Lake Bogue Homa 2026 REEL FACTS

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General Information: Lake Bogue Homa, at 882 acres, is the largest state fishing lake managed by MDWFP. It is a popular destination for bass tournaments and for recreational anglers.
Location: Lake Bogue Homa is located in Jones County, 6 mi. E of Laurel on Hwy 84.
Fishery Management: Largemouth Bass, bream, crappie and catfish
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Amenities

- Three handicapped access fishing piers
- Two boat ramps
- Skiing allowed daily from noon to sunset
- Restrooms
- Two camping pads with electrical/water hook up
- Pavilion
- Picnic areas with grills

Creel and Size Limits

- Black bass: 5 per person per day; all bass under 15 inches must be released.
- Catfish: 10 per person per day
- Bream: 100 per person per day
- Crappie: 30 per person per day
- Statewide creel limits apply to all other species

Regulations

- Only rod and reel or pole fishing is allowed on State Fishing Lakes except that carp, gar, buffalo, and bowfin may be taken by use of bow and arrow at night only after purchasing a valid permit for fishing and/or boating. No other gear is allowed at these lakes.
- Fishing is not allowed from courtesy piers adjacent to boat ramps. Night fishing is allowed from the bank or boats which are in compliance with state and coast guard regulations.
- Fishing licenses and permits may be purchased in the lake office
- Contact the lake office at (601) 425-2148

Fishing Tips

Crappie

Target shallow structure in coves along the shoreline during the spring.

Largemouth Bass

Fish any areas with heavy cover or structure (such as sunken logs) below the water surface.

Catfish

Use a pungent bait such as liver to attract catfish.

Bream

For Redear Sunfish and Bluegill fish areas along the bank with underwater vegetation.

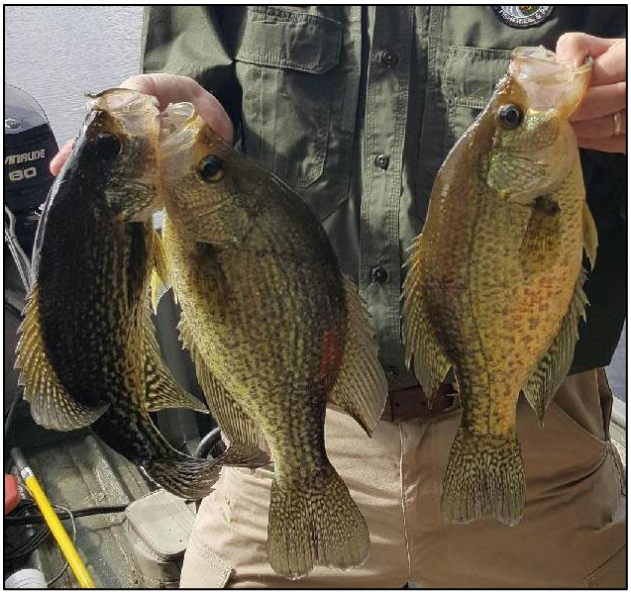
Below: Lake Bogue Homa record fish. Record fish must be weighed and verified by the lake manager, lake supervisor, or fisheries biologist. Anglers who catch a lake record fish will receive a certificate acknowledging their catch. There is no minimum weight for any open lake record.

Fish Species	Weight (pounds)	Angler	Date Caught
Largemouth Bass	13.60	Cliff Hensarling	1995
Crappie	2.95	Patrick Mashburn	March 2022
Redear Sunfish	1.21	Martrell Jones	February 2019
Bluegill	1.00	George Smith	May 2026
Catfish	18.50	Austin Cochran	October 2024



Left: Lake Bogue Homa is home to a variety of bream species, including Red Spotted Sunfish.

Below: Lake Bogue Homa holds one of the best Crappie fisheries in the Coastal District, drawing anglers from around the state to attempt to catch their limit.

