## SOUTH BRANCH LAKE

T2 R8 N and Seboeis Twps., Penobscot Co. U.S.G.S. Lincoln, Me.

## Fishes

Smallmouth bass

White perch
Yellow perch
Chain pickerel
Hornpout (bullhead)
Eel
White sucker

Minnows
Common shiner
Fallfish (chub)
Ninespine
stickleback
Pumpkinseed sunfish
Yellowbelly sunfish

## Physical Characteristics

Area - 2035 acres

Temperatures

Surface - 67° F.

Maximum depth - 28 feet

25 feet - 67° F.

## Suggested Management

South Branch Lake provides excellent small-mouth bass habitat. Rarely, a migrating brook trout moves into the lake from the outlet stream, but the lake contains no water suitable to carry trout through the summer.

Regulations governing white perch should be liberalized so that fishermen can crop the available white perch harvest. In addition to providing a better use of the fishery, white perch liberalization would reduce food and space competition between the white perch and bass.

The bass tapeworm does not now exist in South Branch Lake; fishermen should not empty live fish bait pails into the lake water, for the bait pail is the only likely means of introducing that parasite.

No stocking of any kind is necessary.

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