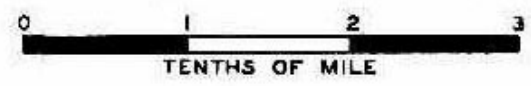


**MIDAS # 4648**  
**SECOND or DOUGLAS POND**  
**BLUEHILL TWP. HANCOCK CO.**

ELEV. 91 FT.      AREA 62 ACRES



**SECOND POND**  
(Douglas Pond)  
Blue Hill Twp., Hancock Co.  
U.S.G.S. Bartlett Island, ME (7 1/2')

Fishes

Brook trout	Hornpout (bullhead)
Largemouth bass	Banded killifish
Minnows	Ninespine stickleback
Golden shiner	Pumpkinseed sunfish
Common shiner	American eel
White sucker	

Physical Characteristics

Area - 62 acres

Maximum depth - 25 feet

Temperatures

Surface - 76°F

14 feet - 63°F

Principal fisheries: Largemouth bass, brook trout

Second Pond is located adjacent to Route 15 in Blue Hill. Although there is apparently no bona fide public boat launch site, an area exists along the northern shore where canoes/small boats may be launched. It's recommended that anglers obtain permission from the adjacent landowner to the right of the launch area.

The pond contains a limited volume of marginal trout habitat. This factor, along with the presence of numerous competitive fish, severely limits the production of trout. Angler reports indicate that a few trout are caught during the ice fishing season and, occasionally, in the first several weeks after ice-out. These trout periodically move into the pond from Carleton Stream that flows into and out of the pond.

The primary "fishery" (the pond receives very low use) is for largemouth bass that were illegally introduced into Third Pond, and emigrated down into Second. A check netting conducted in 2001 confirmed the presence of this species with the capture of eight largemouths from 7 1/2 -12 in long. The next pond downstream, First or Billings Pond, supports one of the finest wild brook trout fisheries in Hancock County. Now that largemouths are in Second Pond, it's likely only a matter of time before they move down into Billings and imperil the outstanding trout fishery. Largemouths are much more aggressive than trout, and will gradually "take over", severely diminishing the trout fishery. Unfortunately, this is yet another classic example of how the epidemic of illegal fish introductions by the public is destroying some of our best fisheries. Maine's highly important fishery resources are suffering considerable damage from these insidious acts.

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