NSC | 107223 | - | 900226000768445 | - | 688 | 762 | 2722 | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-D | 2-Jul-22 | NSC | 107223 | - | 900226000768445 | - | 836 | 944 | 3700 | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 7-Jun-17 | NSC | 108620 | - | 900226000153424 | - | 1090 | 1203 | 8618 | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-A | 3-Jun-22 | NSC | 108620 | - | 900226000153424 | - | 1105 | 1218 | 8900 | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-D | 15-Sep-17 | NSC | 110441 | - | 900226000153300 | - | 720 | 823 | 2676 | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-A | 13-Jun-22 | NSC | 110441 | - | 900226000153300 | - | 830 | 942 | 4300 | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-C | 15-Sep-17 | NSC | 110443 | - | 900226000628588 | - | 831 | 932 | 4581 | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-A | 18-Jun-22 | NSC | 110443 | - | 900226000628588 | - | 915 | 1023 | 5700 | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-A | 11-Jun-17 | NSC | 110731 | - | 900226000768273 | - | 1000 | 1105 | 6804 | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-A | 23-May-19 | NSC | 110731 | - | 900226000768273 | - | 1010 | 1127 | 7031 | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-A | 28-May-22 | NSC | 110731 | - | 900226000768273 | - | 1048 | 1168 | 8900 | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-D | 10-Jun-17 | NSC | 110737 | - | 900226000768237 | - | 1000 | 1110 | 8165 | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-B | 28-May-19 | NSC | 110737 | - | 900226000768237 | - | 1010 | 1223 | 7257 | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-B | 30-Jun-22 | NSC | 110737 | - | 900226000768237 | - | 1045 | 1160 | 9000 | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-A | 8-Jun-17 | NSC | 110746 | - | 900226000768213 | - | 835 | 925 | 7257 | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-A | 31-May-19 | NSC | 110746 | - | 900226000768213 | - | 844 | 944 | 5216 | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-D | 28-Jun-22 | NSC | 110746 | - | 900226000768213 | - | 883 | 974 | 5600 | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-A | 8-Jun-17 | NSC | 110747 | - | 900226000768203 | - | 1005 | 1110 | 10433 | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-A | 8-Jun-19 | NSC | 110747 | - | 900226000768203 | - | 1045 | 1159 | 11340 | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-A | 14-Jun-19 | NSC | 110747 | - | 900226000768203 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-A | 29-Jun-19 | NSC | 110747 | - | 900226000768203 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-A | 5-Jun-22 | NSC | 110747 | - | 900226000768203 | - | 1080 | 1196 | 10100 | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-A | 6-Jun-17 | NSC | 110756 | - | 900226000548518 | - | 900 | 1010 | 7711 | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-D | 10-Jun-17 | NSC | 110756 | - | 900226000548518 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-S | 7-Jun-19 | NSC | 110756 | - | 900226000548518 | 900226000768257 | 939 | 1062 | 7257 | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-A | 25-Jun-19 | NSC | 110756 | - | 900226000548518 | 900226000768257 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-A | 14-Jun-22 | NSC | 110756 | - | 900226000548518 | 900226000768257 | 983 | 1013 | 8750 | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-C | 5-Jun-17 | NSC | 110761 | - | 900226000768266 | - | 650 | 705 | 3629 | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-C | 15-Sep-17 | NSC | 110761 | - | 900226000768266 | - | 679 | 746 | 2404 | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-A | 12-Jun-22 | NSC | 110761 | - | 900226000768266 | - | 771 | 858 | 3650 | - | - |

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| Location | Zone | Date | Prefix | Floy tag <br> 1 | Floy tag 2 | PIT Tag 1 | Pit tag 2 | Fork Length (mm) | Total Length (mm) | Weight (g) | Sex | Maturity |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-D | 30-Jun-17 | NSC | 111076 | - | 900226000768527 | - | 814 | 915 | 5897 | - | - |
| Split Lake | SPL-A | 2-Jul-22 | NSC | 111076 | - | 900226000768527 | - | 952 | 1070 | 6600 | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-A | 28-Jun-17 | NSC | 111596 | - | 900226000893285 | - | 830 | 934 | 4536 | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-A | 3-Jun-22 | NSC | 111596 | - | 900226000893285 | - | 933 | 1056 | 6500 | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-D | 29-Jun-17 | NSC | 111598 | - | 900226000154019 | - | 861 | 936 | 6804 | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-D | 29-Jun-22 | NSC | 111598 | - | 900226000154019 | - | 900 | 981 | 5200 | - | - |
| Nelson River (CL-BR) | BR-D | 30-May-18 | NSC | 111763 | - | 900226000767096 | - | 774 | 865 | 5534 | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-A | 1-Jun-22 | NSC | 111763 | - | 900226000767096 | - | 834 | 932 | 4200 | - | - |
| Nelson River (CL-BR) | BR-D | 12-Jun-18 | NSC | 111926 | - | 900226000767003 | - | 842 | 946 | 3992 | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-B | 23-Jun-22 | NSC | 111926 | - | 900226000767003 | - | 891 | 992 | 5900 | - | - |
| Nelson River (CL-BR) | GL-C | 14-Jun-18 | NSC | 111928 | - | 900226000767055 | - | 892 | 997 | 6033 | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-D | 27-Jun-22 | NSC | 111928 | - | 900226000767055 | - | 953 | 1040 | 6150 | - | - |
| Nelson River (CL-BR) | GL-C | 18-Jun-18 | NSC | 111949 | - | 900226000629558 | - | 760 | 861 | 3765 | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-A | 26-Jun-22 | NSC | 111949 | - | 900226000629558 | - | 800 | 911 | 4000 | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-A | 4-Jun-19 | NSC | 112897 | - | 900226000327683 | - | 900 | 1007 | 6804 | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-A | 26-Jun-19 | NSC | 112897 | - | 900226000327683 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-A | 9-Jun-22 | NSC | 112897 | - | 900226000327683 | - | 953 | 1060 | 7800 | - | - |
| Split Lake | SPL-A | 11-Sep-18 | NSC | 113544 | - | 900226000153776 | - | 538 | 605 | 1200 | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-C | 30-May-22 | NSC | 113544 | - | 900226000153776 | - | 689 | 737 | 2500 | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-A | 5-Jun-19 | NSC | 114277 | - | 900226000327623 | - | 1000 | 1104 | 8936 | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-A | 5-Jun-22 | NSC | 114277 | - | 900226000327623 | - | 1063 | 1174 | 9100 | - | - |
| Split Lake | SPL-A | 10-Jun-19 | NSC | 114300 | - | 900226000327671 | - | 860 | 965 | 5300 | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | SPL-A | 28-May-22 | NSC | 114300 | - | 900226000327671 | - | 906 | 1020 | 5900 | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-B | 22-Jun-19 | NSC | 114303 | - | 900226000327690 | - | 935 | 1042 | 5443 | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-D | 27-Jun-22 | NSC | 114303 | - | 900226000327690 | - | 1000 | 1124 | 7200 | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-A | 24-Jun-19 | NSC | 114304 | - | 900226000327998 | - | 930 | 1042 | 6350 | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-A | 14-Jun-22 | NSC | 114304 | - | 900226000327998 | - | 964 | 1090 | 7350 | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-A | 30-Jun-19 | NSC | 114321 | - | 900226000327910 | - | 765 | 840 | 3629 | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-A | 9-Jun-22 | NSC | 114321 | - | 900226000327910 | 900226001226287 | 859 | 947 | 5500 | - | - |
| Split Lake | SPL-A | 15-Sep-19 | NSC | 116562 | - | 900226000327489 | - | 838 | 924 | - | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-B | 29-Jun-22 | NSC | 116562 | - | 900226000327489 | - | 890 | 975 | 5200 | - | - |
| Split Lake | SPL-A | 14-Sep-19 | NSC | 116574 | - | 900226000327467 | - | 845 | 934 | - | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-B | 3-Jul-22 | NSC | 116574 | - | 900226000327467 | - | 912 | 1005 | 7500 | - | - |

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Table A2-2. Tagging and biological information for Lake Sturgeon recaptured in the Kelsey GS Area, spring 2022. A Floy tag that was lost and fish was retagged in 2022 is indicated by bold font (continued).

