

MIDAS # 3926 MOOSE POND

ACTON TWP, YORK CO., MAINE

AREA 27 ACRES

MOOSE POND Acton Twp., York Co. U.S.G.S. Great East Lake, Me. (7.5')

Fishes

Brown trout Brook trout Smallmouth bass Largemouth bass Yellow perch Chain pickerel Minnows Golden shiner Common shiner White sucker Hornpout (bullhead) Pumpkinseed sunfish

Physical Characteristics

Area - 27 acres

Maximum depth - 20 feet

Temperatures: Surface - 76°F 18 feet - 72°F

Principal fisheries: Brook trout, smallmouth bass, largemouth bass, chain pickerel

There is an unusually high percentage of unaltered shoreline surrounding this small pond Less than half the pond's shoreline is developed with camps and homes. The pond is managed for both cold and warmwater fisheries.

Water quality is very good for existing warmwater fisheries. Since the pond does not thermally stratify, unsuitable late summer water temperatures significantly limit the success of coldwater fishery management efforts. In spite of seasonal water quality limitations, interspecific competition, and predation from existing warmwater fisheries, Moose Pond has been stocked with brook trout more or less annually since the early 60's. Initial stocking made use of spring yearlings to create a seasonal spring fishery. More recent management efforts have focused on developing a seasonal winter fishery using legal size advanced fall fingerling and fall yearling brook trout However, reports from winter anglers of poor returns has resulted in a suspension of this program. Predation and competition from pickerel and bass may account for poor angler returns. Unscheduled brown trout have also recently been stocked. Future stocking of trout will likely occur only if unscheduled trout are available.

Traditional public boat access is located on private land located off the "H" Road. The gravel launch accommodates car-top and very small trailered boats. Parking is very limited. Public access provisions are tentative and could be terminated in the future. There is a need to secure long-term public access provisions.

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