

PICKEREL POND  
Alton, Penobscot Co.  
U.S.G.S. Boyd Lake, Me.

Fishes

Yellow perch	Common sucker
Chain pickerel	Minnows
Hornpout (bullhead)	Golden shiner
	Pumpkinseed sunfish

Physical Characteristics

Area - 77 acres	Temperatures
	Surface - 72° F.
Maximum depth - 5 feet	5 feet - 71° F.

Pickerel Pond is a shallow, weedy, warmwater pond with a soft mud bottom. The pond has a luxuriant growth of aquatic plants, and most of the pond is surrounded with a mat of quaking bog. The water quality is suitable for the warmwater species now present despite the brown color.

The pond has a single tributary meandering through the bog on the west side of the pond. The outlet is a long deadwater area flowing through the bog.

No small minnows were taken in our traps during the survey, which may be an indication of severe predation by the large pickerel population. The pickerel are somewhat slow growing — probably a result of the lack of available forage fish. The pond should be managed for its existing warmwater fishery. General law regulations are sufficient to protect the fishery at this time.

Pickerel Pond can be reached easily via a 1-mile drive along a good gravel road.

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OUTLET

