BUNGANUT LAKE

Lyman Twp., York Co. U.S.G.S. Waterboro, Me. (7.5')

Fishes

Brown trout
Rainbow smelt
Smallmouth bass
Largemouth bass
White perch
Yellow perch

Chain pickerel
Minnows
Banded killifish
Hornpout (bullhead)
Pumpkinseed sunfish
American eel

Physical Characteristics

Area - 325 acres

Temperatures:

Surface - 78°F

Maximum depth - 43 feet

40 feet - 51°F

Principal fisheries: smallmouth bass, white perch

The shoreline is moderately well developed with seasonal and year round homes, typical of ponds in York County. Areas of rocky shoreline, in addition to several shoals, provide good habitat for cold and warmwater fisheries. Although the lake thermally stratifies during the summer months, a severe oxygen deficiency develops below the thermocline which seasonally limits habitat suitability for both cold water and warmwater fisheries.

Sampling in the 1950's revealed that a sizeable population of smallmouth bass is present. The bass are relatively small and slow growing. An experimental brown trout stocking program was initiated in the 1980's. Few trout survived beyond the first year of stocking. Limited survival of stocked trout and inadequate public access opportunities for trailered motor boats influenced the decision to suspend the experimental stocking program. A seasonal coldwater fishery could be developed by stocking legal size trout or salmon,

creating a desirable winter and spring fishery. However, the absence of equitable and adequate public boat access precludes MDIFW from initiating new stocking and management programs. Public boat access is limited to carry-in access at the Town park.

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