

LITTLE WATCHIC POND

Standish Twp., Cumberland Co. U.S.G.S. Sebago Lake, Me. (7.5')

Fishes

Largemouth bass Yellow perch Chain pickerel Minnows Golden shiner Hornpout (bullhead) Pumpkinseed sunfish

Physical Characteristics

Area - 55 acres Temperatures:
Surface - 79°F

Maximum depth - 22 feet 20 feet - 50°F

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

Little Watchic Pond thermally stratifies at about 8 feet during the summer, but a severe oxygen deficiency develops well above the thermocline. In addition, the tea colored water is very acidic (pH = 3.8) below the thermocline. These conditions significantly limit opportunities to manage for coldwater fish, and to a lesser extent warmwater fish. The presence of competing and predatory warmwater fish further reduces opportunities to develop a coldwater fishery. Although Little Watchic Pond was stocked experimentally with brook trout fry in 1972, this water is best managed for existing warmwater fish.

Angler boat access is limited to permissive trespass and there is no known public boat access to Little Watchic Pond. There is a need to acquire permanent public boat access to this water.

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