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Methods Used to Determine Statewide Significance

All of Maine's 6000 plus lakes are significant environmental resources and should be managed so as to maintain their natural values. However, as with all natural resources, priorities must be set when allocating management efforts. Through the Critical Areas Program and other state programs the State of Maine has a history of defining resource management priorities based on relative resource significance. The identification of resources that are of statewide significance is central to this concept.

The Maine Wildlands Lake Assessment previously established an objective standard for comparatively ranking lakes that is based on the cumulative significance of features associated with a given lake. Four classes of lakes were identified: 1A (the highest classification), 1B, 2, and 3. "1A" lakes have multiple outstanding natural values or one outstanding and four or more significant values; "1B" lakes have a single outstanding natural value; class "2" lakes have no outstanding values but at least one significant resource; class "3" lakes have no known outstanding or significant values. Under this scenario it follows that lakes eligible for classification as a 1A lake are of statewide significance and that individual features receiving an "outstanding" rating should be considered to be of statewide significance. Thus, a 1B lake will have an individual feature of statewide significance but the lake itself will not be given the highest rating.

The current project adopted this standard for lakes and ponds in the organized townships. The analysis did not give different weights to lakes in organized and unorganized townships, nor did it attempt to achieve equal distribution for counties, river basins, or other sub-state regions. Rather, it set an absolute standard that is consistent throughout the state. Lakes meeting this standard are included in the list of statewide significant lakes regardless of location. This does not, of course, suggest that lakes should not be viewed from their local or regional context. From the local perspective a lake that does not receive a statewide significance rating but that is an area with relatively few significant lakes should arguably receive special management attention regardless of its statewide rating.

Findings

The Land Use Regulation Commission's Wildlands Lake Assessment surveyed 1511 lakes over ten acres in size. 913 of these were found to possess at least one significant or outstanding resource value. 123 of these were rated 1A, that is, they had two or more outstanding values or one outstanding value and four or more significant values. 207 lakes were rated 1B (one outstanding value).

The assessment of lakes in organized towns considered 867 lakes over ten acres in size. (Note that lakes partially in the unorganized townships were assessed during the LURC study.) Applying the same standard to lakes in organized towns, 753 were found to

possess at least one significant or outstanding resource value. 38 of these met the requirements for the highest, or 1A, rating. 189 received a 1B rating. The organized township findings are graphically represented on the following pages.

These findings clearly indicate a disparity between the value of lakes in the unorganized territories and those in the organized towns. This, however, is not altogether surprising. The lake resources of southern Maine and other organized areas of the state differ from those in more remote areas. They differ both in terms of physical characteristics and adjacent development. Lakes in the unorganized territories tend to be found in mountainous terrain or in areas with shallow bedrock. They are almost always less developed than their counterparts in organized towns which translates to more pristine wildlife habitat and oftentimes higher scenic value. Lakes in organized towns, by way of contrast, are largely located in lowland areas near centers of population. In these areas there are fewer lakes and those that do exist have less pronounced shoreline features, more access roads, and fewer miles of undeveloped shoreline. Natural resource features associated with these lakes often have affected by prior development.

It is important to note that both the LURC project and the current project relied heavily on existing information to rate lake resource features. Due to the large number of lakes in the state, as well as the relative lack of field surveys on these lakes, it is quite possible that some important features have been overlooked. Because of this, these lake ratings should be regarded as minimal findings. Some class 3, 2 or 1B lakes may be more significant than their rating indicates.

In the next section all lakes within the state that received a 1A rating are listed and their features summarized. Each of these lakes deserves recognition as being among the state's finest. Lakes are presented in two groups - those in the organized townships, and those in the unorganized townships. Within these two groups lakes are listed alphabetically. A summary of findings on all lakes in the organized towns is included as an appendix to this report.

Outstanding Lakes of the Organized Townships

This section of the report presents a summary of the findings for each lake within the organized townships that was judged to have cumulative resource values that are of statewide significance. Lakes are listed alphabetically.

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ABBOTTS POND

MIDAS #: 3472
Size: 32

Township: Sumner
County: Oxford
USGS Quad: Mt. Zircon
Basin: Androscoggin

SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANCE Abbotts Pond is located south of Bald Mountain. In addition Speckled, Black, Davis, and Molleyockett Mountains surround the Pond, creating a visually diverse landscape pattern. This pond also has an outstanding brook trout fishery.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION Abbotts Pond is a coldwater eutrophic lake with an average depth of 15 feet and a maximum depth of 50 feet. The pond occurs at an elevation of 1,030 feet. Access is restricted to 4-wheel drive vehicles. The outlet of the pond flows into Russel Brook, which feeds into the Nezinscot River.

DESCRIPTION OF SIGNIFICANT RESOURCES

Fisheries: This pond has an outstanding brook trout fishery. Some brook trout are stocked by the state. Brown bullhead are also present. The pond has been reclaimed once, in 1956.

Wildlife:

Scenic: Rated as outstanding; Abbotts Pond has high dramatic relief and complex relief. The surrounding mountains picturesquely frame the pond. Scenic cliffs, although not on the lake, are within view. The pond shoreline is completely forested with a mixture of white pine and hardwood forests.

Shore Character: No significant features reported.

Botanic: No significant features reported.

Cultural: No significant features reported.

Geologic: No significant features reported.

Hydrologic: No Significant features reported.

ANDROSCOGGIN LAKE

MIDAS #: 3836
Size: 3,980 acres

Township: Leeds
County: Androscoggin
USGS Quad: Wayne
Basin: Androscoggin

SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANCE Androscoggin Lake has outstanding physical, cultural, and fishery features, and significant botanic and shoreline features. This rich assemblage of unique features is an uncommon occurrence for lakes in the organized townships. Six species of fish make up the principal fishery on this lake. In addition, three rare plant species are associated with the lake.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION This is a eutrophic warmwater lake with an average depth of 15 feet and a maximum depth of 38 feet. Portions of the lake have a moderate amount of development, particularly the eastern shoreline. There are numerous access points, and several boat launch areas. The lake shoreline is very irregular.

DESCRIPTION OF SIGNIFICANT RESOURCES

Fisheries: This lake supports sport fisheries for a number of species including largemouth and smallmouth bass, white perch, pickerel, rainbow smelt and stocked brown trout. The lake also has brown bullhead, burbot, yellow perch and landlocked salmon. Stocking for brown trout, rainbow trout and landlocked salmon has been unsuccessful.

Wildlife: Androscoggin Lake is highly rated for species abundance and diversity, as well as for wetland, riparian, and upland habitats. Hunting opportunities are excellent, trapping and viewing opportunities are rated moderate. The lake provides habitat for sensitive species.

Scenic: No significant features reported.

Shore Character: The highly irregular shoreline and beaches add to the significant shore character. The density of shoreline development keeps this lake from receiving a higher rating.

Botanic: Significant botanical features include Carex typhina, Ceanothus americanus, and Hemicarpha micrantha.

Cultural: The Cumberland/Oxford Canal is located on this lake.

Geological: Rock outcrops are a significant geological feature of this lake.

Hydrologic: The lake has a reverse delta at its outlet.

