Ohio Department of Natural Resources Internship

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General Information

• This past summer, I worked as an intern with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources-Division of Wildlife
• I was located just outside of Pioneer, Ohio in Williams County at Lake La Su An.
• Mission Statement- To conserve and improve fish and wildlife resources and their habitats for sustainable use and appreciation by all.

Lake La Su An Wildlife Area

- Above is a Map of Lake La Su An Wildlife Area, Williams County, Ohio. The wildlife area is roughly 2,000 acres in size with four main lakes and many other smaller ponds.

Frequent duties

• Job Title- Creel Clerk/ Natural Resource Technician
• Duties- Interview anglers and ask questions about their general information and fishing experience
• Measuring fish- The majority of the species that were measured were bluegills. Red Ear Sunfish, Hybrid Sunfish, Pumpkinseed and Yellow Perch were also caught. Largemouth Bass were also a common catch but none were measured.

Impact

- This experience was an eye opening one, it made me realize that I do want to continue pursuing natural resources law enforcement.
- I had a great experience working for the Ohio Department of Natural Resources-Division of Wildlife. The people were kind, and it was obvious that my goals were in their interest.
- I would highly recommend an internship with ODNR to anyone that is interested in this line of work.

General Statistics

Number of Fish Measured:
Bluegill- 2,794
Pumpkinseed- 75
Redear Sunfish- 208
Hybrid Sunfish- 45
Yellow Perch- 34

- Above is a Yellow Perch that measured close to 320mm or 12.5 inches. My hand for reference.

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