| Location | Zone | Date | Prefix | Floy tag 1 | Floy tag 2 | PIT Tag 1 | Pit tag 2 | Fork Length (mm) | Total Length (mm) | Weight (g) | Sex | Maturity |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Nelson River (CL-GR) | BR-D | 6-Jun-21 | NSC | 117042 | - | - | - | 1026 | 1141 | 7348 | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-B | 23-Jun-22 | NSC | 117042 | - | 900226000629115 | - | 1010 | 1171 | 6650 | - | - |
| Split Lake | SPL-A | 10-Sep-20 | NSC | 119937 | - | 900226001031861 | - | 865 | 974 | 4350 | - | - |
| Split Lake | SPL-A | 2-Jul-22 | NSC | 119937 | - | 900226001031861 | - | 902 | 1012 | 4700 | - | - |
| Nelson River (CL-GR) | BR-D | 10-Jun-21 | NSC | 120202 | - | - | - | 925 | 1015 | 8165 | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-A | 7-Jun-22 | NSC | 120202 | - | 900226001226258 | - | 886 | 1015 | 6500 | - | - |
| Split Lake | SPL-A | 19-Jun-19 | NSC | 114341 | - | 900226000327939 | - | 888 | 1000 | 5897 | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-A | 4-Jul-22 | NSC | 122371 | - | 900226000327939 | - | 925 | 1041 | 5400 | - | - |
| Nelson River (BR-GR) | GL-B | 2-Jul-14 | NSC | 105125 | - | 900226000629110 | - | 849 | 947 | 5443 | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-A | 30-May-22 | NSC | 122389 | - | 900226000629110 | - | 1025 | 1160 | 8300 | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-A | 31-May-22 | NSC | 122389 | - | 900226000629110 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-A | 1-Jun-22 | NSC | 122389 | - | 900226000629110 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-C | 28-May-22 | NSC | 122394 | - | 900226001226221 | - | 878 | 983 | 4200 | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-C | 2-Jun-22 | NSC | 122394 | - | 900226001226221 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-A | 28-May-22 | NSC | 122395 | - | 900226001227855 | - | 1193 | 1315 | 10886 | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-A | 2-Jul-22 | NSC | 122395 | - | 900226001227855 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-C | 10-Jun-19 | NSC | 114327 | - | 900226000327659 | - | 808 | 930 | 4000 | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-A | 28-May-22 | NSC | 122396 | - | 900226000327659 | - | 882 | 1010 | 5700 | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-A | 25-Jun-22 | NSC | 122402 | - | 900226000327659 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Split Lake | SPL-A | 11-Jun-19 | NSC | 114330 | - | 900226000327643 | - | 916 | 1050 | 5443 | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-A | 13-Jun-22 | NSC | 122608 | - | 900226000327643 | - | 954 | 1000 | 6050 | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-A | 28-Jun-22 | NSC | 122608 | - | 900226000327643 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-A | 2-Jul-22 | NSC | 122608 | - | 900226000327643 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-A | 1-Jun-15 | NSC | 98619 | - | 900226000548527 | - | 1036 | 1140 | 8391 | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-A | 14-Jun-15 | NSC | 98619 | - | 900226000548527 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-A | 5-Jun-17 | NSC | 98619 | - | 900226000548527 | - | 1035 | 1143 | 10433 | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-A | 14-Jun-22 | NSC | 122610 | - | 900226000548527 | - | 1040 | 1142 | 8450 | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-A | 15-Jun-22 | NSC | 122618 | - | 900226001226225 | - | 910 | 1050 | 5500 | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-A | 17-Jun-22 | NSC | 122618 | - | 900226001226225 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-A | 16-Jun-22 | NSC | 122622 | - | 900226001226257 | - | 885 | 974 | 4800 | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-A | 2-Jul-22 | NSC | 122622 | - | 900226001226257 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-A | 23-Jun-15 | NSC | 98915 | - | 900226000548530 | - | 991 | 1103 | 9752 | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-B | 23-Jun-22 | NSC | 122630 | - | 900226000548530 | - | 1069 | 1184 | 9210 | - | - |

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| Location | Zone | Date | Prefix | Floy tag 1 | Floy tag 2 | PIT Tag 1 | Pit tag 2 | Fork Length (mm) | Total Length (mm) | Weight (g) | Sex | Maturity |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Nelson River (CL-GR) | GL-A | 21-Sep-16 | NSC | 111001 | - | 900226000893712 | - | 758 | 847 | 3700 | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-A | 19-Jun-22 | NSC | 122643 | - | 900226000893712 | - | 846 | 950 | 4850 | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-A | 18-Jun-22 | NSC | 122645 | - | 900226001226273 | - | 845 | 4000 | 4000 | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-A | 29-Jun-22 | NSC | 122645 | - | 900226001226273 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-A | 4-Jun-22 | NSC | 122876 | - | 900226001226269 | - | 919 | 1050 | 5500 | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-A | 8-Jun-22 | NSC | 122876 | - | 900226001226269 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-C | 6-Jun-22 | NSC | 122882 | - | 900226001226212 | - | 1350 | 1555 | 22680 | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-B | 9-Jun-22 | NSC | 122882 | - | 900226001226212 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-A | 7-Jun-22 | NSC | 122889 | - | 900226001226285 | - | 758 | 861 | 3400 | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-A | 2-Jul-22 | NSC | 122889 | - | 900226001226285 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-D | 10-Jun-17 | NSC | 110740 | - | 900226000768291 | - | 795 | 895 | 3629 | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-A | 7-Jun-22 | NSC | 122890 | - | 900226000768291 | - | 947 | 1061 | 6100 | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-B | 7-Jun-22 | NSC | 122891 | - | 900226001227890 | - | 978 | 1095 | 6900 | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-A | 28-Jun-22 | NSC | 122891 | - | 900226001227890 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-A | 8-Jun-22 | NSC | 122893 | - | 900226001226256 | - | 976 | 1096 | 7400 | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-A | 14-Jun-22 | NSC | 122893 | - | 900226001226256 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-A | 8-Jun-19 | NSC | 114296 | - | 900226000327645 | - | 845 | 960 | 4050 | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-A | 1-Jun-22 | NSC | 122903 | - | 900226000327645 | - | 913 | 1037 | 5500 | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-A | 1-Jun-22 | NSC | 122906 | - | 900226001226255 | - | 855 | 982 | 4600 | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-A | 29-Jun-22 | NSC | 122906 | - | 900226001226255 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-A | 1-Jun-22 | NSC | 122907 | - | 900226001226204 | - | 995 | 1131 | 6100 | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-A | 25-Jun-22 | NSC | 122907 | - | 900226001226204 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-A | 1-Jun-22 | NSC | 122908 | - | 900226001227619 | - | 968 | 1077 | 7400 | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-A | 18-Jun-22 | NSC | 122908 | - | 900226001227619 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-A | 1-Jun-22 | NSC | 122910 | - | 900226001226245 | - | 890 | 1007 | 5000 | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-A | 10-Jun-22 | NSC | 122910 | - | 900226001226245 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-C | 4-Jun-22 | NSC | 122923 | - | 900226001226299 | - | 980 | 1090 | 6950 | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-A | 30-Jun-22 | NSC | 122923 | - | 900226001226299 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-B | 4-Jun-19 | NSC | 114182 | - | 900226000327874 | - | 920 | 1023 | 5534 | - | - |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 8-Jun-22 | NSC | 114182 | - | 900226000327874 | - | 952 | 1052 | 8165 | M | 8 |
| Kelsey GS Area | KGS-A | 25-Jun-22 | NSC | 114182 | - | 900226000327874 | - | - | - | - | - | - |

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| Location | Zone | Date | Prefix | Floy tag 1 | Floy tag 2 | PIT Tag 1 | Pit tag 2 | Fork Length (mm) | Total Length (mm) | Weight (g) | Sex | Maturity |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Burntwood River | BWR-A | 11-Jun-22 | NSC | 123311 | - | 900226001232276 | - | 889 | 1010 | 6350 | M | 7 |
| Split Lake | SPL-A | 3-Jul-22 | NSC | 123311 | - | 900226001232276 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| GRH - BWR | - | 31-May-14 | - | - | - | 900043000119488 | - | 219 | 249 | 52 | - | - |
| Split Lake | SPL-A | 2-Jun-22 | NSC | 122912 | - | 900043000119488 | - | 684 | 760 | 2200 | - | - |
| GRH - BWR | - | 7-Jun-18 | - | - | - | 900067000110709 | - | 215 | 256 | 75 | - | - |
| Split Lake | SPL-A | 30-Jun-22 | NSC | 122432 | - | 900067000110709 | - | 427 | 491 | 700 | - | - |

Table A2-3. Tagging and biological information for Lake Sturgeon recaptured in the Keeyask reservoir, spring 2022. A Floy tag that was lost and fish was retagged in 2022 is indicated by bold font.

| Location | Zone | Date | Prefix | Floy tag 1 | Floy tag 2 | Acoustic Serial No. | Acoustic <br> Tag Code | PIT tag | Fork Length (mm) | Total Length (mm) | Weight (g) | Sex | Maturity |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Gull Lake | BR-D | 5-Jul-02 | NSC | 48884 | - | - | - | - | 1415 | 1543 | 34020 | - | - |
| Gull Lake | BR-D | 19-Jun-04 | NSC | 48884 | - | - | - | - | 1458 | 1590 | 31298 | - | - |
| Gull Lake | BR-D | 14-Jun-06 | NSC | 48884 | - | - | - | - | 1440 | 1560 | 36287 | - | - |
| Keeyask reservoir | BR-D | 3-Jun-22 | NSC | 48884 | - | - | - | 900226001224001 | 1495 | 1700 | 40000 | - | - |
| Gull Lake | BR-D | 2-Jul-08 | NSC | 75288 | - | - | - | 900226001227573 | 869 | 951 | 6350 | - | - |
| Keeyask reservoir | BR-D | 24-Jun-22 | NSC | 75288 | - | 1520547 | 57507 | 900226001227573 | 1081 | 1165 | 9950 | - | - |
| Gull Lake | BR-D | 17-Jun-06 | NSC | 76410 | 76411 | - | - | - | 758 | 859 | 3629 | - | - |
| Gull Lake | GL-B | 2-Jun-10 | NSC | 76410 | 76411 | - | - | - | 924 | 1001 | 7484 | - | - |
| Keeyask reservoir | BR-D | 14-Jun-21 | NSC | 76410 | 76411 | - | - | 900226001225534 | 1120 | 1227 | 12150 | - | - |
| Keeyask reservoir | BR-D | 12-Jun-22 | NSC | 76410 | 76411 | 1520527 | 57487 | 900226001225534 | 1100 | 1212 | 9600 | - | - |
| Gull Lake | BR-D | 2-Jun-06 | NSC | 80299 | 80300 | - | - | - | 1061 | 1150 | 8600 | - | - |
| Gull Lake | GL-A | 7-Jun-18 | NSC | 80299 | 80300 | - | - | 900226000767098 | 1155 | 1253 | 14016 | - | - |
| Keeyask reservoir | BR-D | 8-Jun-21 | NSC | 80299 | 80300 | - | - | 900226000767098 | 1141 | 1254 | 10000 | - | - |
| Keeyask reservoir | BR-D | 18-Jun-21 | NSC | 80299 | 80300 | - | - | 900226000767098 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Keeyask reservoir | BR-D | 11-Jun-22 | NSC | 80299 | 80300 | 1520531 | 57491 | 900226000767098 | 1125 | 1229 | 9700 | - | - |
| Gull Lake | GL-B | 27-Sep-08 | NSC | 86137 | - | - | - | - | 630 | 718 | 1870 | - | - |
| Gull Lake | GL-C | 25-May-19 | NSC | 86137 | - | - | - | 900226000767264 | 923 | 1042 | 6400 | - | - |
| Keeyask reservoir | BR-D | 2-Jun-22 | NSC | 86137 | - | 1520520 | 57480 | 900226000767264 | 928 | 1044 | 7400 | - | - |
| Gull Lake | GL-A | 21-Sep-17 | NSC | 88745 | - | - | - | 900226000152927 | 719 | 811 | 2400 | - | - |
| Keeyask reservoir | BR-D | 14-Jun-22 | NSC | 88745 | - | - | - | 900226000152927 | 785 | 880 | 3900 | - | - |
| Gull Lake | BR-D | 9-Sep-14 | NSC | 103474 | - | - | - | 900043000103670 | 655 | 741 | 2500 | - | - |
| Gull Lake | BR-D | 2-Jun-18 | NSC | 103474 | - | - | - | 900043000103670 | 791 | 883 | 3674 | - | - |
| Keeyask reservoir | BR-D | 10-Jun-22 | NSC | 103474 | - | 1520528 | 57488 | 900043000103670 | 834 | 936 | 5300 | M | 6 |
| Gull Lake | BR-D | 15-Jun-14 | NSC | 105409 | - | - | - | 900226000629201 | 956 | 1063 | 7257 | - | - |
| Gull Lake | BR-D | 1-Jun-18 | NSC | 105409 | - | - | - | 900226000629201 | 999 | 1141 | 9163 | M | 7 |
| Keeyask reservoir | BR-D | 31-May-21 | NSC | 105409 | - | - | - | 900226000629201 | 1010 | 1112 | 9500 | - | - |
| Keeyask reservoir | BR-D | 21-Jun-21 | NSC | 105409 | - | - | - | 900226000629201 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Keeyask reservoir | BR-D | 9-Jun-22 | NSC | 105409 | - | 1520522 | 57482 | 900226000629201 | 1021 | 1113 | 7960 | - | - |
| Gull Lake | GL-A | 15-Jun-16 | NSC | 107113 | - | - | - | 900226000768436 | 970 | - | 7257 | - | - |
| Gull Lake | BR-D | 15-Jun-18 | NSC | 107113 | - | - | - | 900226000768436 | 1025 | 1137 | 8210 | - | - |
| Gull Lake | BR-D | 28-May-19 | NSC | 107113 | - | - | - | 900226000768436 | 1034 | 1145 | 8165 | - | - |
| Keeyask reservoir | BR-D | 18-Jun-21 | NSC | 107113 | - | - | - | 900226000768436 | 1045 | 1160 | 7550 | - | - |
| Keeyask reservoir | BR-D | 20-Jun-21 | NSC | 107113 | - | - | - | 900226000768436 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Keeyask reservoir | BR-D | 24-Jun-22 | NSC | 107113 | - | - | - | 900226000768436 | 1041 | 1145 | 7100 | - | - |