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ANNABESSACOOK LAKE

MIDAS #: 9961
Size: 1420 acres

Township: Monmouth
County: Kennebec
USGS Quad: Augusta
Basin: Kennebec

SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANCE Annabessacook Lake contains outstanding fisheries and wildlife resources.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION This developed lake is located near Augusta in a chain of lakes that include Maranacook and Cobbosseecontee Lakes. Seasonal camps and year-round homes rim most of the lake shore. The lake has experienced substantial algae blooms for many years, and has recently received alum treatments in an effort to improve the water quality. Agricultural runoff in the watershed is thought to be the major contributor of nutrient pollution. Maximum depth is 49 feet, and average depth is 21 feet.

DESCRIPTION OF SIGNIFICANT RESOURCES

Fisheries: This mesotrophic lake supports outstanding warmwater fisheries, with the principal species being largemouth and smallmouth bass, white perch, and chain pickerel. Natural reproduction is excellent due to the good quality of the aquatic habitat. Fishing quality is excellent, though the fishing pressure is low. Overall economic importance is low. There is a dam at the outlet, but it has no fishway.

Wildlife: Annabessacook Lake is considered an outstanding wildlife resource. It is a significant shorebird staging area, and supports at least two pairs of breeding common loons. Riparian and upland habitats are very valuable to wildlife, and trapping and wildlife opportunities in the area are good.

Scenic: No significant features reported.

Shore Character: No significant features reported.

Botanic: No significant features reported.

Cultural: No significant features reported.

Geologic: No significant features reported.

Hydrologic: No significant features reported.

AUNT BETTY'S POND

MIDAS #: 4588
SIZE: 34 acres

Township: Bar Harbor
County: Hancock
USGS Quad: Acadia National Park
Basin: Coastal

SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANCE Aunt Betty's Pond is located in Acadia National Park. It has outstanding scenic resources, a significant brook trout, golden shiner and common sucker fishery and 1 state threatened rare plant station.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION This is an eutrophic pond with an average depth of 3 feet and a maximum depth of 7 feet.

DESCRIPTION OF SIGNIFICANT RESOURCE FEATURES

Fisheries: This is a low quality shallow, marshy pond. The water is too warm to support many trout. Major species include brook trout, golden shiner, nine-spine stickleback and common sucker. The outlet, Richardson Brook, supports most of the brook trout population.

Wildlife: No known significant wildlife features.

Scenic: This pond has a number of outstanding scenic features; a high complexity of surrounding relief, an island, and an undeveloped forested shoreline.

Shore Character: No significant features reported.

Botanic: Small purple bladderwort, Utricularia resupinata, is a state significant specie.

Cultural: No significant features reported.

Geologic: No significant features reported.

Hydrologic: No significant features reported.

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BUBBLE POND

MIDAS #: none
Size: 32 acres

Township: Bar Harbor
County: Hancock
USGS Quad: Acadia National Park
Basin: Coastal

SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANCE Bubble Pond has outstanding cultural and scenic features, and significant botanic, physical, shoreline, and fishery features. This spectacular relatively pristine pond is located in Acadia National Park.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION This is a coldwater mesotrophic pond with an average depth of 21 feet and a maximum depth of 39 feet. There is no direct vehicle access, although the Park Loop Road is adjacent to the northern edge of the pond. A hiking trail runs along the western edge of the pond.

DESCRIPTION OF SIGNIFICANT RESOURCES

Fisheries: Brook trout, which are the principal fishery, are stocked by the state. They are the only gamefish in the pond.

Wildlife:

Scenic: Cliffs, rockslides, a bouldered shore and high dramatic relief contribute to this pond's outstanding scenery. The pond is surrounded by abrupt mountain ridges that dramatically rise from the edge of the pond.

Shore Character: Bubble Pond has significant shore character features which consist of a small pocket beach and a rocky shore. Ninety percent of the shoreline is forested.

Botanic: Subularia aquatica, awlwort, is a significant botanical feature from this pond. This species was given the status of Special Concern by the State Planning Office's Endangered Plant Technical Advisory Committee.

Cultural: Cobbi Lighthouse is located near this pond.

Geologic: No significant features reported.

Hydrologic: No significant features reported.

BURNT POND

MIDAS #: 4288
Size: 315 acres

Township: Dedham
County: Hancock
USGS Quad: Orland
Basin: Union

SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANCE Burnt Pond has outstanding scenic and shoreline features. This highly scenic lake includes numerous islands, an irregular shoreline, no development, and large boulders along the shore.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION This is a mesotrophic coldwater lake with an average depth of 22 feet and a maximum depth of 27 feet. The lake is closed to the general public. Water from the pond supplements the adjacent Floods Pond water supply.

DESCRIPTION OF SIGNIFICANT RESOURCES

Fisheries: No significant features are reported. Native brook trout are the principal fishery and only gamefish in the pond.

Wildlife:

Scenic: Outstanding is the only way to describe this pond with high dramatic relief, 10 + islands, a bouldered shore, and mixed vegetation communities of white pine, spruce/fir, oak, maple, and birch.

Shore Character: The outstanding character of this shore is derived from being 100% bouldered, including boulders in water, and few or small bedrock slabs.

Botanic: No significant features reported.

Cultural: No significant features reported.

Geologic: No significant features reported.

Hydrologic: No significant features reported.

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COBBOSSECONTEE LAKE

MIDAS #: 5236
Size: 5543 acres

Township: Winthrop
County: Kennebec
USGS Quad: Augusta
Basin: Kennebec

SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANCE Cobbosseecontee Lake has outstanding cultural and fishery features.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION This is a warmwater eutrophic lake with an average depth of 17 feet and a maximum depth of 33 feet. This lake has an irregular shoreline that is heavily developed in some sections. Numerous islands occur throughout the lake. The lake is close to Augusta and is a popular residential and recreational area.

DESCRIPTION OF SIGNIFICANT RESOURCES

Fisheries: The lake is outstanding for its warmwater fisheries. Principal fisheries include: brown trout, largemouth and smallmouth bass, white and yellow perch, pickerel, brown bullhead and panfish.

Wildlife: This lake is considered to be an outstanding wildlife resource. Species abundance and diversity are excellent. Wetland and upland habitats are rated moderate, as are opportunities to hunt, fish, and trap. Despite the heavy shoreline development this lake contains one of the highest breeding and nonbreeding populations of common loons in southern Maine. There is also a great blue heron rookery. Ospreys are commonly seen.

Scenic: No significant features reported.

Shore Character: No significant features reported.

Botanic: An old-growth timber stand is adjacent to the lake.

Cultural: The Cumberland/Oxford Canal is an outstanding cultural feature of this lake.

Geologic: No significant features reported.

Hydrologic: No significant features reported.

DAMARISCOTTA LAKE

MIDAS #: 5400
Size: 4381 acres

Township: Jefferson
County: Lincoln
USGS Quad: Jefferson
Basin: Coastal

SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANCE Damariscotta Lake contains outstanding wildlife and fisheries resources, as well as significant cultural features.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION This relatively large, highly developed lake is formed by the damming of the Damariscotta River. It has a very interesting, convoluted shoreline configuration, and the lake is divided into two sections by a prominent narrows. Damariscotta Lake State Park, which includes a scenic sand beach, is located at the northern end. There are two public boat landings and a campground along the lake shore. Maximum depth is 114 feet, and average depth is 30 feet.

