

FIRST MOPANG LAKE
Twp. 30 MD, Washington County
U.S.G.S. Tug Mountain, Me.

Fishes

Salmon	White sucker
Brook trout (squaretail)	Minnows
White perch	Golden shiner
Yellow perch	Common shiner
Chain pickerel	Pumpkinseed sunfish
Hornpout (bullhead)	
Eel	

Physical Characteristics

Area — 83 acres	Temperatures
Maximum depth — 12 feet	Surface — 74°F.
	12 feet — 64°F.

Principal fishery: White perch

First Mopang Lake is a small, shallow warm-water lake surrounded on its east and west by low, gravelly, barrens-type pine knolls. The north end of the lake is very boggy where Mopang Stream, the only inlet, enters. The entire shoreline is fringed with aquatic vegetation, extending several yards out into the lake.

First Mopang should be managed for its warm-water fisheries. White perch, which average 10" long and 9 ounces in weight, provide the principal fishery. Chain pickerel are small, averaging only 12" in length. Salmon, probably native fish produced in Mopang Stream, occur in the lake, but are scarce. Both salmon obtained in our sample were sub-legal; it is possible that salmon from First Mopang may eventually move up to Mopang Lake (the main lake in the chain) before reaching legal size.

To get to First Mopang Lake, turn north on the gravel road just west of the Mopang Stream bridge on Route 9 in Twp. 30 MD. Follow this road for about 1½ miles, then bear right to reach the lower end of the lake. Boats must be carried about 100 feet to the lake shore.

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