



# Walleye

*Sander vitreus*



## **Description:**

- ◆ dark green or olive-green back
- ◆ light brownish yellow sides
- ◆ white belly
- ◆ large black spot on rear of first dorsal fin (absent on young)
- ◆ 5-12 dusky saddles extend onto the side as short bars
- ◆ huge mouth that extends beyond middle of eye
- ◆ large canine teeth
- ◆ long pointed snout
- ◆ long slender body
- ◆ 19-22 dorsal rays
- ◆ 12-14 anal rays

## **Size:**

- ◆ up to 36 inches

## **Range:**

- ◆ St. Lawrence – Great Lakes, Arctic and Mississippi River Basins from Quebec to Northwest Territories and south to Alabama and Arkansas

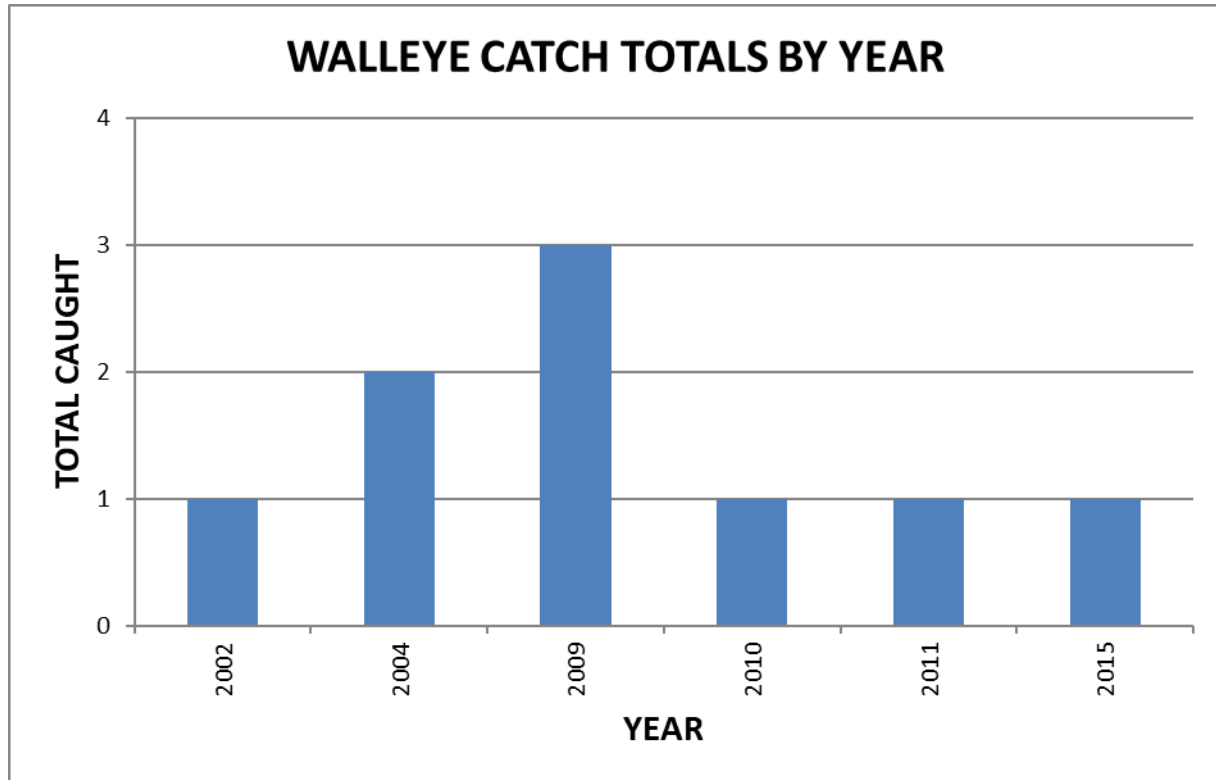
## **Facts:**

- ◆ largest member of the perch family
- ◆ named for its large opaque and almost blind-looking eye, which helps them locate prey at night
- ◆ spawns in early spring when the water temperature is between 38-50° F
- ◆ one female can produce 495,000 eggs
- ◆ adults do not care for their young



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\*walleye were only caught during the years shown