## KEZAR LAKE Lovell Twp., Oxford Co. U.S.G.S. Fryeburg, Me.

## Fishes

Salmon	Hornpout (bullhead)
Brook trout (squaretail)	Smelt
Brown trout	Lake whitefish
Lake trout (togue)	Eel
Smallmouth bass	White sucker
Largemouth bass	Minnows
White perch	Fallfish (chub)
Yellow perch	Cusk
Chain pickerel	Pumpkinseed sunfish

## Physical Characteristics

Area - 2,510 acres	Temperatures
	Surface - 76° F
Maximum depth - 155 feet	147 feet - 42° F

Principal Fishery: Salmon, lake trout, smallmouth bass, white perch, chain pickerel, smelt..

Kezar Lake is rather unique in that it provides satisfactory fishing for three species of coldwater fish and several warmwater species. Of the three coldwater species, probably handlining for smelts is the most popular.

Lake trout have become well established at Kezar and they are beginning to enter the fishery in good numbers. These deep-dwelling trout can best be caught during openwater fishing by either trolling close to the bottom with a sewed-on bait, or by anchoring and jigging for them with a cut bait or a threaded-on smelt. In the winter-time they are most successfully caught by jigging with cut bait or threaded-on smelt, but some anglers are successful with conventional ice traps and live bait.

Salmon are present in large numbers in Kezar Lake and they are maintained by natural reproduction in Great Brook and Mill Brook and by an annual stocking program. Spring and late summer fishing with stream flies, artificial lures, and seved-on smelts or minnows, trolled near the shores, pro-

vides successful salmon fishing. During the hottest part of the summer salmon fishing is usually at its lowest ebb because salmon are then in deep water and seem content to feed on the large numbers of smelts that are available to them.

The period between late June and mid-September when fishing for salmon is slowest, is the best time to fish for bass, white perch, and pickerel. Large populations of all these game fish are present and exceptionally large fish are commonly caught.

Smelts seem to be the most popular fish at Kezar and they are caught most anytime during winter and summer. These tasty little fish are best caught by jigging with a monofilament line in deep water with small pieces of cut bait (smelt is best), or with small garden worms.

There are two boat launching areas available on Kezar Lake, one on the North Lovell end and one at the "Narrows".

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