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| Location | Zone | Date | Prefix | Floy tag 1 | Floy tag 2 | Acoustic Serial No. | Acoustic Tag Code | PIT tag | Fork Length (mm) | Total Length (mm) | Weight (g) | Sex | Maturity |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Gull Lake | BR-D | 22-May-16 | NSC | 110550 | - | - | - | - | 1430 | 1549 | 26082 | - | - |
| Keeyask reservoir | BR-D | 3-Jun-22 | NSC | 110550 | - | - | - | 900226001227322 | 1430 | 1591 | 37000 | - | - |
| Keeyask reservoir | BR-D | 10-Jun-22 | NSC | 110550 | - | - | - | 900226001227322 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Gull Lake | BR-D | 31-May-18 | NSC | 111766 | - | - | - | 900226000767099 | 901 | 996 | 7167 | - | - |
| Keeyask reservoir | BR-D | 18-Jun-21 | NSC | 111766 | - | - | - | 900226000767099 | 912 | 1016 | 4800 | - | - |
| Keeyask reservoir | BR-D | 12-Jun-22 | NSC | 111766 | - | - | - | 900226000767099 | 923 | 1026 | 5000 | - | - |
| Gull Lake | BR-D | 31-May-18 | NSC | 111768 | - | - | - | 900226000767046 | 740 | 824 | 4082 | - | - |
| Keeyask reservoir | BR-D | 13-Jun-22 | NSC | 111768 | - | 1520524 | 57484 | 900226000767046 | 837 | 932 | 3950 | - | - |
| Gull Lake | BR-D | 8-Jun-18 | NSC | 111971 | - | - | - | 900226000767079 | 1112 | 1192 | 9435 | M | 8 |
| Keeyask reservoir | BR-D | 2-Jun-22 | NSC | 111971 | - | 1520523 | 57483 | 900226000767079 | 1081 | 1157 | 9500 | - | - |
| Keeyask reservoir | BR-D | 10-Jun-22 | NSC | 111971 | - | - | - | 900226000767079 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Gull Lake | BR-D | 12-Jun-18 | NSC | 112000 | - | - | - | 900226000153132 | 888 | 1011 | 7076 | - | - |
| Keeyask reservoir | BR-D | 28-May-22 | NSC | 112000 | - | 1520525 | 57485 | 900226000153132 | 897 | 1033 | 5910 | - | - |
| Gull Lake | BR-D | 16-Sep-18 | NSC | 113813 | - | - | - | 900226000327557 | 759 | 850 | 3200 | - | - |
| Keeyask reservoir | BR-D | 4-Jun-22 | NSC | 113813 | - | - | - | 900226000327557 | 820 | 911 | 4900 | - | - |
| Gull Lake | GL-A | 29-May-19 | NSC | 114643 | - | - | - | 900226000629150 | 1016 | 1128 | 7938 | - | - |
| Keeyask reservoir | BR-D | 10-Jun-22 | NSC | 114643 | - | - | - | 900226000629150 | 1004 | 1105 | 6350 | - | - |
| Split Lake | SPL-A | 16-Sep-19 | NSC | 116621 | - | - | - | 900067000121183 | 788 | 881 | 3410 | - | - |
| Keeyask reservoir | BR-D | 28-Jun-22 | NSC | 116621 | - | 1520545 | 57505 | 900067000121183 | 841 | 933 | 4350 | - | - |
| Keeyask reservoir | BR-D | 3-Jun-21 | NSC | 117034 | - | - | - | 900226000153821 | 891 | 987 | 6690 | - | - |
| Keeyask reservoir | GL-B | 2-Jul-22 | NSC | 117034 | - | 1520542 | 57502 | 900226000153821 | 895 | 985 | 5000 | - | - |
| Keeyask reservoir | BR-D | 3-Jun-21 | NSC | 117039 | - | - | - | 900226001225524 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Keeyask reservoir | BR-D | 24-Jun-22 | NSC | 117039 | - | 1520544 | 57504 | 900226001225524 | 995 | 1099 | 6600 | - | - |
| Keeyask reservoir | BR-D | 25-Jun-21 | NSC | 119116 | - | - | - | 900226001055388 | 892 | 995 | 6300 | - | - |
| Keeyask reservoir | BR-D | 24-Jun-22 | NSC | 119116 | - | 1520546 | 57506 | 900226001055388 | 900 | 1000 | 4100 | - | - |
| Keeyask reservoir | BR-D | 20-Jun-21 | NSC | 119129 | - | - | - | 900226001225546 | 1020 | 1126 | 6900 | - | - |
| Keeyask reservoir | BR-D | 9-Jun-22 | NSC | 119129 | - | 1520519 | 57479 | 900226001225546 | 1030 | 1136 | 7050 | - | - |
| Keeyask reservoir | GL-A | 29-Jun-21 | NSC | 119258 | - | - | - | 900226001055332 | 711 | 809 | 3550 | - | - |
| Keeyask reservoir | BR-D | 20-Jun-22 | NSC | 119258 | - | - | - | 900226001055332 | 751 | 839 | 2150 | - | - |
| Keeyask reservoir | BR-D | 20-Jun-21 | NSC | 120437 | - | - | - | 900226000767045 | 955 | 1060 | 8350 | - | - |
| Keeyask reservoir | BR-D | 29-May-22 | NSC | 120437 | - | 1520518 | 57478 | 900226000767045 | 962 | 1062 | 6400 | - | - |

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Table A2-3. Tagging and biological information for Lake Sturgeon recaptured in the Keeyask reservoir, spring 2022. A Floy tag that was lost and fish was retagged in 2022 is indicated by bold font (continued).

| Location | Zone | Date | Prefix | Floy tag 1 | $\begin{gathered} \text { Floy tag } \\ 2 \end{gathered}$ | Acoustic Serial No. | Acoustic <br> Tag Code | PIT tag | Fork Length (mm) | Total Length (mm) | Weight (g) | Sex | Maturity |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Gull Lake | GL-A | 13-Sep-15 | NSC | 105036 |  |  |  | 900226000548592 | 688 | 762 | 2480 | - | - |
| Keeyask reservoir | BR-D | 14-Jun-21 | NSC | 120811 | - | - | - | 900226000548592 | 774 | 851 | 2900 | - | - |
| Keeyask reservoir | BR-D | 9-Jun-22 | NSC | 120811 | - | - | - | 900226000548592 | 772 | 855 | 2750 | - | - |
| Keeyask reservoir | BR-D | 28-May-22 | NSC | 121678 | - | - | - | - | 770 | 860 | 2950 | - | - |
| Keeyask reservoir | BR-D | 17-Jun-22 | NSC | 121678 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Keeyask reservoir | BR-D | 2-Jun-22 | NSC | 121683 | - | 1520535 | 57495 | 900226001227532 | 1108 | 1294 | 12600 | - | - |
| Keeyask reservoir | BR-D | 7-Jun-22 | NSC | 121683 | - | 1520535 | 57495 | 900226001227532 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Keeyask reservoir | BR-D | 6-Jun-22 | NSC | 121693 | - | 1520532 | 57492 | 900226001224073 | 911 | 1001 | 5050 | - | - |
| Keeyask reservoir | BR-D | 16-Jun-22 | NSC | 121693 | - | 1520532 | 57492 | 900226001224073 | - | - | - | M | 8 |
| Keeyask reservoir | BR-D | 17-Jun-22 | NSC | 121693 | - | 1520532 | 57492 | 900226001224073 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Gull Lake | GL-B | 5-Jul-14 | NSC | 103650 | - | - | - | 900226000629200 | 875 | 974 | 5443 | - | - |
| Keeyask reservoir | BR-D | 8-Jun-22 | NSC | 121696 | - | 1520534 | 57494 | 900226000629200 | 954 | 1100 | 5750 | - | - |
| Gull Lake | GL-B | 16-Jun-16 | NSC | 107215 | - | - | - | 900226000768409 | 584 | 652 | 1132 | - | - |
| Keeyask reservoir | BR-D | 14-Jun-22 | NSC | 121918 | - | - | - | 900226000768409 | 727 | 835 | 2600 | - | - |
| Burntwood River | - | 2-Oct-14 | - | - | - | - | - | 900043000102993 | 260 | 293 | 95 | - | - |
| Keeyask reservoir | BR-D | 16-Jun-22 | NSC | 121917 | - | - | - | 900043000102993 | 580 | 650 | 1350 | - | - |
| Gull Lake | - | 6-Jun-19 | - | - | - | - | - | 900067000108605 | 235 | 285 | 77 | - | - |
| Keeyask reservoir | GL-C | 2-Jul-22 | NSC | 121904 | - | - | - | 900067000108605 | 427 | 492 | 475 | - | - |