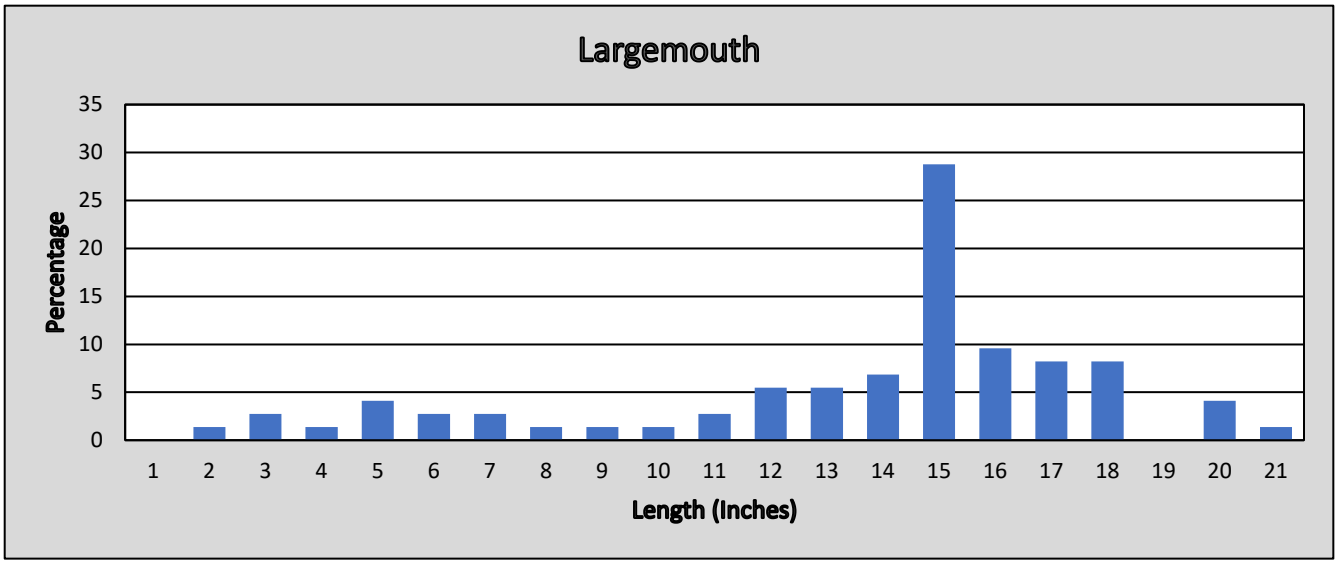




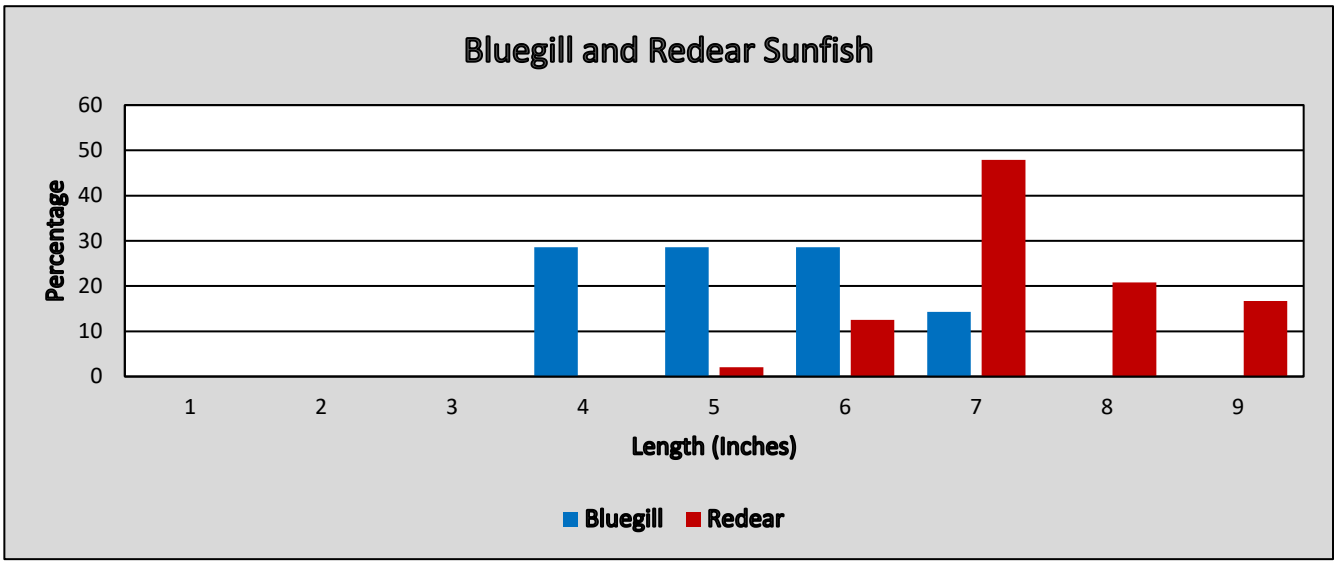
Below: Results from the 2025 fall electrofishing survey conducted on Lake Bogue Homa.