DESCRIPTION OF SIGNIFICANT RESOURCES

Fisheries: This oligotrophic waterbody supports outstanding coldwater and warmwater fisheries. The principal species are smallmouth bass, white perch, chain pickerel, landlocked salmon, rainbow smelt, and lake trout. There is a fishway at the dam to allow alewife and other species from the river to enter the lake. Both salmon and trout are stocked. Fish abundance is high due in part to the quality of the habitat. Fishing pressure is moderate, and economic importance is high.

Wildlife: Damariscotta Lake is an outstanding wildlife resource. There are nesting eagles on the lake shore, and the lake is an important feeding area for these endangered birds. The lake is also home to nesting ospreys, and is known to have one of the highest populations of breeding common loons in southern Maine.

Scenic: No rating, but there are numerous scenic islands scattered throughout the lake, and a significant beach at the north end.

Shore Character: No features reported, but the lake does have a very interesting shoreline configuration.

Botanic: No significant features reported.

Cultural: This is a significant cultural resource due to a historical fishway and some important archeological sites.

Geologic: No significant features reported.

Hydrologic: No significant features reported.

DREWS (MEDUXNEKEAG) LAKE

MIDAS #: 1736
Size: 1057 acres

Township: Linneus
County: Aroostook
USGS Quad: Smyrna Mills
Basin: Saint John

SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANCE Drews Lake contains outstanding fisheries and wildlife resources, as well as significant geologic features.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION This developed lake is located about 15 miles west of Houlton. All but the remote western arm of the lake is rimmed with seasonal camps and homes. There is a public boat landing on the east shore. Average and maximum depths are 18 feet and 49 feet respectively. The lake is the headwaters of the Meduxnekeag River.

DESCRIPTION OF SIGNIFICANT RESOURCES

Fisheries: This mesotrophic lake supports outstanding coldwater and warmwater fisheries, with the principal species being chain pickerel, landlocked salmon, and rainbow smelt. Salmon and brown trout are the two species that are stocked. Brook trout stocking was discontinued in the 50's due to poor returns. The quality of the aquatic habitat is considered to be moderate, as are the fishing quality and overall economic importance.

Wildlife: Drews Lake is considered an outstanding wildlife resource due to the excellent wetland habitat along the western arm. This is valuable feeding and breeding habitat for waterfowl, contributing to the large number of species using the area. Riparian areas around the lake are also valuable.

Scenic: No significant features reported.

Shore Character: No significant features reported.

Botanic: No significant features reported.

Cultural: No significant features reported.

Geologic: This area is a significant geologic resource due to the presence of important bedrock outcrops.

Hydrologic: No significant features reported.

EAGLE LAKE

MIDAS #: 4606
Size: 436 acres

Township: Bar Harbor
County: Hancock
USGS Quad: Acadia National Park
Basin: Coastal

SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANCE Eagle Lake has outstanding physical, cultural, and scenic features, and significant botanic and fishery features. In addition, this lake is located adjacent to Sommes Sound, and is part of Acadia National Park.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION Eagle Lake is an oligotrophic coldwater lake with an average depth of 44 feet and a maximum depth of 110 feet. Route 102 runs along the eastern shore of the lake. One boat launch exists along the eastern shore.

DESCRIPTION OF SIGNIFICANT RESOURCES

Fisheries: The principal fisheries are for landlocked salmon, brook trout and togue, which are all stocked. The lake also supports rainbow smelt.

Wildlife:

Scenic: The outstanding scenery on this pond is due to high dramatic relief, 3 islands, and a bouldered shore.

Shore Character: No significant features reported.

Botanic: Subularia aquatica, awiwort, is a significant botanical feature of this pond. This species was given the status of Special Concern by the State Planning Office.

Cultural: The Carriage Path System is an outstanding cultural feature of this pond.

Geologic: This pond has significant cliffs, and outstanding rock outcrops.

Hydrologic: No significant features reported.

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ECHO LAKE

MIDAS #: 4624
Size: 237 acres

Township: Mount Desert
County: Hancock
USGS Quad: Acadia National Park
Basin: Coastal

SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANCE Echo Lake is located in Acadia National Park. This lake has outstanding scenic and shoreline features, as well as significant botanic, physical, and fish resources. This rich assemblage of unique natural resource features is uncommon in the organized townships.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION This is a shallow coldwater oligotrophic lake with an average depth of 28 feet and a maximum depth of 66 feet. A water control structure at the northern end of the lake regulates water levels. Acadia, St. Sauvuer, and Beech Mountains surround this lake, creating a scenically pleasing landscape. This lake is within the boundaries of Acadia National Park.

DESCRIPTION OF SIGNIFICANT RESOURCES

Fisheries: Landlocked salmon and brook trout are the significant principal fisheries. The lake was stocked with Sunapee trout in 1974, however this practice was discontinued. Echo Lake has been reclaimed once, in 1956.

Wildlife:

Scenic: High dramatic relief, a beach at south end, rockslides, and a partially bouldered shore make the scenic quality of this lake outstanding. The surrounding mountains picturesquely frame this oceanside lake.

Shore Character: Despite some development at south end, 80% of the shore is forested. Ten percent of the shore is beach, and 10% is bouldered. The broad beach, protruding bedrock ledge, and rocky shore all contribute to its outstanding shoreline character.

Botanic: Arethusa bulbosa, a proposed state watch list plant species, occurs in the shoreland zone around Echo Lake.

Cultural: An historic carriage path skirts the lake.

Geologic: Echo Lake contains a significant cliff along its southeastern shoreline.

Hydrologic: No significant features reported.

FLOODS POND

MIDAS #: 4370
Size: 654 acres

Township: Otis
County: Hancock
USGS Quad: Ellsworth
Basin: Union

SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANCE Floods Pond has outstanding scenic, shoreline, and fishery resources. In addition, this pond is used as a water supply by the Bangor Water District. Sunapee Trout abound in these waters, the only such place in Maine.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION Floods pond is a deep, coldwater, oligotrophic lake 654 acres in size. Average depth is 41 feet and maximum depth is 147 feet. The water is exceptionally clear. The lake is controlled by the Bangor Water District and most of the lake is closed to fishing.

DESCRIPTION OF SIGNIFICANT RESOURCE FEATURES

Fisheries: The fishing on this pond is outstanding. Flood's pond supports a natural population of Sunapee trout. This is the only natural population in the state. Landlocked salmon and brook trout also reside in the pond.

Wildlife: Not rated, thought to have moderate habitat for sensitive species.

Scenic: The scenic features of this lake are outstanding. It possesses dramatic relief, island, cliffs, and a bouldered shore. The vegetation diversity includes hardwoods such as red maple and sugar maple; birch; and white pine. It is a nice undeveloped deep pond with extremely clear water.