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| Location | Zone | Date | Prefix | Floy tag 1 | Floy tag 2 | PIT tag | Fork Length (mm) | Total Length (mm) | Weight <br> (g) | Sex | Maturity |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Stephens Lake | STL-A | 6-Jun-22 | AAE | 371 | - | 989001038119596 | 774 | 873 | 2268 | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | STL-A | 7-Jun-22 | AAE | 371 | - | 989001038119596 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Keeyask reservoir | BR-D | 1-Jul-02 | NSC | 48878 | - | - | 1047 | 1159 | 11567 | - | - |
| Keeyask reservoir | GL-A | 27-Jun-18 | NSC | 48878 | - | 900226000153400 | 1225 | 1332 | 15422 | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | STL-A | 20-Jun-22 | NSC | 48878 | - | 900226000153400 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Keeyask reservoir | GL-C | 31-May-03 | NSC | 50916 | - | - | 908 | 1037 | 10000 | - | - |
| Keeyask reservoir | GL-A | 23-May-16 | NSC | 50916 | - | - | 1250 | 1385 | 18824 | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | GR-A | 19-Jun-22 | NSC | 50916 | - | 900226001226076 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | STL-A | 22-Jun-02 | NSC | 53159 | - | - | 1001 | 1100 | 9500 | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | GR-A | 1-Jun-18 | NSC | 53159 | - | 900226000893307 | 1113 | 1234 | 11113 | M | 7 |
| Stephens Lake | STL-A | 4-Jun-22 | NSC | 53159 | - | 900226000893307 | 1115 | 1236 | 9072 | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | STL-A | 1-Jun-03 | NSC | 56152 | - | - | 912 | 1012 | 6123 | M | 7 |
| Stephens Lake | STL-A | 4-Jun-03 | NSC | 56152 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | STL-A | 12-Jun-11 | NSC | 56152 | - | - | 1004 | 1103 | 7711 | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | GR-A | 18-Jun-11 | NSC | 56152 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | STL-A | 31-May-19 | NSC | 56152 | - | 900226000767285 | 1090 | 1211 | 10886 | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | GR-A | 21-Jun-22 | NSC | 56152 | - | 900226000767285 | 1095 | 1250 | 9979 | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | STL-B | 27-Sep-11 | NSC | 69864 | - | - | 756 | 861 | 4125 | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | STL-A | 4-Jun-16 | NSC | 69864 | - | 900226000548931 | 927 | 1040 | 9525 | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | GR-A | 8-Jun-16 | NSC | 69864 | - | 900226000548931 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | GR-A | 9-Jun-16 | NSC | 69864 | - | 900226000548931 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | STL-A | 30-May-18 | NSC | 69864 | - | 900226000548931 | 987 | 1111 | 8800 | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | STL-A | 29-Jun-21 | NSC | 69864 | - | 900226000548931 | 1030 | 1154 | 10000 | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | STL-A | 8-Jun-22 | NSC | 69864 | - | 900226000548931 | 1020 | 1160 | 9072 | - | - |
| Keeyask reservoir | GL-C | 23-Jun-08 | NSC | 75277 | - | - | 732 | 832 | 2948 | - | - |
| Keeyask reservoir | GL-C | 15-Sep-08 | NSC | 75277 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Keeyask reservoir | GL-C | 16-Sep-08 | NSC | 75277 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Keeyask reservoir | GL-C | 5-Jul-14 | NSC | 75277 | - | 900226000629145 | 977 | 1086 | 7711 | - | - |
| Keeyask reservoir | GL-C | 12-Jun-18 | NSC | 75277 | - | 900226000629145 | 1052 | 1180 | 7983 | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | STL-A | 17-Jun-22 | NSC | 75277 | - | 900226000629145 | 1075 | 1201 | 9072 | - | - |

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| Location | Zone | Date | Prefix | Floy tag <br> $\mathbf{1}$ | Floy tag <br> $\mathbf{2}$ | PIT tag | Fork <br> Length <br> $(\mathbf{m m})$ | Total <br> Length <br> $(\mathbf{m m})$ | Weight <br> (g) | Sex |
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| Location | Zone | Date | Prefix | Floy tag 1 | Floy tag 2 | PIT tag | Fork Length (mm) | Total Length (mm) | Weight <br> (g) | Sex | Maturity |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Keeyask reservoir | BR-D | 21-Jun-08 | NSC | 80374 | - | - | 1110 | 1210 | 9525 | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | GR-A | 15-Jun-12 | NSC | 80374 | - | - | 1120 | 1235 | 10433 | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | GR-A | 24-Jun-22 | NSC | 80374 | - | 900226001226086 | 1143 | 1257 | 12701 | - | - |
| Keeyask reservoir | GL-B | 23-Aug-06 | NSC | 82646 | - | - | 563 | 643 | 726 | - | - |
| Keeyask reservoir | GL-B | 4-Jul-14 | NSC | 82646 | 82647 | 900226000629140 | 827 | 911 | 4536 | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | STL-A | 30-Jun-22 | NSC | 82646 | 82647 | 900226000629140 | 964 | 1061 | 7257 | - | - |
| Keeyask reservoir | GL-B | 2-Sep-06 | NSC | 82878 | - | - | 766 | 844 | 3402 | - | - |
| Keeyask reservoir | BR-D | 14-Jun-18 | NSC | 82878 | 82879 | 900226000153196 | 990 | 1076 | 6622 | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | STL-B | 8-Jun-22 | NSC | 82878 | 82879 | 900226000153196 | 995 | 1050 | 6350 | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | STL-A | 17-Jun-22 | NSC | 82878 | 82879 | 900226000153196 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | GR-A | 26-Jun-22 | NSC | 82878 | 82879 | 900226000153196 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | STL-A | 27-Jun-22 | NSC | unknown | - | 900226001225607 | 905 | 1130 | 8618 | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | STL-A | 22-Sep-14 | NSC | 88494 | - | 900226000629287 | 418 | 482 | 575 | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | STL-A | 30-Jun-22 | NSC | 88494 | - | 900226000629287 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | STL-A | 22-Sep-14 | NSC | 88496 | - | 900226000629304 | 588 | 671 | 1525 | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | STL-A | 2-Jun-22 | NSC | 88496 | - | 900226000629304 | 810 | 920 | 4082 | - | - |
| Keeyask reservoir | GL-A | 21-Sep-17 | NSC | 88743 | - | 900226000152970 | 671 | 765 | 2250 | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | STL-A | 24-Jun-22 | NSC | 88743 | - | 900226000152970 | 702 | 800 | 3629 | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | STL-B | 26-Sep-10 | NSC | 88769 | - | - | 554 | 615 | 1250 | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | STL-A | 8-Jun-22 | NSC | 88769 | - | 900226001226060 | 928 | 1000 | 4990 | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | GR-A | 16-Jun-22 | NSC | 88769 | - | 900226001226060 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Keeyask reservoir | GL-C | 23-Sep-10 | NSC | 89657 | - | - | 572 | 643 | 1550 | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | STL-A | 8-Jun-22 | NSC | 89657 | - | 900226001226089 | 848 | 945 | 4536 | - | - |
| Keeyask reservoir | GL-B | 23-Sep-10 | NSC | 89668 | - | - | 659 | 740 | 2050 | - | - |
| Keeyask reservoir | GL-B | 8-Jun-12 | NSC | 89668 | - | - | 695 | 761 | 2400 | - | - |
| Keeyask reservoir | GL-B | 14-Jun-12 | NSC | 89668 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | STL-A | 6-Jun-22 | NSC | 89668 | - | 900226001226063 | 956 | 1080 | 4990 | - | - |
| Keeyask reservoir | GL-C | 23-Sep-11 | NSC | 89817 | - | - | 390 | 437 | 400 | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | STL-A | 31-May-22 | NSC | 89817 | - | 900226001226058 | 782 | 875 | 3175 | - | - |

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| Location | Zone | Date | Prefix | Floy tag <br> $\mathbf{1}$ | Floy tag <br> $\mathbf{2}$ | PIT tag | Fork <br> Length <br> (mm) | Total <br> Length <br> $(\mathbf{m m})$ | Weight <br> (g) | Sex |
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Table A2-4. Tagging and biological information for Lake Sturgeon recaptured in Stephens Lake, spring 2022. A Floy tag that was lost and fish was retagged in 2022 is indicated by bold font (continued).

