



YELLOW PERCH

Perca flavescens

Description:

- ◆ deep, compressed body
- ◆ forked caudal fin
- ◆ green above
- ◆ yellow sides with 6 to 9 olive brown saddles
- ◆ black blotch at rear of first dorsal fin
- ◆ yellow to red paired fins

Size:

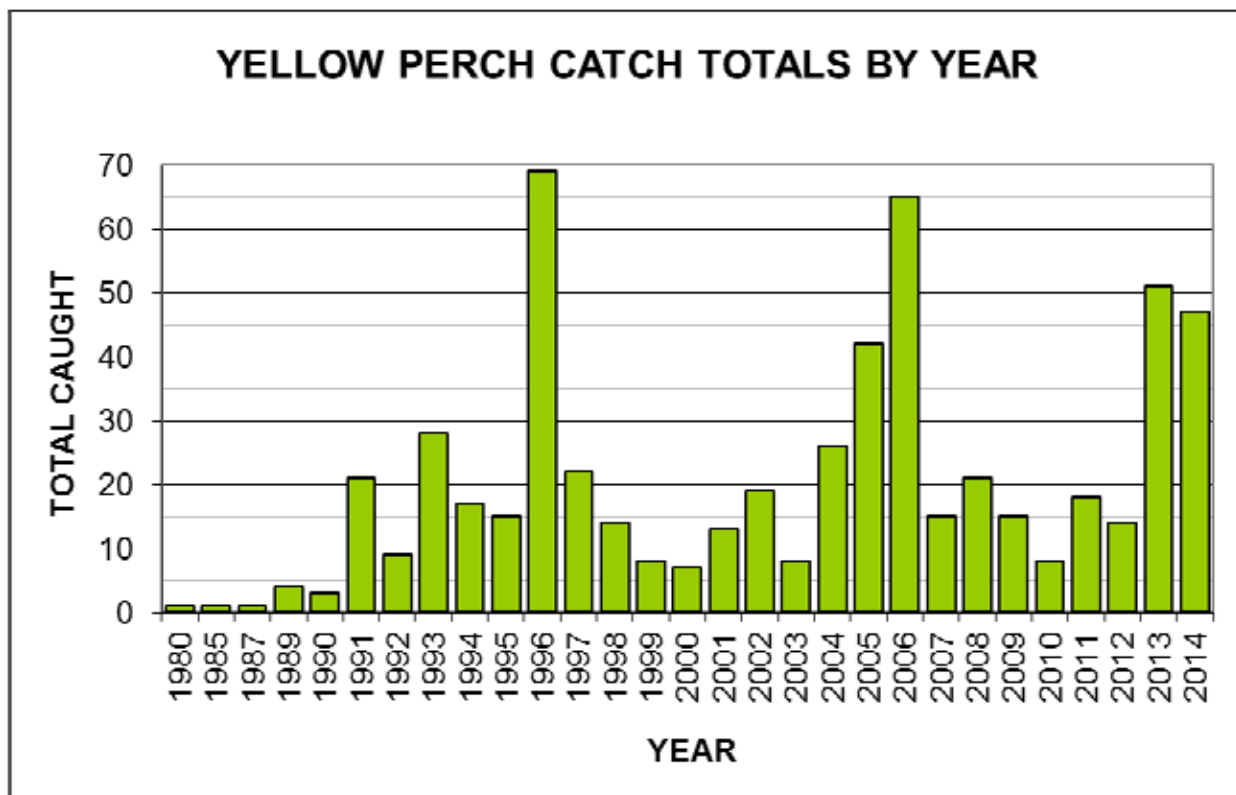
- ◆ up to 16 inches

Range:

- ◆ Native to Atlantic, Arctic, Great Lakes and Mississippi River basins from Nova Scotia and Quebec west to Great Slave Lake, Northwest Territories and south to Ohio, Illinois and Nebraska; south in Atlantic drainages to Santee River, South Carolina

Facts:

- ◆ most common in well vegetated clear water
- ◆ spawn April through early May
- ◆ female lays an average of 23,000 eggs
- ◆ eggs hatch in 8 to 10 days
- ◆ fairly poor swimmers
- ◆ economically important fish as food source and for recreation in Great Lakes



*yellow perch were only caught during the years shown

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