BRACKETT LAKE

Weston, Aroostook Co. U.S.G.S. Danforth, ME (7½')

Fishes

Rainbow smelt Smallmouth bass Redbelly dace Blacknose dace

White perch Yellow perch Chain pickerel Fallfish Pearl dace

White sucker

Minnows Golden shiner Banded killifish Pumpkinseed sunfish

Common shiner

American eel

Physical characteristics

Area - 576 acres

Temperatures:

Surface - 74°F.

Maximum depth - 25 feet

24 feet - 68°F.

Principal fisheries: Smallmouth bass

White perch Chain pickerel

Brackett Lake is a relatively shallow, homothermous lake located between Deering and East Grand Lake in the St. Croix watershed. The shoreline of the lake is very rocky and there are many large rocks scattered through the shallow waters especially in the outlet cove. The lake is mostly surrounded by spruce fir forest with some hardwood stands along the west

shore. Camp development is confined to the west side and in an area on the north end.

Water quality is best suited for the production of warmwater game fish species. The lake does not stratify and does not contain any areas of water that might support coldwater game fish during the summer months. Salmon have occasionally migrated in from adjoining salmon lakes and may be caught in Brackett during the ice fishing season.

Deering Brook enters the lake on the north end and supports an annual run of smelts. This brook should be kept free of obstructions to allow the smelts to spawn. The smelts provide excellent forage for the bass and perch in the lake.

Brackett Lake provides ideal habitat for warmwater gamefishes. The lake is predominantly shallow and warm with an excellent food supply and good areas for natural reproduction for warmwater fish species.

There is no existing public access to Brackett Lake.

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