| Location | Zone | Date | Prefix | Floy tag 1 | Floy tag 2 | PIT tag | Fork Length (mm) | Total Length (mm) | Weight (g) | Sex | Maturity |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Stephens Lake | STL-B | 26-Sep-15 | NSC | 101482 | - | 900226000703493 | 703 | 772 | 2450 | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | STL-B | 24-Jun-18 | NSC | 101482 | - | 900226000703493 | 827 | 931 | 4400 | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | STL-B | 18-Sep-19 | NSC | 101482 | - | 900226000703493 | 871 | 975 | 5000 | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | STL-A | 17-Jun-22 | NSC | 101482 | - | 900226000703493 | 895 | 1000 | 4082 | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | STL-A | 22-Sep-13 | NSC | 103250 | - | - | 450 | 510 | 600 | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | STL-B | 14-Jun-22 | NSC | 103250 | - | 900226001226049 | 825 | 922 | 4082 | - | - |
| Keeyask reservoir | BR-D | 10-Sep-14 | NSC | 103470 | - | 900226000629484 | 629 | 725 | 2150 | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | STL-A | 10-Jun-22 | NSC | 103470 | - | 900226000629484 | 800 | 904 | 4082 | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | STL-B | 15-Sep-12 | NSC | 103612 | - | - | 490 | 560 | - | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | STL-B | 17-Sep-12 | NSC | 103612 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | STL-B | 22-Jun-16 | NSC | 103612 | - | 900226000548839 | 683 | 772 | 2948 | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | STL-A | 10-Jun-22 | NSC | 103612 | - | 900226000548839 | 948 | 1020 | 5897 | - | - |
| Keeyask reservoir | GL-B | 6-Jul-14 | NSC | 103639 | - | 900226000629051 | 830 | 909 | 4200 | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | STL-B | 5-Jun-22 | NSC | 103639 | - | 900226000629051 | 863 | 969 | 4309 | - | - |
| Keeyask reservoir | GL-B | 5-Jul-14 | NSC | 105116 | - | 900226000629217 | 736 | 814 | 3550 | - | - |
| Keeyask reservoir | BR-D | 9-Jun-21 | NSC | 105116 | - | 900226000629217 | 862 | 971 | 5890 | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | STL-A | 4-Jun-22 | NSC | 105116 | - | 900226000629217 | 867 | 902 | 4536 | - | - |
| Keeyask reservoir | GL-A | 5-Jul-14 | NSC | 105117 | - | 900226000629229 | 998 | 1092 | 9979 | - | - |
| Keeyask reservoir | BR-D | 8-Jun-18 | NSC | 105117 | - | 900226000629229 | 1085 | 1210 | 12746 | - | - |
| Keeyask reservoir | BR-D | 14-Jun-18 | NSC | 105117 | - | 900226000629229 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | STL-A | 2-Jun-22 | NSC | 105117 | - | 900226000629229 | 1100 | 1235 | 10433 | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | STL-A | 5-Jun-22 | NSC | 105117 | - | 900226000629229 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Keeyask reservoir | GL-B | 14-Jun-14 | NSC | 105414 | - | 900226000629141 | 643 | 742 | 2268 | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | STL-B | 31-May-22 | NSC | 105414 | - | 900226000629141 | 832 | 954 | 4082 | - | - |

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| Location | Zone | Date | Prefix | Floy tag <br> $\mathbf{1}$ | Floy tag <br> $\mathbf{2}$ | PIT tag | Fork <br> Length <br> $(\mathbf{m m})$ | Total <br> Length <br> $(\mathbf{m m})$ | Weight <br> (g) | Sex |
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Table A2-4. Tagging and biological information for Lake Sturgeon recaptured in Stephens Lake, spring 2022. A Floy tag that was lost and fish was retagged in $\mathbf{2 0 2 2}$ is indicated by bold font (continued).

| Location | Zone | Date | Prefix | Floy tag 1 | Floy tag $2$ | PIT tag | Fork Length (mm) | Total Length (mm) | Weight (g) | Sex | Maturity |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Stephens Lake | STL-A | 23-Sep-16 | NSC | 109996 | - | 900226000768847 | 791 | 870 | 4360 | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | STL-A | 2-Jun-22 | NSC | 109996 | - | 900226000768847 | 900 | 980 | 5443 | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | STL-A | 26-May-16 | NSC | 110401 | - | 900226000548793 | 880 | 1010 | 6804 | M | 7 |
| Stephens Lake | STL-A | 29-May-16 | NSC | 110401 | - | 900226000548793 | - | - | - | M | 7 |
| Stephens Lake | STL-A | 5-Jun-16 | NSC | 110401 | - | 900226000548793 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | STL-A | 30-May-18 | NSC | 110401 | - | 900226000548793 | 942 | 1072 | 6650 | M | 7 |
| Stephens Lake | GR-A | 14-Jun-18 | NSC | 110401 | - | 900226000548793 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | STL-A | 16-Jun-22 | NSC | 110401 | - | 900226000548793 | 978 | 1104 | 4536 | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | STL-A | 29-May-16 | NSC | 110414 | - | 900226000548755 | 851 | 954 | 4763 | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | STL-A | 4-Jun-18 | NSC | 110414 | - | 900226000548755 | 905 | 1016 | 6550 | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | STL-A | 28-Jun-22 | NSC | 110414 | - | 900226000548755 | 930 | 1145 | 7257 | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | STL-A | 29-Jun-22 | NSC | 110414 | - | 900226000548755 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | GR-A | 30-May-16 | NSC | 110416 | - | 900226000548891 | 861 | 962 | 4990 | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | - | 31-May-16 | NSC | 110416 | - | 900226000548891 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | - | 2-Jun-16 | NSC | 110416 | - | 900226000548891 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | STL-A | 29-May-22 | NSC | 110416 | - | 900226000548891 | 948 | 1055 | 5897 | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | STL-A | 17-Sep-16 | NSC | 110577 | - | 900226000767180 | 700 | 802 | 2360 | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | STL-A | 5-Jun-22 | NSC | 110577 | - | 900226000767180 | 882 | 995 | 4536 | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | STL-A | 25-Jun-18 | NSC | 110704 | - | 900226000768510 | 952 | 1054 | 6622 | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | STL-A | 27-Jun-22 | NSC | 110704 | - | 900226000768510 | 1010 | 1120 | 9072 | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | STL-A | 20-Jun-18 | NSC | 110715 | - | 900226000154055 | 822 | 920 | 4050 | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | STL-A | 2-Jun-22 | NSC | 110715 | - | 900226000154055 | 910 | 1011 | 5897 | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | STL-A | 4-Jun-16 | NSC | 110976 | - | 900226000548981 | 868 | 955 | 7257 | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | STL-B | 31-May-22 | NSC | 110976 | - | 900226000548981 | 975 | 1076 | 6804 | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | STL-A | 28-Jun-22 | NSC | 110976 | - | 900226000548981 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | STL-A | 10-Jun-16 | NSC | 110986 | - | 900226000548912 | 886 | 998 | 6350 | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | STL-A | 29-May-18 | NSC | 110986 | - | 900226000548912 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | STL-A | 16-Jun-18 | NSC | 110986 | - | 900226000548912 | 942 | 1061 | 7620 | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | STL-A | 12-Jun-22 | NSC | 110986 | - | 900226000548912 | 985 | 1105 | 9525 | - | - |

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| Location | Zone | Date | Prefix | Floy tag <br> $\mathbf{1}$ | Floy tag <br> $\mathbf{2}$ | PIT tag | Fork <br> Length <br> (mm) | Total <br> Length <br> $(\mathbf{m m )}$ | Weight <br> $\mathbf{( g )}$ | Sex |
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| Location | Zone | Date | Prefix | Floy tag 1 | Floy tag $2$ | PIT tag | Fork Length (mm) | Total Length (mm) | Weight <br> (g) | Sex | Maturity |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Stephens Lake | GR-A | 30-May-18 | NSC | 115749 | - | 900226000893277 | 1218 | 1342 | 16375 | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | STL-A | 15-Jun-18 | NSC | 115749 | - | 900226000893277 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | STL-A | 14-Jun-22 | NSC | 115749 | - | 900226000893277 | 1230 | 1350 | 14969 | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | GR-A | 30-May-18 | NSC | 115750 | - | 900226000893377 | 1146 | 1270 | 18733 | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | STL-A | 27-Jun-22 | NSC | 115750 | - | 900226000893377 | 1170 | 1285 | 14515 | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | GR-A | 1-Jun-18 | NSC | 115753 | - | 900226000893258 | 1153 | 1262 | 16511 | M | 8 |
| Stephens Lake | STL-A | 5-Jun-18 | NSC | 115753 | - | 900226000893258 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | STL-A | 27-Jun-22 | NSC | 115753 | - | 900226000893258 | 1164 | 1270 | 15876 | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | STL-A | 29-Jun-22 | NSC | 115753 | - | 900226000893258 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | GR-A | 30-Jun-22 | NSC | 115753 | - | 900226000893258 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | STL-A | 1-Jun-18 | NSC | 115760 | - | 900226000893498 | 803 | 911 | 4853 | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | STL-A | 2-Jun-22 | NSC | 115760 | - | 900226000893498 | 870 | 982 | 4990 | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | STL-A | 4-Jun-18 | NSC | 115791 | - | 900226000152949 | 976 | 1086 | 7620 | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | STL-A | 11-Jun-22 | NSC | 115791 | - | 900226000152949 | 1030 | 1180 | 10433 | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | STL-A | 7-Jun-18 | NSC | 115799 | - | 900226000152982 | 1390 | 1530 | 21183 | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | STL-A | 31-May-22 | NSC | 115799 | - | 900226000152982 | 1388 | 1540 | 20865 | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | STL-A | 30-Sep-11 | NSC | 91714 | - | - | 734 | 823 | 3450 | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | STL-B | 18-Sep-12 | NSC | 91714 | - | - | 767 | 860 | 3800 | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | STL-A | 14-Sep-19 | NSC | 116036 | - | 900226001030356 | 950 | 1100 | - | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | - | 19-Sep-19 | NSC | 116036 | - | 900226001030356 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | STL-A | 15-Jun-21 | NSC | 116036 | - | 900226001030356 | 980 | 1100 | 9000 | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | STL-A | 8-Jun-22 | NSC | 116036 | - | 900226001030356 | 971 | 1090 | 5897 | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | STL-A | 9-Jun-21 | NSC | 117280 | - | 900226001225400 | 960 | 1085 | 9500 | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | GR-A | 15-Jun-22 | NSC | 117280 | - | 900226001225400 | 965 | 1040 | 6804 | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | STL-B | 4-Jun-18 | NSC | 115790 | - | 899226000152913 | 955 | 1061 | 6078 | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | STL-A | 4-Jun-21 | NSC | 117624 | - | 900226000152913 | 995 | 1100 | 5443 | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | STL-A | 29-May-22 | NSC | 117624 | - | 900226000152913 | 982 | 1105 | 7257 | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | STL-B | 19-Sep-19 | NSC | 117680 | - | 900226000767276 | 945 | 1050 | 6500 | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | GR-A | 29-Jun-22 | NSC | 117680 | - | 900226000767276 | 945 | 1054 | 6350 | - | - |

