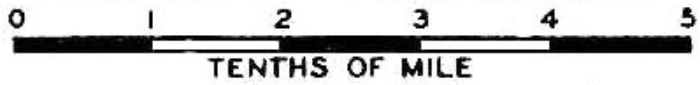


SAMPLE STATION #1

MIDAS # 5582
BEAVER POND

BRIDGTON TWP CUMBERLAND CO MAINE
 ELEV 473 FT AREA 69 ACRES



BEAVER POND

Bridgton Twp., Cumberland Co.
U.S.G.S. Pleasant MT, Me. (7.5')

Fishes

Largemouth bass
White perch
Yellow perch

Chain pickerel
Hornpout (bullhead)

Physical Characteristics

Area - 66 acres

Maximum depth - 35 feet

Temperatures:

Surface - 80°F

30 feet - 43°F

Principal fisheries: Largemouth bass, white perch, and chain pickerel

Beaver Pond is located between the Town of Bridgton and Pleasant Mountain within view of Rte. 302. This pond is lightly developed despite the popularity of the area. The majority of the pond has shallow, gentle sloping shorelines with soft substrate. These shoreline conditions favor aquatic plant growth and the pond has some expansive weed beds. In addition, the pond features a relatively large island located northwest of the deep basin. The pond's outlet drains a short distance to Moose Pond, and occasionally winter anglers will catch a salmon that migrated up into Beaver Pond. This pond is managed for existing warmwater fish species.

Beaver pond thermally stratifies during the summer, and oxygen deficiency develops below 17 feet. The amount of cold, oxygenated water available for salmonid management is very limited. In addition, the presence of competing and predatory warmwater fish further reduces coldwater fishery management potential. However, this water might be a candidate for a put-and-take stocking program if public access could be secured. On the other hand, the pond habitat is ideal for warmwater species, and largemouth bass, chain pickerel, and white perch all produce excellent angling opportunities.

The pond is lightly fished, because there is no public access site. Existing access is via permissive trespass only. MDIFW considers public access a high priority and will continue to look for opportunities to create or improve access to Beaver Pond.

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