Species	# of fish collected	% of sample	Average Length (inches)	Maximum Length (inches)	Average Weight (pounds)	Catch Rate – Adult fish (fish/mile)
Channel Catfish	1	3	22.0	22.6	4.1	5
Warmouth	1	1	8.4	8.4	0.5	1
Bluegill	7	5	5.8	7.3	0.1	8
Redear Sunfish	48	36	7.9	9.8	0.3	55
Largemouth Bass	73	55	14.0	22.3	1.9	72
White Crappie	1	1	4.5	4.5	0.1	0

Below: Length distribution of Largemouth Bass collected during fall 2025 electrofishing.

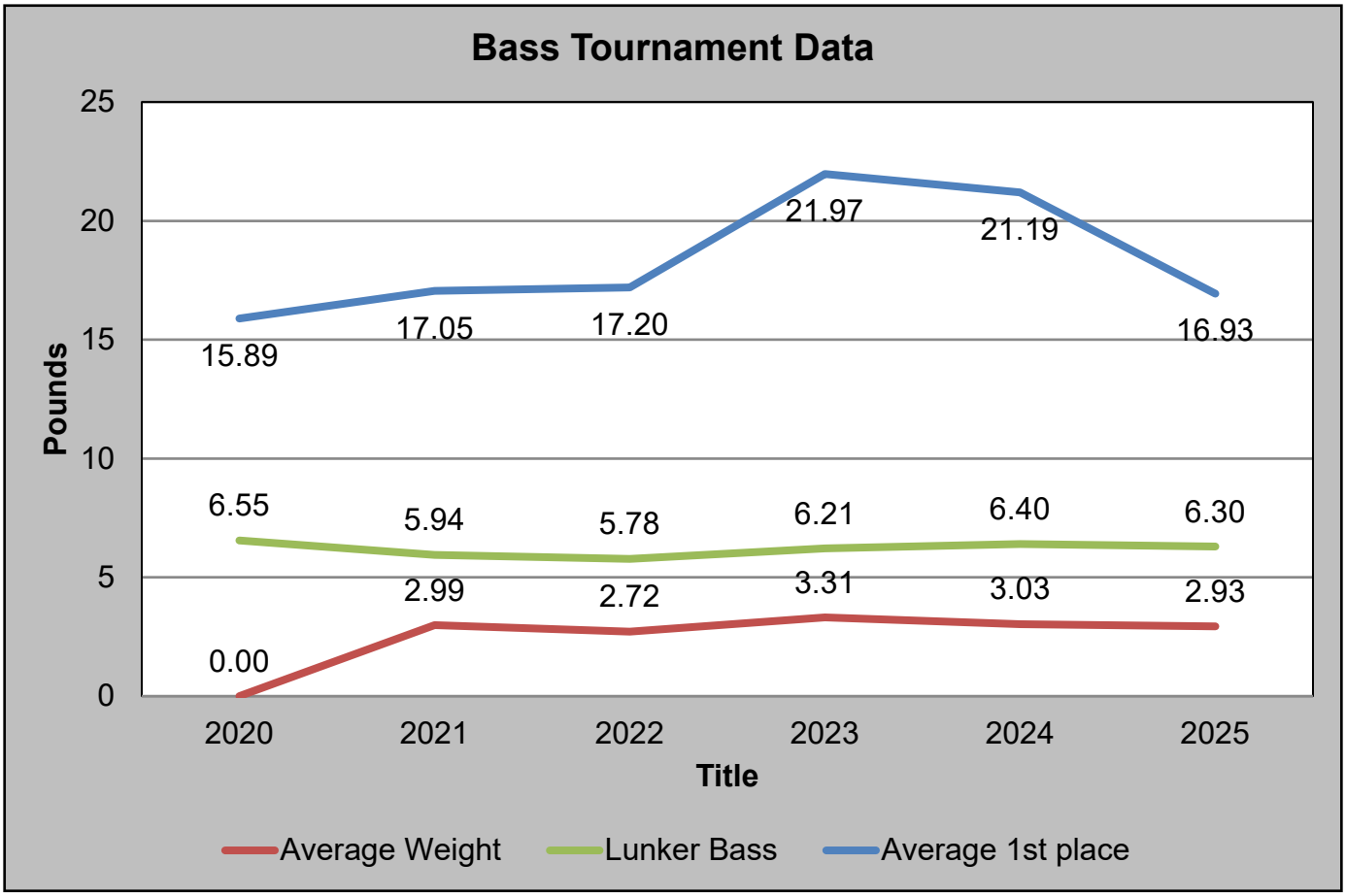


Below: Length distribution of bream collected during fall 2025 electrofishing.

