



SPAULDING LAKE

Oakfield Twp., Aroostook County
U.S.G.S. Meduxnekeag Lake, Me (7 1/2')

Fishes

Landlocked salmon	Minnows
Brook trout	Creek chub
Rainbow smelt	Fallfish (chub)
Smallmouth bass	White sucker
White perch	Redbreast sunfish
Yellow perch	Pumpkinseed sunfish
Chain pickerel	American eel

Physical Characteristics

Area - 125 acres

Temperatures:

Surface - 71⁰F

20 feet - 57⁰F

34 feet - 49⁰F

Maximum depth - 38 feet

Principal fisheries: Brook trout, rainbow smelt, white perch, chain pickerel, smallmouth bass

Spaulding Lake has marginal habitat for coldwater sportfish. An oxygen deficiency below 20 feet exists during critical summer periods and therefore is a limiting factor for trout and salmon. Salmon management in the late 1960s failed to provide a satisfactory sport fishery, but rainbow smelt that were introduced as forage for salmon continue to exist and provide a limited dip net, hook and line, and commercial bait fishery. The presence of several predatory fishes, however, will limit the magnitude of these fisheries.

Spaulding Lake has been stocked with catchable size hatchery brook trout since 1994 and has produced a satisfactory fishery during summer and winter. Yearling trout are stocked annually in the spring and size of trout ranges 8 to 12 inches.

Current management is for trout, smelt, and warmwater species. Conservative fishery regulations have been implemented to maintain and enhance sport fishing opportunities.

Access to Spaulding Lake is by a public right-of-way with a gravel boat launch provided by the town of Oakfield. The site is located on the south shore off the Spaulding Lake Road.

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