## Evaluating Alternative Sampling Designs in Inland Freshwater Lentic Systems

George C. Balto<br>Sarah M. King<br>Jeffrey A. Stein

University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign

Sport Fish Ecology Lab

## Fishing Regulations

 Regulations In Effect Panfish species include bluegill, pumpkinseed, yelle Parch, white and black crappie, warmouth, gree perch, white anespotted sunfishDaily Bag Limit
A total of 15 panfish but no
more than 5 of any one species
Effective April 1, 2016

## Paris Twin East Lake Fixed Site Design



## Stratified Random Site Design

Strata \#1 Sample Sites

00

Strata \#2 Sample Sites

Strata \#3 Sample Sites


## Research Questions

## Bias/Precision of Designs

1
Identify the differences in biannual sport fish population assessments using a fixed, random, hybrid, and stratified random sample site designs in small - medium sized midwestern lakes and impoundments


## Research Questions

## Bias/Precision of Designs

1
Identify the differences in biannual sport fish population assessments using a fixed, random, hybrid, and stratified random sample site designs in small - medium sized midwestern lakes and impoundments

## Efficiency of Designs

Determine the optimum number of sampling events needed to obtain parameter estimates that represent the sport fish community

## Sampling Designs

Fixed Random
Hybrid

## Methods

## Side-Scan Sonar

Obtain habitat information of focal areas


## Process

Create sediment/structure \& bathymetric maps

## Sampling

PDCEF in Spring \& Fall 2021


Analysis
Resampling method
simulations



## Research Questions

## Bias/Precision of Designs

1
Identify the differences in biannual sport fish population assessments using a fixed, random, hybrid, and stratified random sample site designs in small - medium sized midwestern lakes and impoundments

## Efficiency of Designs

Determine the optimum number of sampling events needed to obtain
parameter estimates that represent the sport fish community

## \% Relative Bias of Designs



## \% Relative Bias of Designs



F: Fixed
H: Hybrid (1 Fixed, 2 Random)
R: Simple Random
SR: Stratified Random

## Research Questions

## Bias/Precision of Designs

Identify the differences in biannual sport fish population assessments using a fixed, random, hybrid, and stratified random sample site designs in small - medium sized midwestern lakes and impoundments

## Efficiency of Designs

Determine the optimum number of sampling events needed to obtain parameter estimates that represent the sport fish community

CPUE Variance of Bias
Estimates by Effort


Next Steps

| Bias/Precision | CPUE | $W_{r}$ | PSD |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Homer | $\boxed{\checkmark}$ |  |  |
| Walnut |  |  |  |
| Paris East |  |  |  |
| Paris West |  |  |  |


| Efficiency | CPUE | W $_{r}$ | PSD |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Homer | $\boxed{\checkmark}$ |  |  |
| Walnut |  |  |  |
| Paris East |  |  |  |
| Paris West |  |  |  |



## Acknowledgements

ILLINOIS

## Prairie Research Institute <br> UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS URBANA-CHAMPAIGN



## Thank You

## Questions?

## gbalto2@illinois.edu

## Sport Fish Ecology Lab

## Homer Lake

## Fixed Sites: A, B, C

- A + 2 random transects
- B + 2 random transects
- C + 2 random transects
$-\mathrm{B}+\mathrm{C}+1$ random transect