Shore Character: The outstanding shoreline of this lake is 20% forest. The rest is an extensive (80%) boulder shore. It is undeveloped except for a pumping station. There is protruding bedrock ledge.

Botanic: No significant features reported.

Cultural: No significant features reported.

Geologic: No significant features reported.

Hydrologic: No significant features reported.

HATCASE POND

MIDAS #: 4290
Size: 145 acres

Township: Dedham
County: Hancock
USGS Quad: Orland
Basin: Union

SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANCE Hatcase Pond has outstanding scenic and shoreline features, and significant fishery features. This pond is nestled in between 5 small ridges, which provide a scenery of highly complex relief. The irregular shoreline adds to the overall scenic diversity.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION Hatcase Pond is a coldwater oligotrophic pond with an average depth of 38 feet and a maximum depth of 77 feet. Part of the pond is closed to fishing around the Brewer water supply. Public access is by permission over a private road.

DESCRIPTION OF SIGNIFICANT RESOURCES

Fisheries: This pond has significant fishery resources. Native brook trout are the principal fishery. The pond also supports smallmouth bass and pickerel.

Wildlife: No specific rating, though the pond does possess moderate value upland habitat.

Scenic: High dramatic relief, and partially bouldered shore contribute to the outstanding scenery of this pond despite it being partially developed.

Shore Character: The shore is undeveloped except for 1 camp and a pumping station. Large or dominant protruding bedrock ledges, a rocky shore, and an island contribute to the outstanding shore character.

Botanic: No significant features reported.

Cultural: No significant features reported.

Geologic: No significant features reported.

Hydrologic: No significant features reported.

HOPKINS POND

MIDAS #: 4538
Size: 442 acres

Township: Mariaville
County: Hancock
USGS Quad: Great Pond
Basin: Union

SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANCE Hopkins Pond has outstanding scenic and shoreline features, as well as, a significant fishery. The highly irregular shoreline, complex surrounding terrain, and picturesque islands makes this lake visually attractive.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION This is a coldwater oligotrophic lake. Average depth is 26 feet and maximum depth is 65. The pond has never been reclaimed. There is a boat launch on the northeastern shore, which is accessible to two-wheel drive vehicles.

DESCRIPTION OF SIGNIFICANT RESOURCES

Fisheries: This pond has significant fisheries resources. Brook trout and togue are the principal fisheries. The pond also supports bullhead, landlocked salmon, rainbow smelt and pumpkinseed sunfish. There is a limited fishery for landlocked salmon, which are produced in the outlet.

Wildlife:

Scenic: High dramatic relief, 7 islands, and a bouldered shore make the scenery outstanding. Hopkins Pond is fairly remote for a large pond in the organized townships.

Shore Character: The shoreline character is also outstanding despite being partially developed in 1 cove, and shallow. The shore is 40% forested, and 60% bouldered, with small or few protruding slabs.

Botanic: No significant features reported.

Cultural: No significant features reported.

Geologic: No significant features reported.

Hydrologic: No significant features reported.

HORSESHOE POND

MIDAS #: unknown
Size: 70 acres

Township: Willimantic
County: Piscataquis
USGS Quad: Sebec Lake
Basin: Penobscot

SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANCE Horseshoe Pond has outstanding scenic and shoreline features. This pond is surrounded by Ragged, Poverty, and Davis Mountains, which create a visually pleasing, scenically diverse sight.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION Horseshoe Pond is located just northwest of Sebec Lake. Access to the pond requires four-wheel drive, and is limited to one road. Water from this 530 foot high pond flows into Wilson Stream.

DESCRIPTION OF SIGNIFICANT RESOURCES

Fisheries: Not rated by DIFW.

Wildlife:

Scenic: This pond has several significant features. They include: 2 islands, a bouldered shore, a marsh bog and no development.

Shore Character: The shore character is outstanding. It is 40% forested, 50% peat/marsh, 10% bedrock ledge, and bedrock slab.

Botanic: No significant features reported.

Cultural: No significant features reported.

Geologic: No significant features reported.

Hydrologic: No significant features reported.

INDIAN POND (BIG)

MIDAS #: 5464
Size: 990 acres

Township: St. Albans
County: Somerset
USGS Quad: Pittsfield
Basin: Kennebec

SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANCE Big Indian Pond contains outstanding wildlife and botanic resources, as well as significant fisheries resources.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION This small, developed lake is located in central Maine about 10 miles west of the town of Corinna. It is connected to Little Indian Pond by a short stream channel. Most of the shore is developed with seasonal camps and homes, and there are two public boat landings. The pond is relatively shallow, with an average depth of 15 feet and a maximum depth of 28 feet.

DESCRIPTION OF SIGNIFICANT RESOURCES

Fisheries: This mesotrophic waterbody supports significant coldwater and warmwater fisheries. The principal species are smallmouth bass, white perch, chain pickerel, and brown trout. The trout is the only stocked species. There is a dam controlling water levels, but there is no fishway. Fish abundance is good, as are the fishing quality and aesthetics. Despite poor water quality, natural reproduction is considered moderate. Economic importance is low.

Wildlife: Big Indian Pond is considered an outstanding wildlife resource. Adjacent riparian areas are highly valuable to wildlife, and the wetland and upland areas are also important. Species abundance and species diversity are moderate, as are the opportunities to hunt, trap, and view wildlife.

Scenic: No significant features reported.

Shore Character: No significant features reported.

Botanic: This pond is considered an outstanding botanic resource because it contains Vasey's pondweed (*Potamogeton vaseyi*), which is currently an endangered species.

Cultural: No significant features reported.

Geologic: No significant features reported.

Hydrologic: No significant features reported.

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JORDAN POND

MIDAS #: 4608
Size: 187 acres

Township: Mount Desert
County: Hancock
USGS Quad: Acadia National Park
Basin: Presumpscot

SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANCE Jordan Pond has outstanding scenic features and significant botanic, physical, cultural, shoreline, and fishery features. This rich assemblage of natural resource features is uncommon in the organized townships. The pond is nestled in between The Bubbles, Pemetic mountain, The Triad, Penobscot Mountain, and Jordan Ridge, and occurs completely within Acadia National Park.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION This is an oligotrophic coldwater pond. Average depth is 84 feet and maximum depth 150 feet. A water control structure exists along the pond's southern outlet. Also located at the southern end of the pond is a boat launch. Jordan Pond is located within Acadia National Park, which receives a large amount of visitor use.

DESCRIPTION OF SIGNIFICANT RESOURCES

Fisheries: The principal fishery species, landlocked salmon and togue, are both stocked and provide a significant fishery resource. The lake also supports rainbow smelt and brook trout.

Wildlife: Not rated, possess moderate value upland habitat for sensitive species.

Scenic: The high dramatic relief, cliffs, extremely clear water, and bouldered shore contribute to the outstanding scenic quality of this pond. Despite being partly developed, it is still very scenic.

Shore Character: Jordan Pond has a small narrow beach along its predominantly rocky shore. The shoreline is approximately 80% forested, marsh makes up 10% of the shoreline. There is a National Park Service facility at south end.

