## PINKHAM POND (Hidden Lake) Newfield Twp., York Co. U. S. G. S. Newfield, Me.

## Fishes

White perch Yellow perch Chain pickerel Hornpout (bullhead) Eel White sucker
Creek chubsucker
Minnows
Golden shiner
Common shiner
Pumpkinseed sunfish

## Physical Characteristics

Area - 49 acres  $\begin{array}{ccc} \text{Temperatures} \\ \text{Surface - } 81^{\circ} \text{ F.} \\ \text{Maximum depth - } 24 \text{ feet} & 24 \text{ feet - } 58^{\circ} \text{ F.} \\ \end{array}$ 

Pickerel are providing a satisfactory winter fishery in Pinkham Pond, but summer fishing is considered poor. Trout management is not recommended in this pond due to a low amount of oxygen in the cooler water where trout must live. Cool water that does not contain sufficient amounts of oxygen cannot be used by trout; the trout are forced to occupy the warmer surface water where oxygen is plentiful but temperatures are too high and the trout soon die.

Adequate spawning facilities and suitable living conditions exist for largemouth bass. The introduction of fingerlings over a two-year period generally is sufficient to establish a self-sustaining population. It usually takes three summers for largemouth bass to grow to a length of 10 to 12-inches. Once this size is reached, the population maintains itself by natural reproduction.

At the present time there is a question as to right of way to the pond for public access. Since the Department of Inland Fisheries and Game operates on license money, stocking and fishery management programs cannot be carried on at Pinkham Pond unless public access is guaranteed.

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