

Crystal Lake Perch Exploratory Analysis

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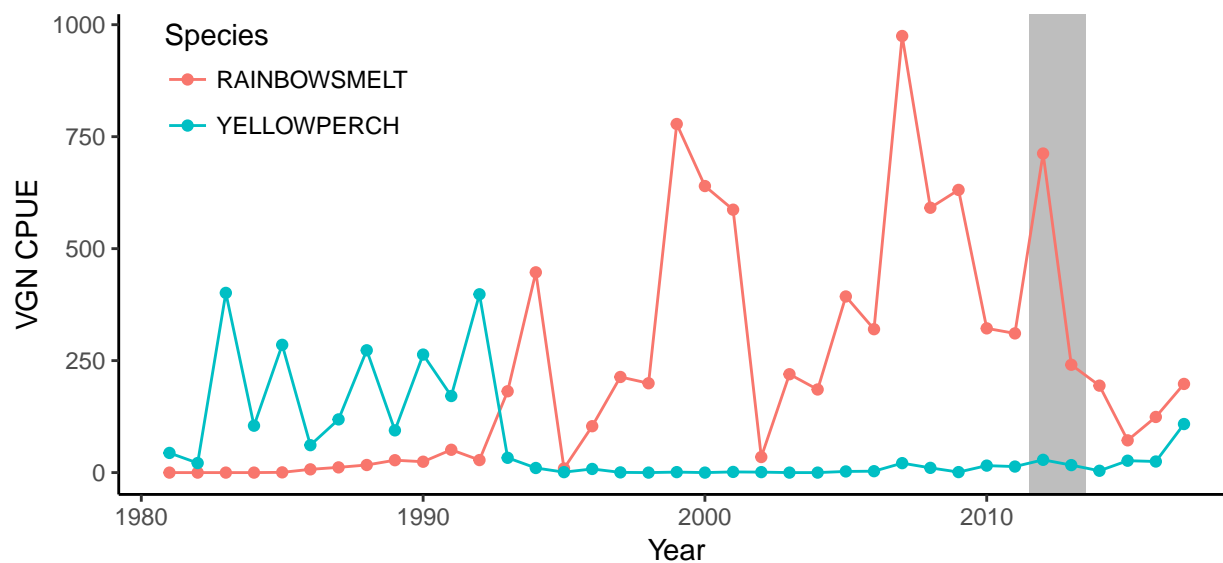
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Preliminary analysis of long-term LTER data in Crystal Lake examining patterns in Perch and Smelt following the whole-lake mixing project. In late July 2017 NRL and LTER fish crew observed that perch CPUE appeared to be higher than ever recalled (NRL involved in fish crew since 2009).

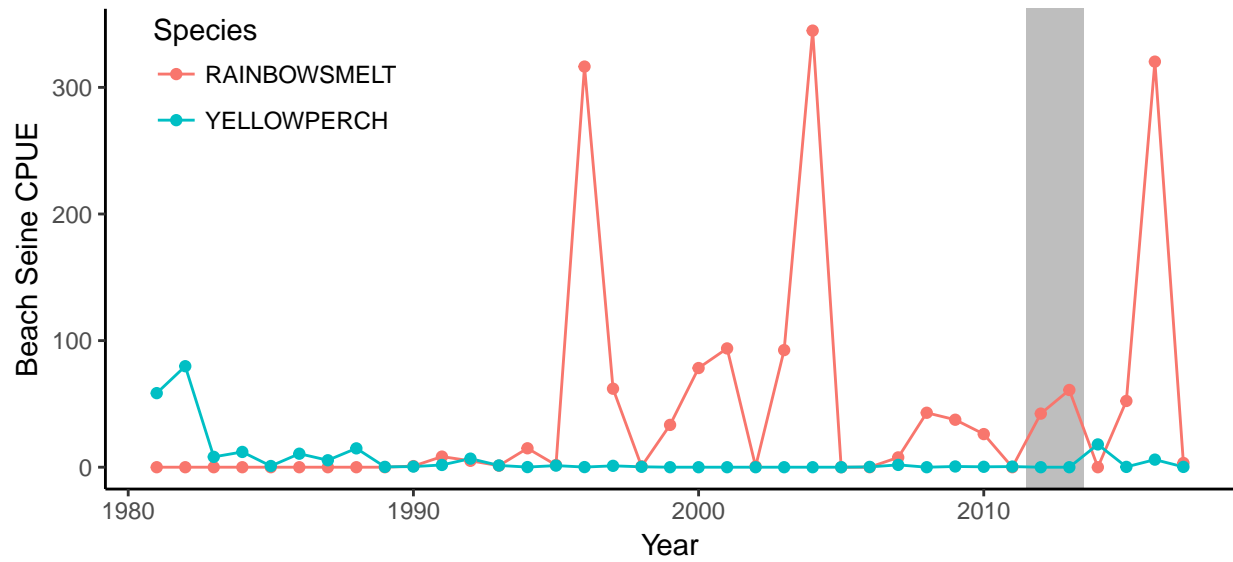
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CR_Fish = lter_fish %>% filter(lakeid=="CR") %>%  
  filter(spname == "YELLOWPERCH" | spname == "RAINBOWSMELT")  
CR_Fish$CPUE = round(CR_Fish$total_caught/CR_Fish$effort,digits=3)  
CR_Fish$spname = as.factor(CR_Fish$spname)
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Long-term Vertical Gill Net CPUE