Botanic: The shoreland zone of this pond includes, Cypripedium reginae, Showy Lady's Slipper, a plant species proposed to be listed as threatened in Maine.

Cultural: The Carriage Path System is a historical feature present around Jordan Pond.

Geologic: High cliffs are significant geologic features on this pond.

Hydrologic: No significant features reported.

KENNEBUNK POND

MIDAS #: 3998
Size: 224 acres

Township: Lyman
County: York
USGS Quad: Buxton
Basin: Coastal

SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANCE Kennebunk Pond contains outstanding wildlife and botanic resources, as well as significant fisheries and hydrologic resources.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION This small, developed pond is located in southern Maine near the Town of Alfred. It has a maximum depth of 43 feet and an average depth of 21 feet. A dam controls water level. There is a public boat landing at the southeast end. Kennebunk Pond is a town water supply.

DESCRIPTION OF SIGNIFICANT RESOURCES

Fisheries: This eutrophic waterbody supports significant coldwater and warmwater fisheries. The principal species are landlocked alewife, largemouth and smallmouth bass, white perch, chain pickerel, brook trout and brown trout. Both trout species are stocked, and there is an ongoing program to introduce the alewife. Species abundance is good, as is the overall quality of the habitat. Fishing pressure is heavy, and the pond is considered economically important.

Wildlife: Kennebunk Pond is considered an outstanding wildlife resource because it received a high rating for species rarity. No specific information was given regarding which important species is present.

Scenic: No significant features reported.

Shore Character: No significant features reported.

Botanic: The rare sweet pepperbush (*Clethra alnifolia*), is found in this area, making Kennebunk Pond an outstanding botanic resource.

Cultural: No significant features reported.

Geologic: No significant features reported.

Hydrologic: This pond is considered a significant hydrologic resource because of an unusual marine delta at the south end.

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KEZAR LAKE

MIDAS #: 0097
Size: 2600 acres

Township: Lovell
County: Oxford
USGS Quad: Center Lovell
Basin: Saco

SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANCE Kezar Lake contains outstanding fisheries, scenic, and botanic resources, as well as significant cultural features.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION This moderate-sized developed lake is located on the edge of the White Mountain National Forest in western Maine. With its numerous resorts and inns and its spectacular scenery, Kezar Lake has long been a popular vacation spot. Prominent narrows divide the lake into 3 sections - Upper Bay, Middle Bay, and Lower Bay. There are 2 boat landings and a campground. Kezar is a relatively deep lake, with an average depth of 34 feet and a maximum depth of 155 feet.

DESCRIPTION OF SIGNIFICANT RESOURCES

Fisheries: This oligotrophic lake supports outstanding coldwater and warmwater fisheries. Species diversity is exceptional, with the principal species being landlocked alewife, large and smallmouth bass, white perch, chain pickerel, landlocked salmon, rainbow smelt, and lake trout. Salmon, trout, and alewife are stocked. Water quality and the physical characteristics of the habitat are excellent. The highly aesthetic setting, good fishing, and moderate fishing pressure make this an economically important resource.

Wildlife: No significant features reported.

Scenic: Kezar Lake possesses outstanding scenic qualities. Views of dramatic relief are provided by the surrounding mountains, particularly the nearby White Mountains. Islands, boulders, beaches, and an interesting shoreline configuration add to the overall scenic resource that is found here.

Shore Character: No significant features reported.

Botanic: This area is considered an outstanding botanic resource. A large stand of Long's bullrush (*Scirpus longii*) was discovered here in 1987, one of only two known stations for this species in Maine.

Cultural: Kezar Lake contains significant cultural features associated with destination resorts and vacation camps that have been in existence for more than a century.

Geologic: No significant features reported.

Hydrologic: No significant features reported.

KEZAR POND

MIDAS #: 3709
Size: 1,299 acres

Township: Fryeburg
County: Oxford
USGS Quad: Fryeburg
Basin: Saco

SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANCE Kezar Pond has outstanding botanical and fishery resources, and significant cultural, scenic, and shore character features. Rare features include the largest stand of Long's Rush, Scirpus longii, in the state.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION Kezar Pond is a large undeveloped lake located northeast of Fryeburg Maine. This mesotrophic pond is almost completely surrounded by marsh. It has an average depth of 7 feet and a maximum depth of 12 feet.

DESCRIPTION OF SIGNIFICANT RESOURCES

Fisheries: Kezar Pond is a warmwater fishery. Largemouth and smallmouth bass, white perch, and chain pickerel are the principal fishery species.

Wildlife:

Scenic: Kezar Pond has a fairly high level of surrounding relief, a slightly irregular shore, and a low level of development.

Shore Character: A vast expanse of emergent undeveloped marsh surrounds Kezar Pond. A small pocket beach on the pond's north shore adds to the shore character.

Botanic: A large stand of a state endangered species, Long's bulrush, Scirpus longii, was discovered on Kezar Pond in 1987. This is the only known location for this species in Maine.

Cultural: Kezar Pond has significant cultural features.

Geologic: Near the pond is a good example of an esker.

Hydrologic: No significant features reported.

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LONG POND

MIDAS #: 5272
Size: 2714 acres

Township: Belgrade
County: Kennebec
USGS Quad: Augusta
Basin: Kennebec

SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANCE Long pond contains outstanding wildlife and fisheries resources, as well as significant botanical features.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION This relatively large, developed lake is located about 15 miles north of Augusta. It is one of several lakes in the Belgrade Lakes chain. There is at least one public boat landing, but no public campsites. It is a relatively deep lake, with maximum and average depths of 97 feet and 35 feet respectively.

DESCRIPTION OF SIGNIFICANT RESOURCES

Fisheries: This mesotrophic lake supports outstanding coldwater and warmwater fisheries. The principal species are landlocked salmon, largemouth and smallmouth bass, white perch, chain pickerel, rainbow smelt, and brook trout. Salmon are the only fish stocked in this lake. There is a dam with a fishway. Fish abundance is very high, and the habitat is excellent for natural reproduction. Fishing pressure is heavy, making this a very important lake economically.

Wildlife: Long Pond is considered an outstanding wildlife resource because the associated upland habitat is highly rated, and the species abundance, species diversity, and wetland and riparian habitats are each considered to be of moderate value. The hunting, trapping, and wildlife viewing opportunities are also considered good. Recent surveys show that Long Pond is home to several breeding pairs of common loons.

Scenic: No significant features reported.

Shore Character: No significant features reported.

Botanic: Long Pond is considered a significant botanic resource because of the presence of the rare arethusa (*Arethusa bulbosa*).

Cultural: No significant features reported.

Geologic: No significant features reported.

Hydrologic: No significant features reported.

MARANACOOK LAKE

MIDAS #: 5312
Size: 1673 acres

Township: Winthrop
County: Kennebec
USGS Quad: Augusta
Basin: Kennebec

SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANCE Maranacook Lake contains outstanding fisheries and wildlife resources.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION This relatively large, developed lake is located between the towns of Winthrop and Readfield, in a chain that includes Annabessacook and Cobbosseecontee Lakes. It is divided into two sections by a narrows. The entire western shore of the south section has no camps because the railroad runs very close to the shore; otherwise, the shore is mostly rimmed with development. The average depth is 30 feet, while the maximum depth is 128 feet.

