Origin of Chinook salmon caught by anglers in Lake Michigan waters of each state

Percentages of each state’s catch are corrected for angler and sampling effort and are averaged across 2014 and 2015. Open-water catches from April – September are included. Six possible origins were evaluated: Chinook salmon stocked into Lake Michigan by Michigan, Wisconsin, Indiana and Illinois; Chinook salmon stocked into Lake Huron; and wild Chinook salmon. Stocked fish are various colors according to stocking location and wild fish are gray. Fish of all ages are included, and numbers may not add to 100% due to rounding. These figures represent the composition of each state’s Lake Michigan fishery, but do not account for the number of fish stocked by each state, and therefore should not be interpreted as patterns in survival. Figures are from a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service report, “Recovery rates of stocked and wild Chinook salmon in Lake Michigan, 2011-2015” by Matthew Kornis et al.