

Update on the Lake Iola fish surveys from our DNR fishery biologist Jason Breeggemann,

"Due to Gov. Evers' Safer at Home order, some department operations have been limited, including spring surveys.

Unfortunately, it would be too late for the Wisconsin DNR to complete a netting survey on Iola Lake this year since one of the primary species we would be targeting is northern pike, and they are done spawning.

I am working with my supervisors to prioritize scheduling to fit high priority surveys that were missed in 2020 into the survey rotation over the next couple of years.

Since Iola Millpond has not had a netting survey conducted since the latest drawdown and also a new panfish regulation went into effect this spring, we consider surveys of Iola Lake a high priority. We would wait to do the spring electrofishing survey until the year we do the netting survey to have concurrent survey data from both gears in the same year. Therefore, we intend to do both a netting and electrofishing survey in the same year in 2021 or 2022."