SPECTACLE POND

T22 MD, and Osborn Twp., Hancock County U.S.G.S. Lead Mt., and Tunk Lake, Maine

Fishes

Brook trout (squaretail)
Brown trout
White perch
Yellow perch
Chain pickerel
Hornpout (bullhead)

Smelt White sucker Minnows Fallfish (chub) Banded killifish Pumpkinseed sunfish

Physical Characteristics

Area - 1754 acres

Temperatures Surface - 71° F. 30 feet - 69° F.

Maximum depth - 30 feet

Principal Fishery: Chain pickerel, white perch, brown trout

Spectacle or "Spec" Pond, as it is sometimes called, is an especially picturesque lake located off the "Airline" (Rt.9) near Aurora. Access is very good over an improved gravel road, the 73-00-00 road, which meets Rt. 9 at the eastern end of the so-called "Whalesback". Travel about 4 miles on this road, then turn right on the 73-25-00 road to get to the landing where boats can be easily launched on a shallow sand beach area.

White perch and pickerel are well established and provide the major fisheries at the present time. Pickerel grow to a very attractive size, averaging about 20 inches in length and nearly 2 pounds in weight. Perch are abundant and provide especially good fishing in the fall.

Experimental stockings of brown trout have exhibited excellent growth and survival despite the pond's warm water temperatures and abundant populations of competing fish species (white and yellow perch, pickerel, hornpout). Both smelts and small perch are reasonably abundant and contribute to the production of occasional brown trout in excess of 4 pounds. Although some very limited reproduction of brown trout has been noted in the pond's outlet (East Branch of the Union River), continued stockings will be necessary to sustain the pond's brown trout fishery. Anglers catch an occasional native brook trout.

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