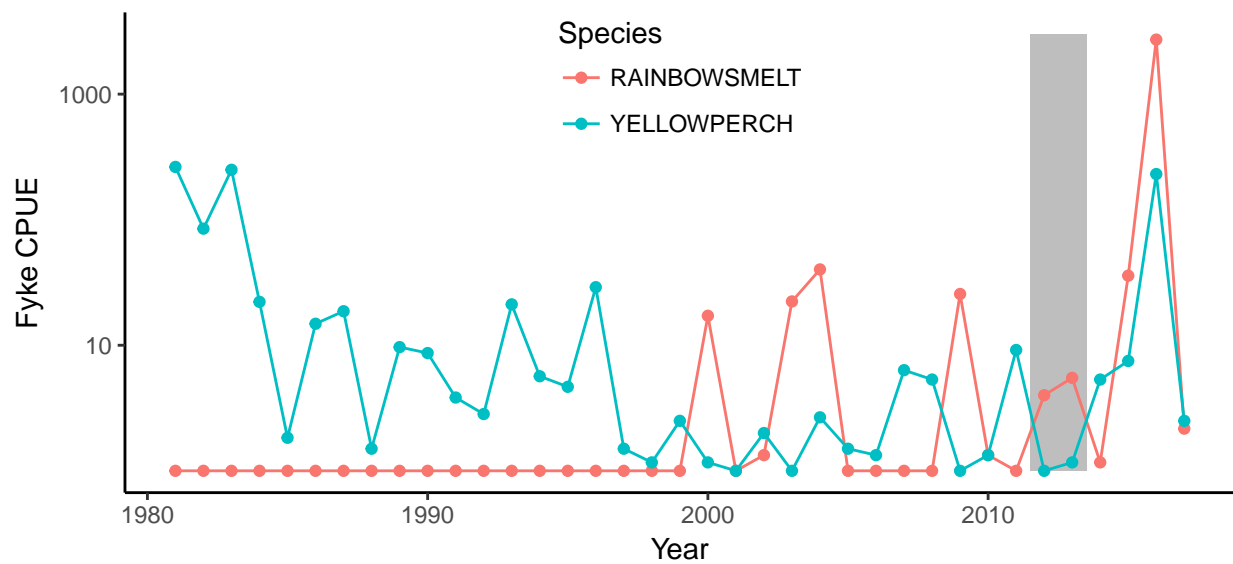


CPUE is summed across all gill nets. Grey bar denotes CR Mixing Exp.

