BREWER LAKE

Orrington and Holden Twps., Penobscot County; Bucksport Twp., Hancock County U.S.G.S. Orland, Maine

Fishes

Salmon White perch Yellow perch Chain pickerel Hornpout (bullhead) Smelt Eel White sucker Minnows Fallfish Banded killifish Pumpkinseed sunfish

Physical Characteristics

Area - 881 acres

Maximum depth - 48 feet

Temperatures Surface - 73° F. 45 feet - 57° F.

Principal Fisheries: white perch, chain pickerel, salmon

Suggested Management

The original survey of Brewer Lake in 1942 indicated that water quality was unsuitable for management of coldwater sportfish. However, as lakeshore septic systems are upgraded, the lake's water quality, particularly dissolved oxygen levels, also showed improvement by the early 1980's.

In 1983 an experimental stocking of landlocked salmon was made to determine if Brewer Lake could support a salmon fishery. Anglers from the Bangor-Brewer area relished the opportunity to catch salmon close to home and the fishery gained rapid popularity. Since salmon from the experimental stocking exhibited good growth and survival, the lake will continue to receive stockings of salmon on a regular basis to sustain the fishery. Brewer Lake is also well-known for its white perch and chain pickerel fisheries, both of which grow to above-average size.

Continued protection of the lake's water quality through installation of properly functioning septic systems and wise land use practices will be important in maintaining the lake's water quality in the future.

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