DESCRIPTION OF SIGNIFICANT RESOURCES

Fisheries: This mesotrophic lake supports outstanding coldwater and warmwater fisheries. The principal species are largemouth and smallmouth bass, white perch, chain pickerel, brown trout, and lake trout. Brown trout is the only species stocked, though landlocked salmon were stocked prior to '74. Fish abundance is excellent due partly to the stocking efforts and partly to the quality of the habitat. Fishing quality is excellent and fishing pressure is high, contributing to a moderate overall economic importance.

Wildlife: Maranacook Lake is considered an outstanding wildlife resource. It is home to at least 3 pairs of breeding common loons, and provides feeding habitat for many non-breeding loons. The riparian habitat along the northern section of the lake is highly rated, and the opportunities to view wildlife are good.

Scenic: No significant features reported.

Shore Character: No significant features reported.

Botanic: No significant features reported.

Cultural: No significant features reported.

Geologic: No significant features reported.

Hydrologic: No significant features reported.

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MOUNTAINY POND

MIDAS #: 4292
Size: 691 acres

Township: Dedham
County: Hancock
USGS Quad: Orland
Basin: Union

SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANCE Mountainy Pond has outstanding scenic and shoreline features, and significant fishery features. This undeveloped spectacular pond is adjacent to 1137 foot high Big Hill.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION Mountainy Pond is an unmanaged eutrophic pond. Public access is essentially denied by a road gate maintained by landowners. There is a boat landing at the northern end of the pond, adjacent to a gravel road.

DESCRIPTION OF SIGNIFICANT RESOURCES

Fisheries: This pond has a significant Smallmouth bass fishery. It also has white and yellow perch, pickerel, landlocked salmon, smelt and brook trout.

Wildlife: The upland habitat associated with this pond is very highly rated.

Scenic: The scenery on this pond is outstanding. It has high dramatic relief, 4 islands, and a partially bouldered shore. The vegetation diversity includes: white pine, spruce/fir, oak, and maple.

Shore Character: Shore character is outstanding. The shoreline is 80% forested, and 20% bouldered. There is a narrow beach at the north end of the pond, a small spit beach on the south arm, and several islands scattered about the pond.

Botanic: No significant features reported.

Cultural: No significant features reported.

Geologic: No significant features reported.

Hydrologic: No significant features reported.

OSSIPEE FLOWAGE (LITTLE)

MIDAS #: 9715
Size: 1005 acres

Township: Waterboro
County: York
USGS Quad: Buxton
Basin: Saco

SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANCE Little Ossipee Flowage contains outstanding wildlife and fisheries resources, as well as significant hydrologic features.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION This lake, also known as Ledgemere Pond or Lake Arrowhead, is formed by the damming of the Little Ossipee River. The shores are mostly undeveloped. The water levels fluctuate considerably due to hydroelectric drawdowns. The lake is very narrow, and many arms and coves form a convoluted shoreline. It is also quite shallow, with a maximum depth of 25 feet and an average depth of 6 feet.

DESCRIPTION OF SIGNIFICANT RESOURCES

Fisheries: This eutrophic waterbody supports an outstanding warmwater fisheries resource, with the principal species being largemouth and smallmouth bass, black crappie, white perch, and chain pickerel. No species are stocked. Fish abundance is good, due to the excellent capacity of the habitat for natural reproduction. However, the drastic drawdowns are thought to limit the fisheries potential. Aesthetic quality of this lake is high, and it receives moderate fishing pressure.

Wildlife: Little Ossipee Flowage is an outstanding wildlife resource because it is known to be the home of the rare Blandings turtle (*Emydoidea blandingii*), which is on the list of threatened species in Maine. The lake also has moderate value wetland habitat for waterfowl, and offers good opportunities for hunting and trapping.

Scenic: No rating, but the undeveloped nature of this flowage makes it quite scenic.

Shore Character: No rating, but the shoreline is highly convoluted and interesting.

Botanic: No significant features reported.

Cultural: No significant features reported.

Geologic: No significant features reported.

Hydrologic: This lake is significant because it contains a complex esker and an assemblage of glacial kames.

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PARKER POND

MIDAS #: 5186
Size: 1513 acres

Township: Fayette
County: Kennebec
USGS Quad: Farmington Falls
Basin: Androscoggin

SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANCE Parker Pond contains outstanding fisheries and wildlife resources.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION This relatively large, developed pond is located near the town of Mount Vernon in central Maine. Almost the entire shore is rimmed with seasonal camps and year-round homes. There is a public boat landing at the northern end. Maximum and average depths are 76 feet and 31 feet respectively.

DESCRIPTION OF SIGNIFICANT RESOURCES

Fisheries: This oligotrophic lake supports outstanding coldwater and warmwater fisheries, with the principal species being smallmouth bass, chain pickerel, and landlocked salmon. Salmon is the only species that is stocked. There is a dam flowing pond, but there is no fishway. Species diversity and abundance are high, and the fishing quality is excellent. Fishing pressure is heavy, and the overall economic importance is moderate.

Wildlife: Parker Pond is considered an outstanding wildlife resource. It contains high value riparian and upland habitats, providing good opportunities to hunt, trap, and view wildlife in the area. The pond supports several pairs of breeding loons that utilize some of the small islands for nesting.

Scenic: No significant features reported.

Shore Character: No significant features reported.

Botanic: No significant features reported.

Cultural: No significant features reported.

Geologic: No significant features reported.

Hydrologic: No significant features reported.

PEMAQUID POND

MIDAS #: 5704
Size: 1515 acres

Township: Nobleboro
County: Lincoln
USGS Quad: Waldoboro West
Basin: Coastal

SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANCE Pemaquid Pond contains outstanding fisheries and wildlife resources.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION This relatively large, developed pond is located near the town of Damariscotta in coastal Maine. Most of the shoreline is rimmed with seasonal camps and year-round homes. There are two commercial campgrounds and a boat landing providing public access. The pond is narrowed in several spots, and the maximum and average depths are 61 feet and 20 feet respectively. There is no dam on this pond.

DESCRIPTION OF SIGNIFICANT RESOURCES

Fisheries: This mesotrophic pond supports outstanding coldwater and warmwater fisheries. The principal species are smallmouth bass, white perch, chain pickerel, and brown trout. Presently, brown trout is the only stocked species, though chinook salmon were stocked unsuccessfully in 1938.

Wildlife: Pemaquid Pond is considered an outstanding wildlife resource. The riparian habitat associated with this pond is highly rated, while the wetland and upland areas are of moderate value. Species diversity and abundance are also rated as moderate. Opportunities to hunt and view wildlife are considered good. This pond supports several breeding pairs of common loons.

Scenic: No significant features reported, but there are numerous small islands and boulders on this pond.

Shore Character: No significant features reported.

Botanic: No significant features reported.

Cultural: No significant features reported.

Geologic: No significant features reported.

Hydrologic: No significant features reported.

