



# 2010 Fishing Forecast

# Tappan Lake

Harrison County  
2,274 Acres- 399 horsepower



Compared to Other Inland Lakes and Reservoirs

| Species          | FISH POPULATION STATUS |                     |                 | Stocked                             | Anglers Seeking(%) |
|------------------|------------------------|---------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------|
|                  | Overall Numbers        | This size or Larger | Largest Sampled |                                     |                    |
| Largemouth Bass  | Good                   | 12"                 | 21.7"           | <input type="checkbox"/>            | 31.4               |
| Crappie          | Excellent              | 8"                  | 13.4"           | <input type="checkbox"/>            | 9.5                |
| Saugeye          | Good                   | 15"                 | 24.0"           | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | 11.1               |
| Channel Catfish  | Good                   | 11"                 | 25.2"           | <input type="checkbox"/>            | 2.4                |
| Sunfish          | Good                   | 6"                  | 7.5"            | <input type="checkbox"/>            | 10.8               |
| White Bass       | Fair                   | 6"                  | 14.6"           | <input type="checkbox"/>            | 2.2                |
| Flathead Catfish | Good                   | 16"                 |                 | <input type="checkbox"/>            | 2.3                |

### Largemouth Bass

### OUTLOOK: GOOD

Largemouth bass were sampled by electrofishing during spring 2009. Thirty-eight percent of the bass sampled were 12" and longer. Eleven percent of those fish also exceeded 15".

### Crappie

### OUTLOOK: EXCELLENT

White crappie were sampled during fall 2009 trap-net surveys. Sixty percent of the crappie sampled measured at least 8". Close to 15% of the white crappie sampled measured 10"+, with a small percentage of fish measuring 12" and longer. NOTE: There will be a daily bag limit of 30 crappie at this lake in 2010 in addition to the 9" length limit that has been in place for a number of years.

### Saugeye

### OUTLOOK: EXCELLENT

Saugeye were sampled during 2009 with gill nets and electrofishing. Fall 2009 electrofishing results were poor, with 5 young-of-year saugeye captured per hour (60 fish per hour is an excellent catch rate). However, 90% of saugeye sampled during fall gill-net surveys were 15"+; 65% of the fish were 20"+. More than 8% of the fish also reached 25" or longer.

### Channel Catfish

### OUTLOOK: EXCELLENT

Channel catfish were also sampled during fall 2009 gill-net surveys. Forty-six percent of the fish captured measured at least 16". Two percent of the catfish were 24" or longer.

### Sunfish

### OUTLOOK EXCELLENT

Sunfish were sampled during 2009 spring electrofishing surveys. Approximately 35% of the bluegill sunfish sampled measured at least 6".

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## **White Bass**

## **OUTLOOK: EXCELLENT**

White bass were also sampled during fall 2009 gill-netting surveys. Ninety-two percent of fish sampled measured 9"+, while about 27% of the fish also measured 12" and longer.

## **Flathead Catfish**

## **OUTLOOK: GOOD**

Flathead catfish are routinely observed while sampling for other fish species and are reported periodically by anglers. Some very large flathead catfish are present in this lake.

## **NOTES:**

Wheelchair accessible shoreline fishing facilities are available. Tappan Lake is owned by the Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District (330-343-6647). The fisheries resources are managed by the Division of Wildlife through an agreement with the Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District.