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| Location | Zone | Date | Prefix | Floy tag 1 | Floy tag 2 | PIT tag | Fork Length (mm) | Total Length (mm) | Weight (g) | Sex | Maturity |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Keeyask reservoir | GL-C | 22-Sep-20 | NSC | 118305 | - | 900226001658856 | 770 | 867 | 3350 | - | - |
| Keeyask reservoir | BR-D | 25-Jun-21 | NSC | 118305 | - | 900226001658856 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | STL-A | 31-May-22 | NSC | 118305 | - | 900226001658856 | 772 | 860 | 3629 | - | - |
| Keeyask reservoir | GL-C | 24-Sep-20 | NSC | 118343 | - | 900226001658778 | 811 | 882 | 3524 | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | STL-A | 27-Jun-22 | NSC | 118343 | - | 900226001658778 | 825 | 900 | 6804 | - | - |
| Keeyask reservoir | BR-D | 20-Jun-21 | NSC | 119123 | - | 900226001055337 | 830 | 940 | 4300 | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | STL-A | 21-Jun-22 | NSC | 119123 | - | 900226001055337 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Keeyask reservoir | GL-C | 3-Jul-21 | NSC | 119273 | - | 900226001055386 | 735 | 831 | 3500 | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | STL-A | 8-Jun-22 | NSC | 119273 | - | 900226001055386 | 640 | 747 | 1814 | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | STL-B | 23-Sep-12 | NSC | 100162 | - | - | 488 | 544 | 800 | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | GR-A | 31-May-19 | NSC | 100162 | - | - | 830 | 917 | 4536 | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | STL-A | 6-Jun-21 | NSC | 119410 | - | 900226000327713 | 875 | 967 | 6000 | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | STL-B | 14-Jun-22 | NSC | 119410 | - | 900226000327713 | 898 | 975 | 6804 | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | STL-A | 4-Jun-21 | NSC | 119418 | - | 900226001225280 | 900 | 1005 | 8000 | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | STL-A | 7-Jun-22 | NSC | 119418 | - | 900226001225280 | 929 | 1060 | 6350 | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | STL-A | 19-Jun-21 | NSC | 120051 | - | 900226001225283 | 897 | 1010 | 4900 | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | STL-A | 31-May-22 | NSC | 120051 | - | 900226001225283 | 890 | 997 | 4082 | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | STL-B | 23-Jun-21 | NSC | 120055 | - | 900226001225290 | 955 | 1070 | 7400 | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | STL-A | 29-May-22 | NSC | 120055 | - | 900226001225290 | 958 | 1073 | 6804 | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | STL-A | 18-Jun-21 | NSC | 110712 | - | 900226000154057 | 1251 | 1390 | 16057 | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | STL-A | 24-Jun-21 | NSC | 120057 | - | 900226000154057 | 1250 | 1388 | 14000 | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | STL-A | 29-May-22 | NSC | 120057 | - | 900226000154057 | 1250 | 1395 | 12020 | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | STL-B | 4-Jun-18 | NSC | 115781 | - | 900226000152931 | 784 | 880 | 3650 | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | STL-A | 12-Jun-18 | NSC | 115781 | - | 900226000152931 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | STL-A | 25-Jun-21 | NSC | 120059 | - | 900226000152931 | 837 | 942 | 4350 | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | STL-A | 3-Jun-22 | NSC | 120059 | - | 900226000152931 | 843 | 946 | 4082 | - | - |
| Keeyask reservoir | BR-D | 7-Jun-18 | NSC | 111961 | - | 900226000767000 | 935 | 1036 | 8981 | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | STL-A | 18-Jun-22 | NSC | 121782 | - | 900226000767000 | 974 | 1075 | 6350 | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | STL-A | 15-Jun-22 | NSC | 121789 | - | 900226001226015 | 899 | 1003 | 4082 | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | STL-A | 17-Jun-22 | - | 121789 | - | 900226001226015 | - | - | - | - | - |

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| Location | Zone | Date | Prefix | Floy tag 1 | $\begin{gathered} \text { Floy tag } \end{gathered}$ | PIT tag | Fork Length (mm) | Total Length (mm) | Weight (g) | Sex | Maturity |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Stephens Lake | GR-A | 12-Jun-18 | NSC | 115838 | - | 900226000768985 | 746 | 834 | 3500 | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | STL-A | 15-Jun-22 | NSC | 121790 | - | 900226000768985 | 855 | 956 | 4082 | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | STL-B | 25-Sep-11 | NSC | 69875 | - | - | 395 | 456 | 500 | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | STL-B | 21-Sep-17 | NSC | 69875 | - | 900226000577003 | 760 | 865 | 4050 | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | STL-B | 20-Sep-19 | NSC | 69875 | - | 900226000577003 | 829 | 932 | 5000 | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | STL-A | 11-Jun-22 | NSC | 121794 | - | 900226000577003 | 875 | 985 | 6804 | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | STL-A | 10-Jun-16 | NSC | 110985 | - | 900226000628618 | 737 | 839 | 3175 | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | STL-B | 10-Jun-22 | NSC | 121795 | - | 900226000628618 | 868 | 989 | 4536 | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | STL-A | 28-May-16 | NSC | 110409 | - | 900226000548770 | 909 | 1033 | 6350 | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | STL-A | 5-Jun-16 | NSC | 110409 | - | 900226000548770 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | GR-A | 1-Jun-18 | NSC | 110409 | - | 900226000548770 | 964 | 1087 | 8664 | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | STL-A | 8-Jun-18 | NSC | 110409 | - | 900226000548770 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | STL-A | 30-Jun-18 | NSC | 110409 | - | 900226000548770 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | STL-A | 9-Jun-22 | NSC | 121799 | - | 900226000548770 | 1040 | 1130 | 6350 | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | STL-A | 4-Jun-22 | NSC | 121976 | - | 900226001226053 | 1460 | 1560 | 19504 | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | STL-A | 29-Jun-22 | NSC | 121976 | - | 900226001226053 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | STL-A | 4-Jun-22 | NSC | 121978 | - | 900226001226034 | 820 | 917 | 4309 | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | STL-A | 11-Jun-22 | NSC | 121978 | - | 900226001226034 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Keeyask reservoir | GL-A | 16-Jun-16 | NSC | 107112 | - | 900226000153815 | 705 | 810 | 3402 | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | STL-B | 7-Jun-22 | NSC | 121992 | - | 900226000153815 | 755 | 858 | 4082 | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | STL-A | 12-Jun-16 | NSC | 110995 | - | 900226000548564 | 970 | 1068 | 7257 | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | STL-A | 1-Jun-18 | NSC | 110995 | - | 900226000548564 | 1037 | 1134 | 8255 | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | STL-A | 11-Jun-18 | NSC | 110995 | - | 900226000548564 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | STL-A | 8-Jun-22 | NSC | 122000 | - | 900226000548564 | 1080 | 1130 | 8165 | - | - |
| Keeyask reservoir | GL-B | 21-Sep-16 | NSC | 111005 | - | 900226000893729 | 809 | 920 | 4560 | - | - |
| Keeyask reservoir | GL-B | 19-Sep-17 | NSC | 111005 | - | 900226000893729 | 833 | 942 | 4850 | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | STL-A | 28-May-22 | NSC | 122926 | - | 900226000893729 | 865 | 977 | 4309 | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | STL-A | 23-Jun-16 | NSC | 110461 | - | 900226000548858 | 950 | 1070 | 9072 | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | STL-A | 29-May-18 | NSC | 110461 | - | 900226000548858 | 1010 | 1132 | 8800 | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | STL-A | 29-May-22 | NSC | 122928 | - | 900226000548858 | 1018 | 1135 | 7711 | - | - |

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| Location | Zone | Date | Prefix | Floy tag 1 | Floy tag 2 | PIT tag | Fork Length (mm) | Total Length (mm) | Weight (g) | Sex | Maturity |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Keeyask reservoir | BR-D | 1-Jul-21 | NSC | 119262 | - | 900226001055412 | 828 | 934 | 5000 | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | STL-A | 29-May-22 | NSC | 122930 | - | 900226001055412 | 828 | 928 | 4536 | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | STL-A | 31-May-22 | NSC | 122931 | - | 900226001226061 | 940 | 1055 | 5897 | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | STL-A | 5-Jun-22 | NSC | 122931 | - | 900226001226061 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | STL-A | 6-Jun-22 | NSC | 122931 | - | 900226001226061 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | STL-B | 20-Sep-20 | NSC | 118856 | - | 900226001055042 | 897 | 1000 | 5725 | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | STL-A | 31-May-22 | NSC | 122936 | - | 900226001055042 | 915 | 1022 | 4990 | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | STL-A | 1-Jun-22 | NSC | 122938 | - | 900226001226007 | 805 | 900 | 3629 | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | STL-A | 2-Jun-22 | NSC | 122938 | - | 900226001226007 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Keeyask reservoir | BR-D | 7-Jun-18 | NSC | 111962 | - | 900226000767049 | 1235 | 1350 | 19232 | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | STL-A | 3-Jun-22 | NSC | 122945 | - | 900226000767049 | 1242 | 1350 | 15422 | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | STL-A | 28-May-16 | NSC | 110408 | - | 900226000548954 | 891 | 992 | 4763 | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | STL-A | 30-May-18 | NSC | 110408 | - | 900226000548954 | 915 | 1020 | 5987 | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | STL-A | 4-Jun-22 | NSC | 122948 | - | 900226000548954 | 940 | 1043 | 6350 | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | STL-A | 11-Jun-22 | NSC | 122948 | - | 900226000548954 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | GR-A | 28-Jun-22 | NSC | 122948 | - | 900226000548954 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | STL-A | 10-Jun-16 | NSC | 110987 | - | 900226000548762 | 890 | 1000 | 7257 | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | GR-A | 29-May-18 | NSC | 115232 | - | 900226000548762 | 930 | 1036 | 6396 | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | STL-A | 1-Jun-18 | NSC | 115232 | - | 900226000548762 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | STL-B | 4-Jun-22 | NSC | 122949 | - | 900226000548762 | 963 | 1078 | 5897 | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | GR-A | 23-Jun-22 | NSC | 122953 | - | 900226001226091 | 867 | 976 | 7257 | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | STL-A | 24-Jun-22 | NSC | 122953 | - | 900226001226091 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Keeyask reservoir | BR-D | 8-Jun-21 | NSC | 120802 | - | 900226001225640 | 1292 | 1409 | 17400 | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | STL-A | 23-Jun-22 | NSC | 122955 | - | 900226001225640 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Kelsey GS Area | BR-U | 31-May-10 | NSC | 94085 | - | - | 950 | 999 | 4989 | M | 7 |
| Stephens Lake | GR-A | 1-Jun-18 | NSC | 94085 | - | 900226000893423 | 999 | 1092 | 7394 | M | 8 |
| Stephens Lake | GR-A | 26-Jun-22 | NSC | 94085 | - | 900226000893423 | 985 | 1044 | 7257 | - | - |
| Keeyask reservoir | - | 6-Jun-19 | - | - | - | 900067000109660 | 231 | 270 | 70 | - | - |
| Stephens Lake | STL-A | 27-Jun-22 | NSC | 122963 | - | 900067000109660 | 419 | 468 | 450 | - | - |