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POCOMOONSHINE LAKE

MIDAS #: 1290
Size: 2464 acres

Township: Alexander
County: Washington
USGS Quad: Big Lake
Basin: Machias

SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANCE Pocoomoonshine lake contains outstanding fisheries and wildlife resources, as well as significant geologic features.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION This largely undeveloped lake is located in eastern Maine near the Town of Woodland. The lake is not flowed, and the maximum and average depths are 40 feet and 14 feet respectively. There are 3 public boat landings and no campsites.

DESCRIPTION OF SIGNIFICANT RESOURCES

Fisheries: This mesotrophic waterbody supports outstanding warmwater fisheries. The principal species are smallmouth bass and white perch, and no stocking occurs. All aspects of the habitat are considered to be excellent and provide for very good natural reproduction. Because of the abundance of fish, especially bass, the fishing quality is excellent. Aesthetics are also highly rated, and fishing pressure is moderate.

Wildlife: Pocoomoonshine Lake is considered an outstanding wildlife resource. It contains extensive areas of high value wetland and riparian habitats, and is home to many breeding pairs of common loons. It is also a traditional bald eagle feeding and nesting area.

Scenic: No rating, but the lake does have many scenic islands and a very interesting shoreline configuration.

Shore Character: No significant features reported.

Botanic: No significant features reported.

Cultural: No significant features reported.

Geologic: This lake contains a type of bedrock outcrop that is important in the geologic interpretation of the Big Lake area, making the lake a significant geologic resource.

Hydrologic: No significant features reported.

PORTAGE LAKE

MIDAS #: 1602
Size: 2474 acres

Township: Portage Lake
County: Aroostook
USGS Quad: Winterville
Basin: Saint John

SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANCE Portage Lake contains outstanding wildlife and botanic resources, as well as significant fisheries resources.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION This relatively large lake is located at the northern Maine town of Portage Lake. Except for the northern end, the lake shore is developed with seasonal camps and homes. There are at least 3 public boat landings and a float plane landing. This lake is part of the popular Fish River Canoe Trip. Maximum and average depths are 25 feet and 10 feet respectively. The use of outboard motors is restricted around a "floating island" waterfowl management area.

DESCRIPTION OF SIGNIFICANT RESOURCES

Fisheries: This shallow, eutrophic lake supports significant coldwater fisheries. The principal species are landlocked salmon, rainbow smelt, and brook trout. No species are stocked, and natural reproduction is considered excellent. Fish abundance is good and fishing pressure is moderate, making this an economically important lake.

Wildlife: Portage Lake is considered an outstanding wildlife resource. Waterfowl abundance is very high, and the wetland, riparian, and upland habitats are all excellent. There is an unusual area of floating vegetation that is managed for waterfowl production. Hunting, trapping, and wildlife viewing opportunities are excellent. The rare black tern (Chlidonias niger) is also known to occur here.

Scenic: No significant features reported.

Shore Character: No significant features reported.

Botanic: This lake is considered an outstanding botanic resource. There are 3 rare plants that occur here, including Heteranthera dubia (water stargrass), Aster borealis (rush aster), and Nymphaea tetragona (pygmy water-lily).

Cultural: No significant features reported.

Geologic: No significant features reported.

Hydrologic: No significant features reported.

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POVERTY POND

MIDAS #: none
Size: 35 acres

Township: Willimantic
County: Piscataquis
USGS Quad: Sebec Lake
Basin: Penobscot

SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANCE Poverty Pond is a highly scenic undeveloped pond that is surrounded by Davis, Poverty, Hampshire, Deer Hill and Oak Hill Mountains. The highly complex surrounding relief and diverse outstanding shoreline make this pond exceptionally scenic.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION Poverty Pond is nestled in between five mountains, and occurs at an elevation of 579 feet. The outflow from the pond flows into Poverty Brook, which flows into Davis Brook. The pond contains 1 island and a bouldered shore. Surrounding plant communities include an emergent marsh and a spruce/fir forest.

DESCRIPTION OF SIGNIFICANT RESOURCES

Fisheries: Not rated by DIFW.

Wildlife:

Scenic: High dramatic relief, an island, a bouldered shore, a marsh, and no development all combine for outstanding scenery on this pond.

Shore Character: The outstanding character of this shore is due to a diversity of surrounding vegetation (50% forested, 30% peat/marsh, 10% ledge, 10% boulder), and to a large bedrock slab, a rocky shoreline, and a rock island.

Botanic: No significant features reported.

Cultural: No significant features reported.

Geologic: No significant features reported.

Hydrologic: No significant features reported.

PUSHAW LAKE

MIDAS #: 0080
Size: 5056 acres

Township: Old Town
County: Penobscot
USGS Quad: Bangor
Basin: Penobscot

SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANCE Pushaw Lake contains outstanding wildlife and botanic resources, as well as significant fisheries and cultural resources.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION This relatively large lake is located a few miles northwest of Bangor. Except for scattered boggy areas, most of its shoreline is rimmed with homes and seasonal camps. There are several islands present. Pushaw stream at the northern end is a popular canoe trip. There are several boat landings providing public access to the lake, and there is at least one public beach. The lake is very shallow, and has experienced algae problems associated with accelerated eutrophication. Average depth is 11 feet, and maximum depth is 28 feet.

DESCRIPTION OF SIGNIFICANT RESOURCES

Fisheries: This eutrophic waterbody supports significant warmwater fisheries, with the principal species being smallmouth bass, white perch, and chain pickerel. Brook trout are occasionally caught in winter. The habitat is considered excellent for natural reproduction. The lake is not stocked. Fishing pressure is heavy and overall economic importance is moderate.

Wildlife: Pushaw lake is considered an outstanding wildlife resource because of its high species abundance (mostly waterfowl) and the fact that it offers high quality hunting and trapping. Wetland areas associated with the lake are very important for waterfowl, and riparian areas are also considered productive.

Scenic: No significant features reported.

Shore Character: No significant features reported.

Botanic: Two rare plants occur here, making this lake an outstanding botanic resource. These are: water stargrass (*Heteranthera dubia*) and littorella (*Littorella americana*).

Cultural: This area contains two historical or archeological sites of moderate overall importance, making it a significant cultural resource.

Geologic: No significant features reported.

Hydrologic: No significant features reported.

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SAINT GEORGE LAKE

MIDAS #: 9971
Size: 1095 acres

Township: Liberty
County: Waldo
USGS Quad: Liberty
Basin: Coastal

SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANCE Saint George Lake contains outstanding fisheries and wildlife resources.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION This developed lake is located in along Route 3 between Augusta and Belfast. Lake Saint George State Park, a popular picnic and swimming area, is on the western shore near the highway. There are also two public boat landings. Maximum depth is 65 feet, and average depth is 24 feet.

DESCRIPTION OF SIGNIFICANT RESOURCES

Fisheries: This oligotrophic waterbody supports outstanding coldwater and warmwater fisheries. The principal species are largemouth and smallmouth bass, white perch, chain pickerel, and landlocked salmon. Brook trout and brown trout are also present; salmon and brook trout are stocked. This lake produces some of the largest landlocked salmon in Maine, partly due to the excellent quality of the habitat. Fish are abundant, providing high quality fishing. Moderate fishing pressure makes this an economically important resource.