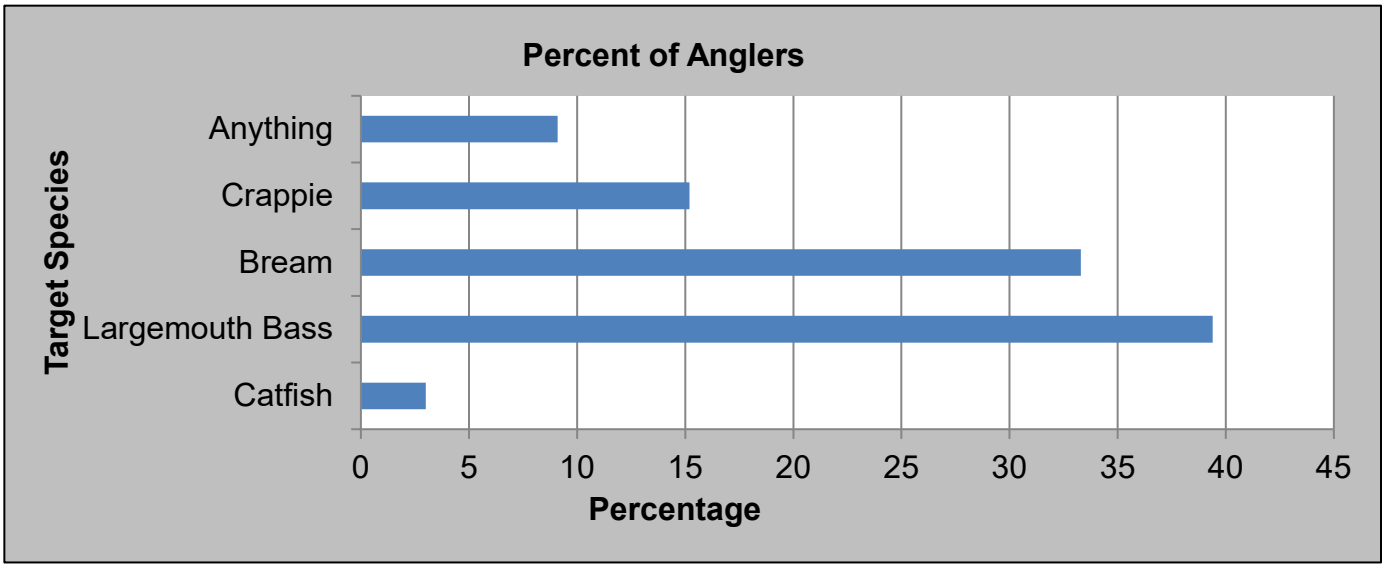




Below: Lake Bogue Homa is a popular destination for bass tournaments. The graph below shows the average weight of individual bass caught, the average weight of the lunker bass and the average 1st place weight of the tournaments since 2020



Below: In 2025, Largemouth Bass and bream were the most popular fish species targeted by anglers in the spring creel survey.



Below: Crappie and bream anglers interviewed during the 2025 creel survey harvested most of their catch, however bass anglers released their catch.