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| Location | Zone | Date | Prefix | Floy tag <br> $\mathbf{1}$ | Floy tag <br> $\mathbf{2}$ | PIT tag | Fork <br> Length <br> $(\mathbf{m m})$ | Total <br> Length <br> $(\mathbf{m m})$ | Weight <br> (g) | Sex |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |

## APPENDIX 3: POPULATION ESTIMATE INFORMATION

Table A3-1. Results of POPAN analysis of adult Lake Sturgeon from the Burntwood
River. Best model was constant survival and variable recapture.
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Table A3-2. Results of POPAN analysis of adult Lake Sturgeon from the Kelsey GS
Area. Best model was variable survival and variable recapture. Confidence
intervals are rounded ..... 150

Table A3-3. Results of POPAN analysis of adult Lake Sturgeon from the Keeyask
reservoir. Best model was variable survival and variable recapture.
Confidence intervals are rounded. A different model was used from 1995
2021 and 2022 to account for a large number of fish that moved
downstream through the Keeyask GS after sampling in 2021. ..... 151
Table A3-4. Results of POPAN analysis of adult Lake Sturgeon from Stephens Lake. Best model was variable survival and variable recapture. Confidence intervals are rounded ..... 152

Mark-recapture population estimates have been calculated for the Burntwood River during the spring of twelve different years (2005-2007, 2009-2013, 2015, 2017, 2019, 2022), for the Kelsey GS area during the spring of ten different years (2005-2007, 2009, 2011, 2013, 2015, 2017, 2019, 2022), for the Keeyask reservoir during the spring of 14 different years (1995, 2001-2004, 2006, 2008, 2010, 2012, 2014, 2016, 2018, and 2021-2022) and for Stephens Lake during the spring of 14 different years (2001-2006, 2008, 2010, 2012, 2014, 2016, 2018, and 2021-2022). Lake Sturgeon were tagged in 1995 in Gull Lake by Manitoba Fisheries Branch and the Split Lake Resource Management Board. All data for the period 2001-2012 were collected annually as part of environmental studies related to the pre-Project environment, while data from 2014 until 2044 will be collected biennially as part of monitoring studies related to the Keeyask Project.

Only Lake Sturgeon classified as adults (i.e., fork length equal to or greater than 800 mm ) were included in the population estimate. Floy tag returns from local fishers were also included in the data set to provide information on harvested Lake Sturgeon and to ensure that individuals harvested were removed from the tagged population. Between 2001 and 2012, 29 tags from Lake Sturgeon harvested in the future Keeyask reservoir reach were returned to North/South Consultants (Nelson and Barth 2012). Between 2012 and 2018, there were no reported tag returns from this section of the Nelson River, although field crews have observed resource harvesters in this reach. In 2018, two tags were harvested in Stephens Lake and returned to North/South Consultants. In 2021, one tag was harvested in Stephens Lake and returned to North/South Consultants. In 2022, no harvested tags were returned to NSC from the Keeyask study area including the Burntwood River and the Kelsey GS Area.

Data were analysed using the program MARK (White and Burnham 1999), which is an industry standard for the analysis of data from marked populations. Program MARK uses binary numbers to represent the encounter history of individuals, and then uses the cumulative pattern of 1's (encountered live capture) and 0's (not encountered) to generate a probability distribution of tag recaptures which form the basis of population estimation. Re-encounters can also be from dead recoveries (e.g., the animal is harvested) in which case the model uses a value of -1 . For example, the history "101-1;" indicates than an animal was captured for the first time at sampling occasion 1 , not encountered at sampling occasion 2, and recovered dead at sampling occasion 3, and an animal that was released alive would have the history "101 1;", where the -1 tells the model the animal is dead, and 1 indicates alive.

Several different population model variants exist, most of which can be classified as either closed or open models. Closed models assume there are no births, deaths, immigration, or emigration between sample periods (i.e., marking and recapture periods), while open models assume these processes occur. Prior to 2014, a Robust Design (Kendall 2001) model was used to estimate the annual abundance of adult Lake Sturgeon (outlined in the AEMP). This model incorporates both open (i.e., between sampling years) and closed (i.e., pre- and post-spawning periods within a single year) population models. However, this model requires numerous assumptions, for example that the population is closed between the pre- and post- spawn sampling periods. Estimates may be confounded by variables such as spawning periodicity, inter-annual variation in environmental conditions, the timing of spawning (which was estimated based on water
temperature), and harvest during the spawning period. Thus, after 2014, the Jolly-Seber model (POPAN formulation; Arnason and Schwarz 2002), as implemented within MARK, was used to estimate the annual abundance of adult Lake Sturgeon. This is an open model that requires fewer assumptions and modeled variables, and thus likely provides a more reliable estimate of abundance.

Using first-time capture and recapture information, POPAN estimates the survival (i.e., the probability that a fish will survive from one capture to the next), the probability of recapture ( $p$; i.e., the probability that a fish will be recaptured given that the animal is alive and in the study area), and abundance ( N ; i.e., the number of adult Lake Sturgeon in the area during each capture period) (Tables A3-1 and A3-3).

The model recommends how best to split the data for survival estimates.

- Model fit for survival in the Burntwood River was best using three time periods of fish capture corresponding to i) 2001-2007 (98\% survival); ii) 2008-2013 (82\% survival); and iii) 2014-2022 ( $88 \%$ survival). Survival rate within each time period was constant.
- Model fit for survival in the Kelsey GS Area was best using two time periods of fish capture corresponding to i) 2001-2013 (79\% survival); and ii) 2014-2022 (86\% survival. Survival rate within each time period was constant.
- Due to a high number of fish emigrating out of the Keeyask reservoir in both 2021 and 2022, the best-fit model indicated a marked decrease in adult Lake Sturgeon survival in the Keeyask reservoir. The model interprets fish that move from the Keeyask reservoir to Stephens or upstream into Clark Lake as mortalities as they are not able to return and are lost from the upstream population. Therefore, the marked decrease in survival reflects the large downstream migration observed in 2021 and 2022 rather than fish mortality.
- Although these fish moved downstream after sampling in 2021, the model assumes the event happened over time, impacting the survival rates between 2018 and 2022 (instead of for 2022 alone). This leads to falsely low estimates for 2018 and 2021. To account for this, abundance estimates generated for the Keeyask reservoir in 2021 were used for the years between 1995-2021 and the 2022 estimate was only generated for the current study year.
- Model fit for survival in the Keeyask reservoir was best using four time periods of fish capture corresponding to i) 1995-2001 (93\% survival); ii) 2001-2004 (76\% survival); iii) 2004-2021 (91\% survival); and iv) 2021-2022 (78\% survival).
- The 2004-2001 period was further split into pre- (2004-2013; 90\% survival) and post-construction (2014-2021; 96\% survival) periods.
- Model fit for survival in Stephens Lake was best using two time periods of fish capture: 2001-2013 (83\% survival) and 2014-2022 (97\% survival). Survival rate within each time period was constant.
- Between 2001 and 2014, fish were sampled opportunistically (e.g., for acoustic tagging), while 2014-2021 marked the beginning of biennial studies.
- As more data is added to each model, the best fit for survival may change, and additional time periods may be added (even if sampling methods remain consistent). For example, should survival be very different in one year, the model may recommend that the data be divided.

The probability of recapture varied among years and locations.

- Recapture rates for the Burntwood River varied annually with a mean of $0.16 \pm 0.07$ (Range: 0.02 and 0.26). Recapture rates have remained consistently high since 2013 between 0.19 and 0.25 .
- Recapture rates for the Kelsey GS Area varied annually with a mean of $0.20 \pm 0.10$ (Range: 0.06 and 0.33 ). Recapture rates have remained consistently high since 2013 between 0.25 and 0.33 .
- Recapture rates for the Keeyask reservoir varied annually with a mean of $0.20 \pm 0.12$ (Range: 0.08 and 0.58 ). Recapture rates have varied since 2014 between 0.13 and 0.24 .
- Recapture rates for Stephens Lake varied annually with a mean of $0.16 \pm 0.15$ (Range: 0.02 and 0.57 ). Recapture rates have varied since 2014 between 0.04 and 0.57 .

An abundance estimate is provided for each year sampling was conducted for both the Keeyask reservoir and Stephens Lake. As sampling continues (i.e., year to year) and data is added to the model, the parameters are recalculated. Thus, although survival rates and abundance estimates are calculated for the same time periods, they may differ among reporting periods. This allows the estimates to become more refined and precise over time.

