

DEVIL LAKES SURVEY

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4-28-77 Big Devil Lake. One net was set in the NE end at 1130 hours and another was set at 1200 hours across the mouth of the outlet at the west end of the lake. One large fish, approximately 25-30", was noted in the shallows at the NE end of the lake. 30-40 goldeneyes, 6-8 red breasted mergansers, and 2-3 common mergansers were noted on Big Devil Lake. Water in both lakes was somewhat brackish and slightly colored.

The outlet of Big Devil Lake was walked at this time down about 100 yards almost to its joining with the sea. (Note enclosed map.)

4-29-77 We flew to Devil Lakes and dropped Jim K. at the upper end of Big Devil Lake. While he was pulling that net, the pilot and I picked up the two nets on Little Devil and the last net at the mouth of Big Devil.

Some problems were encountered with the nets getting snagged up. Four of the nets used were floating nets and although two of these nets sustained small tears, these were easily repaired as the tears were less than 5' long. However, the two remaining nets were sinking nets and although one was recovered intact, the other received considerable damage as it was a matter of tearing to get it back or leaving it there. This net was set in somewhat turbid water (Upper Devil) and to help eliminate problems like this in the future, I suggest using only floating nets.

Following are maps showing net placement, outlet of Devil Lakes, temperatures, list of pictures taken, and list of samples captured in the nets.