



Secord Lake Fishery Advisory Committee Update

JUNE 2026 - A Team from DNR Fisheries Southern Lake Huron Management Unit (SLHMU) are conducting a survey of Secord Lake. The last fishery survey was conducted in 2008.

The survey will take place over multiple years utilizing netting designed to provide a view of panfish and then later electrofishing to target gamefish. Fish are unharmed and returned to the water.

In mid-May 2026, the Team used nets to capture, categorize, measure, and take scale and fin samples to determine the age of the fish. Fish were released back into Secord. While the weather and water were cold, they will be able to use the fish counts to learn more about the Secord Lake fishery.

This table summarizes the netting results:

Species	Number	Percent by number	Weight (lb.)	Percent by weight	Length range (in.)*	Average length (in.)	Percent legal size**
Black crappie	63	4.7	31.2	7.2	5-12	8.6	84
Bluegill	1,006	75.0	141.2	32.5	1-9	5.4	39
Brown bullhead	32	2.4	31.3	7.2	8-14	12.4	100
Common carp	4	0.3	40.0	9.2	20-32	28.5	100
Chestnut lamprey	1	0.1	0.0	0.0	6-6	6.5	100
White sucker	6	0.4	10.3	2.4	12-19	16.0	100
Golden shiner	6	0.4	0.4	0.1	1-7	5.3	100
Greenside darter	6	0.4	0.0	0.0	1-2	2.3	100
Largemouth bass	7	0.5	5.2	1.2	2-17	8.9	29
Northern pike	19	1.4	53.3	12.2	10-38	21.4	26
Pumpkinseed	27	2.0	7.8	1.8	4-9	6.8	74
Rock bass	58	4.3	20.8	4.8	3-11	7.0	78
Walleye	3	0.2	15.2	3.5	21-28	24.5	100
Yellow Perch	9	0.7	1.3	0.3	3-9	6.6	33
Yellow bullhead	95	7.1	76.9	17.7	1-14	11.9	92
All species totals:	1,342		434.8				

NOTE: DNR determined the lamprey netted was the native Chestnut Lamprey not a Sea Lamprey.

Over winter 2026-27, the Team will analyze the scale and fins samples to determine the age of the fish species to determine growth rates. This will allow the Team to issue an updated version of Secord Lake Status and Trends Report.

This report will allow the DNR Fisheries Biologist to formulate future stocking recommendations for Secord Lake. While it is unlikely there will be a need to stock panfish in Secord, there may be opportunities for MI DNR

and local private efforts to stock gamefish. Secord was last stocked with 49,956 Walleye in June 2016 and 1,224 Musky in October 2022.

In terms of the next phase of the study, DNR indicates when Secord reaches full summer legal lake levels, another survey tool can be deployed. This survey will utilize electrofishing to capture and study gamefish focusing on Northerns, Musky, Largemouth Bass and Walleye. Fish are stunned, netted, measured, scale/fin samples taken and returned to the lake. This will occur at night, and we will try to inform the lake community of the dates as the boats will have generators running and may look like alien spaceships lighting up the lake as they work.

This process over a span of a couple of years will provide a fact-based perspective on the Secord Lake fishery. This is a stated goal of both DNR Fisheries and the **Secord Lake Fishery Advisory Committee**.

The purpose of this Secord Lake Association committee is to partner with the DNR Fisheries Biologist to champion and communicate responsible management of the Secord Lake fishery for generations to come. We seek input via an Angler's Diary to better understand the Secord Lake fishery. [Click here to learn more about this initiative and how you can help with an Anglers Diary.](#)



The Secord Lake Association is a volunteer; non-profit organization focused on the Secord Lake community. You can learn more by reviewing our [2025 Year in Review.](#)

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Member meetings are open to all - - -please join us at Secord Township Hall at 10 AM →

Remaining Meetings for 2026 Season:

Saturday, June 20 Saturday, July 18
Saturday, August 15 Saturday, September 12
Saturday, October 12

Save the Dates

SLA Golf Outing – Saturday September 19th
SLA Chili Cook Off – Saturday October 17th

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