

THE FIRST RECORD OF THE SMALLMOUTH BUFFALO, *ICTIOBUS* *BUBALUS* (RAFINESQUE), IN ILLINOIS WATERS OF LAKE MICHIGAN

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ABSTRACT

A new record of occurrence of the smallmouth buffalo was documented.

INTRODUCTION

On August 14, 1986, a smallmouth buffalo, *Ictiobus bubalus*, was captured by seine from Lake Michigan at Evanston, Illinois. This is the first record of its occurrence in Lake Michigan. In a pre-1908 sample, the smallmouth buffalo was found in Wolf Lake in southern Cook County, Illinois, but in post-1950 samples, the smallmouth buffalo was found only in the Illinois River and other major rivers to the west and south of Lake Michigan (Smith, 1979). The smallmouth buffalo was last captured in the Lake Michigan Basin, i.e., St. Joseph River, Michigan, prior to 1930 and was believed to be extirpated in the Basin (Becker, 1976).

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