Long-term Beach Seine CPUE

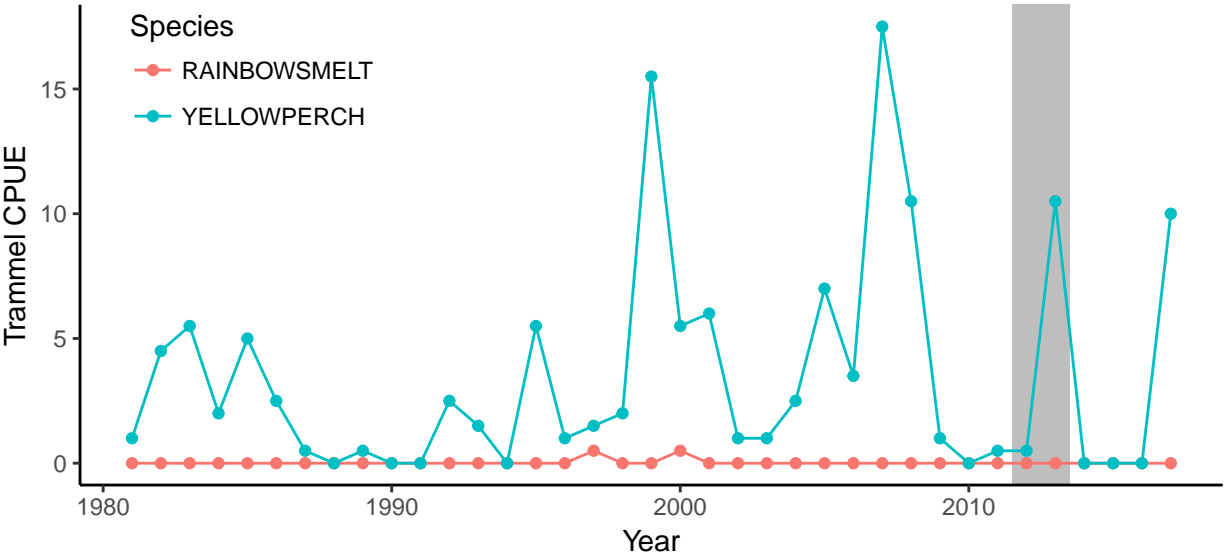


Long-term Fyke Net CPUE



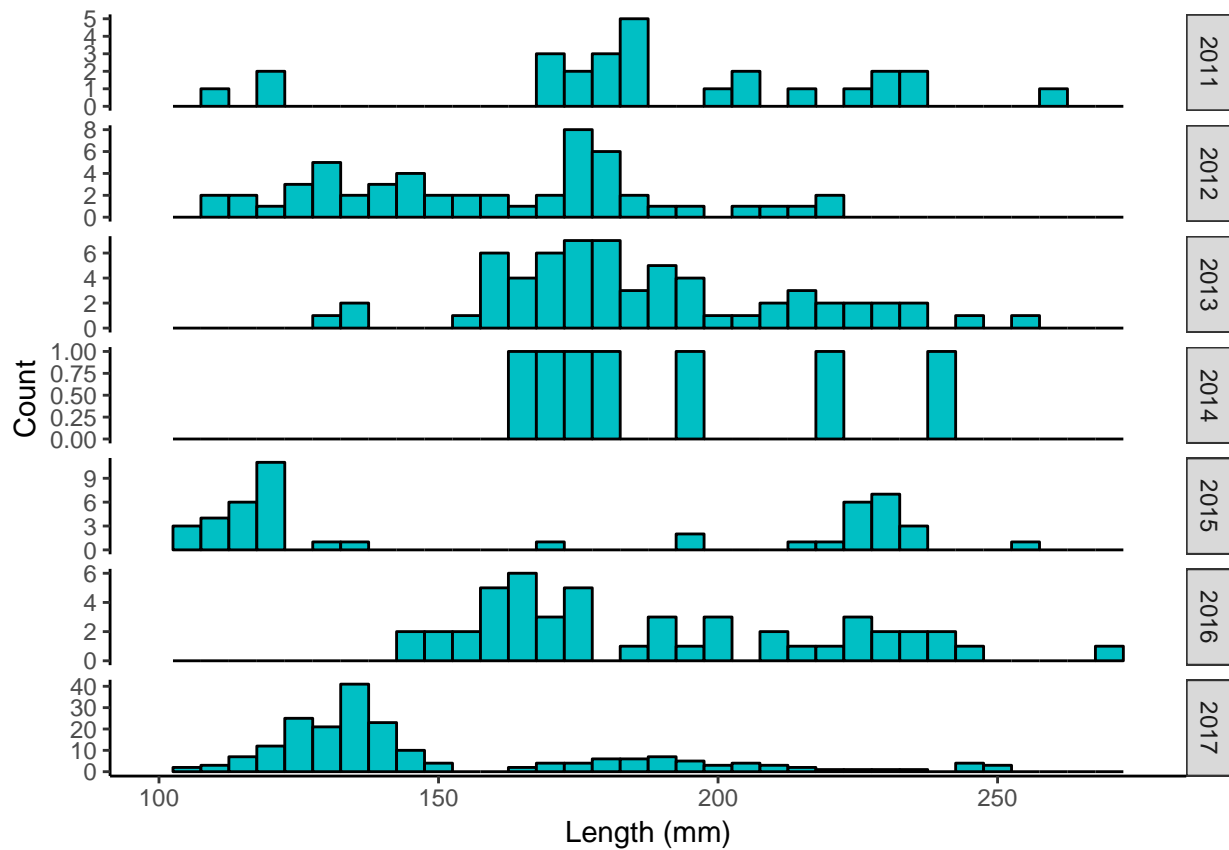
Note the extremely high CPUE for RS in 2016. NRL actually was on the crew that pulled a fyke net with estimated 11k RS. The fyke had over 2kg of RS (approx weight of yoy RS 0.2g). Note that the y-axis is log10 scaled.