Wildlife: Saint George Lake is considered an outstanding wildlife resource. Several pairs of common loons nest here, and the lake is also used as a feeding area for many more nonresident loons (up to 21 loons observed at one time in a recent survey). The riparian and upland habitats associated with this lake are highly rated, and the opportunities to view wildlife are good. Species abundance and diversity are also highly rated.

Scenic: No rating, but there are several islands on the lake that enhance the scenic quality.

Shore Character: No significant features reported.

Botanic: No significant features reported.

Cultural: No significant features reported.

Geologic: No significant features reported.

Hydrologic: No significant features reported.

SEBAGO LAKE

MIDAS #: 5786
Size: 28,771 acres

Township: Sebago
County: Cumberland
USGS Quad: Sebago Lake
Basin: Presumpscot

SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANCE Sebago Lake is the largest and one of the most significant and heavily used lakes in the entire state. It has outstanding cultural, shoreline, and fishery features, and significant botanical, physical, and scenic features. Rare features include 9 beaches, an average depth of 107 feet, and a maximum depth of 316 feet, the deepest lake in Maine.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION Sebago Lake is a large oligotrophic lake located in southern Maine approximately 10 miles northwest of Portland. The lake has a complex shoreline, contains numerous islands, and several large beaches. Portions of the lake shoreline are lined with dense residential and summer cottage homes. Sebago Lake is also the water supply for the greater Portland area.

DESCRIPTION OF SIGNIFICANT RESOURCE FEATURES

Fisheries: There are twenty-two species of fish occur in Sebago Lake. Principal fishery species include lake trout, landlocked salmon, lake whitefish, smallmouth bass, and burbot (cusk). State record brown trout, landlocked salmon, chain pickerel, lake whitefish, and cusk have all come from Sebago Lake.

Wildlife:

Scenic: Significant scenic features on Sebago Lake include an irregular shoreline, numerous islands and beaches, and some undeveloped shoreline areas.

Shore Character: Sebago Lake has a diversity of significant shoreline features; several large narrow beaches, a large pocket beach, an extensive spit beach, several types of bedrock ledges, and some pockets of rocky shoreline.

Botanic: Awiwort, *Subularia aquatica*, has been reported from islands at the northern end of Sebago Lake. This is a state listed special concern species.

Cultural: Sebago Lake has several outstanding cultural features including the old Cumberland/Oxford Canal.

Geologic: Significant geologic features include Sebago Pluton and Frye's Leap.

Hydrologic: Sebago Lake is the water supply for the greater Portland area.

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SEBASTICOOK LAKE

MIDAS #: 2264
Size: 4288 acres

Township: Newport
County: Penobscot
USGS Quad: Stetson
Basin: Kennebec

SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANCE Sebasticook Lake contains outstanding wildlife and botanic resources, as well as significant fisheries resources.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION This large, developed lake is located at the town of Newport, about 25 miles west of Bangor. There are two public boat landings, and the lake is the start of the Sebasticook River East Branch Canoe Trip. Average depth is 20 feet, and maximum depth is 50 feet. This lake has historically been polluted with heavy metals and other substances by tanneries and other industries in the area. There is a restoration program currently underway to improve water quality.

DESCRIPTION OF SIGNIFICANT RESOURCES

Fisheries: This mesotrophic lake supports significant warmwater fisheries, with the principal species being largemouth and smallmouth bass, black crappie, white perch and chain pickerel. No species are stocked, and the crappie was introduced by accident in the 1960's. There is a dam controlling water levels, but no fishway exists. Fish abundance and diversity are high, and the habitat is considered excellent for reproduction. However, fishing pressure is low because of the pollution problem, and the lake is not considered economically important.

Wildlife: Sebasticook Lake is an outstanding wildlife resource because of the high value riparian and upland habitats associated with it, and because of a high rating for species rarity (unknown species). It also contains some important wetland areas used by waterfowl, and provides excellent hunting opportunities. Trapping and wildlife viewing values are also significant.

Scenic: No significant features reported.

Shore Character: No significant features reported.

Botanic: This lake is considered an outstanding botanic resource because of the presence of the endangered Vasey's Pondweed (Potamogeton vaseyi).

Cultural: No significant features reported.

Geologic: No significant features reported.

Hydrologic: No significant features reported.

SEBEC LAKE

MIDAS #: 0848
Size: 6,803 acres

Township: Willimantic
County: Piscataquis
USGS Quad: Sebec Lake
Basin: Penobscot

SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANCE Sebec Lake has outstanding fishery and cultural resources and significant shoreline and geologic features. This large lake just north of Dover-Foxcroft has a highly irregular shoreline, which coupled with complex surrounding relief, is very scenic.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION This 6,803 acre lake is oligotrophic, and contains warm and coldwater fisheries. Average depth is 42 feet and maximum depth is 155 feet. There are numerous points of access along the shoreline, including access at Peaks-Kenney State Park. Boat landings are available for 2-wheel drive vehicles.

DESCRIPTION OF SIGNIFICANT RESOURCE FEATURES

Fisheries: Fisheries on this lake are outstanding. Principal fisheries are for smallmouth bass, white perch, pickerel, landlocked salmon, and lake trout (stocked). Brown bullhead, burbot, yellow perch, rainbow smelt and brook trout are also present.

Wildlife:

Scenic: The lake was not surveyed in the scenic evaluation. However, this lake has an irregular shoreline, several islands, and highly complex surrounding relief.

Shore Character: This lake has significant shoreline features, however specific details are not available because the lake was not flown.

Botanic: No significant features reported.

Cultural: This lake has outstanding cultural features. Twenty three historical sites exist on the lake. The overall significance of the sites is believed to be high, and these areas are eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. More site evaluation work needs to be performed.

Geologic: Sebec Lake has a significant rock outcrop.

Hydrologic: No significant features reported.

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SECOND POND

MIDAS #: 0441
Size: 64 acres

Township: Dedham
County: Hancock
USGS Quad: Orland
Basin: Penobscot

SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANCE Second Pond has outstanding scenic and shoreline features, as well as significant fishery resources. This 64 acre pond is tucked between six small mountain ridges that abruptly rise from the shoreline creating a spectacular setting.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION Second Pond is an oligotrophic warmwater pond. Average depth is 17 feet and maximum depth is 44 feet. There is one small access road to the pond, which ends on the southern shoreline.

DESCRIPTION OF SIGNIFICANT RESOURCES

Fisheries: This pond has a significant chain pickerel fishery. Brook trout are also present in the un reclaimed pond.

Wildlife:

Scenic: Outstanding scenery is provided by high dramatic relief, cliffs, and a bouldered shore. The shoreline is completely vegetated, and the dominant communities consist of spruce/fir and white pine forests.

Shore Character: The character of this shore is outstanding. It is 20% forested, and 80% bouldered.

Botanic: No significant features reported.

Cultural: No significant features reported.

Geologic: No significant features reported.

Hydrologic: No significant features reported.