

MOOSE POND

Denmark and Sweden Twps., Oxford Co.
Bridgton Twp., Cumberland Co.
U.S.G.S. Pleasant Mtn and Hiram, Me

Fishes

Landlocked salmon	Hornpout
Lake trout (togue)	Rainbow smelt
Smallmouth bass	White sucker
Largemouth bass	Minnnows
White perch	Fallfish (chub)
Yellow perch	Golden shiner
Chain pickerel	Pumpkinseed sunfish
	Slimy sculpin

Physical Characteristics

Upper Basin

Area - 365 acres	Temperatures
	Surface - 76°F
Maximum depth - 31 feet	31 feet - 57°F

Middle Basin

Area - 941 acres	Temperatures
	Surface - 72°F
Maximum depth - 77 feet	77 feet - 48°F

Lower Basin

Area - 388 acres	Temperatures
	Surface - 72°F
Maximum depth 39 feet	39 feet - 51°F

Principal fishery: Landlocked salmon, lake trout,
smallmouth bass, largemouth
bass, white perch

Suggested Management

Moose Pond is divided into three distinct basins. All three basins thermally stratify during the summer months. The upper and lower basins experience depressed dissolved oxygen levels in the coldwater layers, diminishing the value of these two basins for management of coldwater fish. The middle basin, on the other hand, provides excellent habitat for coldwater fish.

The middle basin is managed primarily for landlocked salmon and lake trout, with annual stockings of both species. Bottom trawling studies, however, indicate that lake trout are now spawning in significant numbers. Our objective now will be to phase out the lake trout stocking programs to allow for the recruitment of wild fish into the fishery. It is imperative to maintain stable water levels during the fall and winter to accommodate and enhance the lake trout spawning. All three basins are very popular among bass anglers. Results tabulated from annual bass tournaments held on the lake show that high quality largemouth and smallmouth bass populations exist in this lake. White perch fishing is also popular throughout the lake. Large numbers of anglers find the Route 302 causeway a popular spot to fish for this species. Moose Pond, because of its accessibility, is heavily fished in both summer and winter. Because of the heavy utilization, it may become necessary to reduce the exploitation particularly on salmon and lake trout through more restrictive regulations. It is our desire to accommodate both summer and winter anglers, and our objective is to balance the catch between both seasons.

Access to Moose Pond is provided at a town ramp at the Route 302 causeway. It is also possible to launch a boat near the outlet.

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Elevation 418 feet

Area 1694 acres

West Bridgton •