Long-term Trammel Net CPUE



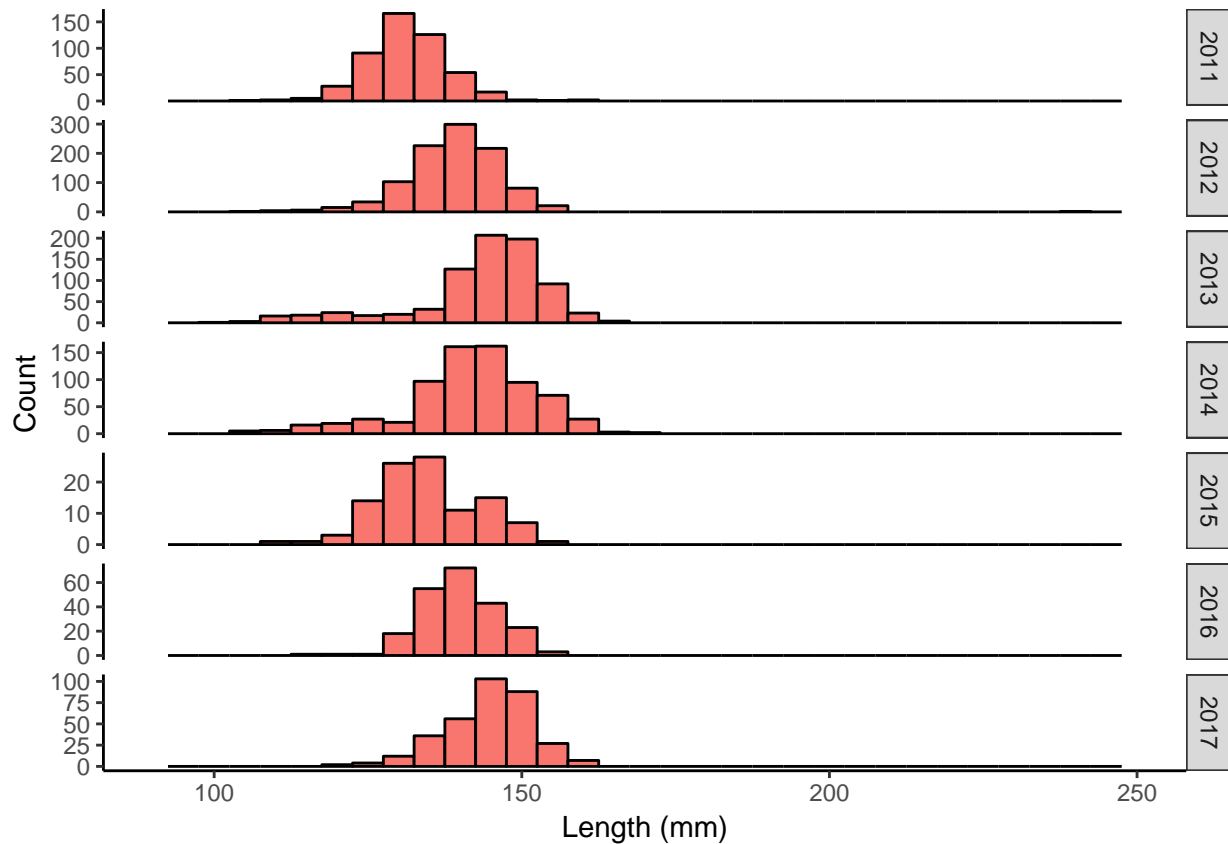
Size Frequency Distributions

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myplot = ggplot(CR.length %>% filter(spname=="YELLOWPERCH" & year4 >=2011),aes(x=length)) +
  geom_histogram(binwidth=5,colour="black",fill="#00BFC4") +
  facet_grid(year4 ~ .,scales="free")
myplot + theme_bw() + theme(panel.border = element_blank(),
  panel.grid.major = element_blank(),panel.grid.minor = element_blank(),
  axis.line = element_line(colour = "black"),legend.position = c(0.15, 0.85)) +
  labs(x="Length (mm)",y="Count ") + xlim(c(100,275))
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Size frequency distributions for Yellow Perch caught in VGN each year since the Crystal lake mixing experiment (mixed in 2012 and 2013)

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myplot = ggplot(CR.length %>% filter(spname=="RAINBOWSMELT" & year4 >=2011),aes(x=length)) +
  geom_histogram(binwidth=5,colour="black",fill="#F8766D") +
  facet_grid(year4 ~ .,scales="free_y")
myplot + theme_bw() + theme(panel.border = element_blank(),
  panel.grid.major = element_blank(),panel.grid.minor = element_blank(),
  axis.line = element_line(colour = "black"),legend.position = c(0.15, 0.85)) +
  labs(x="Length (mm)",y="Count ") + xlim(c(90,250))
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Size frequency distributions for Rainbow Smelt caught in VGN each year since the Crystal lake mixing experiment (mixed in 2012 and 2013)