ALAMOOSOOK LAKE
Orland Twp., Hancock Co.
U.S.G.S., Orland, Me.

Physical Characteristics

Area - 1,133 acres
Maximum depth - 28 feet
Principal Fishery: Smallmouth bass, White perch

Temperatures
Surface - 74° F.
25 feet - 71° F.

Fishes
Salmon
Brook trout (squateil)
Brown trout
Smallmouth bass
White perch
Yellow perch
Chain pickerel
Hornpout (bullhead)

Alewife
Eel
White sucker
Minnows
Fallfish (chub)
Banded killifish
Fourspine stickleback
Sunfish

Anglers enjoy fairly good fishing for smallmouth bass and white perch. Many of the bass are in the 1 1/2-2 pound range, and a worthwhile percentage of the white perch range from 9-11 inches. Perch anglers may catch between 20 and 40 of these delectable table fish on a good day. Dead River, a slow moving, weed-choked tributary which enters the lake at its northern end, provides good fishing for pickerel during the summer months.

Each spring, anadromous sea-run alewives ascend the outlet (Orland River). This river supports the state's third largest commercial alewife operation at Orland village. Large numbers of alewives are permitted to pass through the village dam on their way to upriver spawning sites such as Alamoosook Lake, Long Pond, and Phillips Lake. In addition to their commercial value as adults, young-of-the-year alewives constitute an excellent forage item for the lake's sportfish.

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