

## **1998 Winnebago System Sturgeon Spearing Season Summary Report**

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### **Lake Winnebago**

Season Dates: Saturday February 14 – February 25, 1998

Season Length: 12 days

Bag Limit: 1 fish/season

Min Length: 36"

Shanty Count: 2,140

License Sales: 7,091

Harvest: 2,051 fish

Water Clarity: 18'

Mean Length: 54"

Mean Weight: 37 pounds

Fish >100 pounds: 3 (0.1% of harvest)

Largest Fish: 114.0 pounds, 74.0" harvested on February 14 by Michael Henry of Fond du Lac and registered at Wendt's

- Poor ice conditions during much of the season
- Very clear water, in fact, one of the clearest years on record
- Spear licenses were \$10.00 and spearers must be at least 14 years of age