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| Period | Mean | SE | 95\% Confidence Interval |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | High |  |
| 2001 to 2007 Survival Constant | 0.98 | 0.04 | 0.56 | 1.00 |
| 2008 to 2013 Survival Constant | 0.82 | 0.02 | 0.77 | 0.86 |
| 2014 to 2022 Survival Constant | 0.88 | 0.02 | 0.83 | 0.92 |
| 2005 Recapture | 0.06 | 0.02 | 0.03 | 0.13 |
| 2006 Recapture | 0.16 | 0.06 | 0.08 | 0.30 |
| 2007 Recapture | 0.18 | 0.03 | 0.13 | 0.25 |
| 2009 Recapture | 0.28 | 0.05 | 0.20 | 0.38 |
| 2010 Recapture | 0.07 | 0.02 | 0.03 | 0.13 |
| 2011 Recapture | 0.16 | 0.03 | 0.11 | 0.22 |
| 2012 Recapture | 0.07 | 0.02 | 0.05 | 0.12 |
| 2013 Recapture | 0.27 | 0.04 | 0.20 | 0.37 |
| 2015 Recapture | 0.25 | 0.04 | 0.19 | 0.33 |
| 2017 Recapture | 0.31 | 0.04 | 0.24 | 0.40 |
| 2019 Recapture | 0.29 | 0.04 | 0.22 | 0.38 |
| 2022 Recapture | 0.33 | 0.06 | 0.24 | 0.45 |
| 2005 Abundance | 293 | 89 | 164 | 525 |
| 2006 Abundance | 287 | 91 | 157 | 526 |
| 2007 Abundance | 448 | 63 | 341 | 589 |
| 2009 Abundance | 303 | 42 | 231 | 397 |
| 2010 Abundance | 475 | 143 | 266 | 847 |
| 2011 Abundance | 457 | 73 | 335 | 625 |
| 2012 Abundance | 376 | 64 | 270 | 523 |
| 2013 Abundance | 434 | 65 | 325 | 580 |
| 2015 Abundance | 508 | 64 | 39 | 651 |
| 2017 Abundance | 546 | 63 | 435 | 685 |
| 2019 Abundance | 708 | 91 | 550 | 910 |
| 2022 Abundance | 707 | 111 | 520 | 961 |

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Table A3-2. Results of POPAN analysis of adult Lake Sturgeon from the Kelsey GS Area. Best model was variable survival and variable recapture. Confidence intervals are rounded.

| Period | Mean | $\mathbf{S E}$ | 95\% Confidence Interval |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Low | High |
| 2001 to 2013 Survival Constant | 0.79 | 0.03 | 0.74 | 0.84 |
| 2014 to 2022 Survival Constant | 0.86 | 0.03 | 0.78 | 0.92 |
| 2005 Recapture | 0.02 | 0.01 | 0.01 | 0.04 |
| 2006 Recapture | 0.09 | 0.02 | 0.06 | 0.14 |
| 2007 Recapture | 0.12 | 0.03 | 0.07 | 0.18 |
| 2009 Recapture | 0.15 | 0.04 | 0.09 | 0.24 |
| 2011 Recapture | 0.15 | 0.04 | 0.08 | 0.26 |
| 2013 Recapture | 0.25 | 0.06 | 0.15 | 0.39 |
| 2015 Recapture | 0.24 | 0.04 | 0.16 | 0.33 |
| 2017 Recapture | 0.21 | 0.04 | 0.15 | 0.30 |
| 2019 Recapture | 0.19 | 0.04 | 0.13 | 0.28 |
| 2022 Recapture | 0.21 | 0.06 | 0.12 | 0.34 |
| 2005 Abundance | 884 | 181 | 594 | 1,315 |
| 2006 Abundance | 703 | 137 | 481 | 1,027 |
| 2007 Abundance | 558 | 110 | 381 | 819 |
| 2009 Abundance | 353 | 77 | 231 | 538 |
| 2011 Abundance | 332 | 91 | 196 | 564 |
| 2013 Abundance | 509 | 118 | 325 | 797 |
| 2015 Abundance | 628 | 102 | 458 | 861 |
| 2017 Abundance | 709 | 121 | 508 | 989 |
| 2019 Abundance | 691 | 131 | 479 | 998 |
| 2022 Abundance | 957 | 243 | 586 | 1,563 |

Table A3-3. Results of POPAN analysis of adult Lake Sturgeon from the Keeyask reservoir. Best model was variable survival and variable recapture. Confidence intervals are rounded. A different model was used from 1995-2021 and 2022 to account for a large number of fish that moved downstream through the Keeyask GS after sampling in 2021.

| Period | Mean | SE | 95\% Confidence Interval |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Low | High |
| 1995 to 2001 Survival Constant | 0.93 | 0.03 | 0.83 | 0.97 |
| 2001 to 2004 Survival Constant | 0.76 | 0.04 | 0.67 | 0.83 |
| 2004 to 2021 Survival Constant | 0.91 | 0.01 | 0.89 | 0.94 |
| 2021 to 2022 Survival Constant | 0.78 | 0.04 | 0.70 | 0.85 |
| 1995 Recapture | 0.58 | 6.84 | 0.00 | 1.00 |
| 2001 Recapture | 0.17 | 0.04 | 0.11 | 0.26 |
| 2002 Recapture | 0.17 | 0.04 | 0.11 | 0.25 |
| 2003 Recapture | 0.26 | 0.03 | 0.20 | 0.33 |
| 2004 Recapture | 0.20 | 0.03 | 0.14 | 0.27 |
| 2006 Recapture | 0.25 | 0.03 | 0.20 | 0.32 |
| 2008 Recapture | 0.11 | 0.02 | 0.08 | 0.15 |
| 2010 Recapture | 0.08 | 0.02 | 0.05 | 0.13 |
| 2012 Recapture | 0.08 | 0.01 | 0.06 | 0.11 |
| 2014 Recapture | 0.18 | 0.03 | 0.14 | 0.24 |
| 2016 Recapture | 0.24 | 0.03 | 0.19 | 0.31 |
| 2018 Recapture | 0.15 | 0.02 | 0.11 | 0.20 |
| 2021 Recapture | 0.13 | 0.02 | 0.09 | 0.19 |
| 2022 Recapture | 0.16 | 0.04 | 0.09 | 0.26 |
| 1995 Abundance | 106 | 1249 | 1 | 8268 |
| 2001 Abundance | 579 | 112 | 397 | 844 |
| 2002 Abundance | 440 | 84 | 303 | 638 |
| 2003 Abundance | 481 | 54 | 387 | 598 |
| 2004 Abundance | 364 | 52 | 276 | 480 |
| 2006 Abundance | 722 | 80 | 581 | 896 |
| 2008 Abundance | 599 | 68 | 479 | 748 |
| 2010 Abundance | 851 | 168 | 581 | 1248 |
| 2012 Abundance | 927 | 106 | 742 | 1160 |
| 2014 Abundance | 776 | 99 | 605 | 994 |
| 2016 Abundance | 767 | 89 | 611 | 962 |
| 2018 Abundance | 909 | 122 | 700 | 1180 |
| 2021 Abundance | 913 | 143 | 673 | 1239 |
| 2022 Abundance | 345 | 79 | 221 | 537 |

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Table A3-4. Results of POPAN analysis of adult Lake Sturgeon from Stephens Lake. Best model was variable survival and variable recapture. Confidence intervals are rounded.

| Period | Mean | SE | 95\% Confidence Interval |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Low | High |
| 2001 to 2013 Survival Constant | 0.83 | 0.03 | 0.77 | 0.88 |
| 2014 to 2022 Survival Constant | 0.97 | 0.02 | 0.88 | 0.99 |
| 2001 Recapture | 0.06 | 0.00 | 0.06 | 0.06 |
| 2002 Recapture | 0.04 | 0.02 | 0.01 | 0.12 |
| 2003 Recapture | 0.27 | 0.11 | 0.11 | 0.53 |
| 2004 Recapture | 0.07 | 0.04 | 0.02 | 0.19 |
| 2005 Recapture | 0.04 | 0.02 | 0.02 | 0.08 |
| 2006 Recapture | 0.23 | 0.06 | 0.14 | 0.36 |
| 2008 Recapture | 0.02 | 0.01 | 0.00 | 0.08 |
| 2010 Recapture | 0.32 | 0.10 | 0.16 | 0.53 |
| 2012 Recapture | 0.11 | 0.06 | 0.03 | 0.30 |
| 2014 Recapture | 0.04 | 0.01 | 0.02 | 0.06 |
| 2016 Recapture | 0.16 | 0.02 | 0.12 | 0.20 |
| 2018 Recapture | 0.57 | 0.06 | 0.45 | 0.69 |
| 2021 Recapture | 0.16 | 0.03 | 0.11 | 0.22 |
| 2022 Recapture | 0.12 | 0.02 | 0.08 | 0.17 |
| 2001 Abundance | 123 | 0 | 123 | 123 |
| 2002 Abundance | 104 | 40 | 50 | 214 |
| 2003 Abundance | 86 | 33 | 42 | 177 |
| 2004 Abundance | 71 | 27 | 34 | 147 |
| 2005 Abundance | 187 | 39 | 125 | 282 |
| 2006 Abundance | 155 | 33 | 103 | 233 |
| 2008 Abundance | 107 | 24 | 69 | 165 |
| 2010 Abundance | 73 | 19 | 44 | 121 |
| 2012 Abundance | 373 | 202 | 138 | 1,009 |
| 2014 Abundance | 481 | 39 | 411 | 563 |
| 2016 Abundance | 455 | 38 | 386 | 537 |
| 2018 Abundance | 430 | 47 | 348 | 532 |
| 2021 Abundance | 764 | 116 | 569 | 1,026 |
| 2022 Abundance | 1,164 | 186 | 853 | 1,589 |


[^0]:    1 See the Fisheries Offsetting and Mitigation Plan for more information on the selection of stocking locations and the stocking plan.

[^1]:    1. Refer to Section 3.1 for maturity codes.
    2. Maturity status columns include recaptures of fish whose maturity status progressed between captures (e.g., would include recaptures of fish initially captured in maturing condition and recaptured in ripe or spent condition), but the columns may not add up to the "\# of Spawners" column since this only includes individual fish captured (i.e., CYTR that were captured in different maturity classifications were only counted once).
[^2]:    1. Refer to Section 3.1 for maturity codes
