



# West Frankfort New City Lake

## Fisheries Fact Sheet

West Frankfort New City Lake is a 214-acre city-owned impoundment located approximately 5 miles east of West Frankfort, Illinois and just south of Route 149 in Franklin County. The lake is mostly surrounded by homes and has an improved boat ramp.

**Largemouth bass:** Largemouth bass were found in West Frankfort New City Lake in relatively small numbers in spring 2013, but quality of these fish was relatively high. The annual electrofishing survey produced 46 bass per hour, of which 44% were over 12 inches, 22% were larger than 15 inches, and 6% were longer than 18 inches. Bass body condition was excellent

**Bluegill:** Bluegill in West Frankfort New City Lake remained very abundant in 2013, as evidenced by a catch rate of 284 per hour of electrofishing. Quality of these fish also easily met the management plan goal, with 37% over 6 inches, but none exceeded 7 inches in length. Bluegill body condition was excellent.

**Crappie:** Fair numbers of white crappie (32 per hour) and black crappie (14 per hour) were included in the 2013 West Frankfort New City Lake sample, and these fish all ranged from 6 to 9 inches in length. Body condition of both species was also low, an indication of an overcrowded condition.

**Channel catfish:** Fair numbers of channel catfish were included in the 2013 survey. Six fish were collected per hour, and the size range was 20 to 26 inches. The channel catfish population of West Frankfort New City Lake is maintained by supplemental stockings accomplished every other year.

**Regulations in effect:** Largemouth bass – no length limit and 6 per day creel. Channel catfish – 6 per day creel. Consult the Illinois Fishing Information booklet for additional regulation information.

**Additional Fisheries Information** can be obtained by calling IDNR District Biologist Chris Bickers at 618-993-7094,