UPPER MIDDLE BRANCH POND
Aurora Twp., Hancock County
U.S.G.S. Lead Mountain, Maine

Fishes

Brown trout
Salmon
Brook trout (squaretail)
White perch
White sucker
Smelt

Minnows
Blacknose dace
Fallfish (chub)
Banded killifish
Ninespine stickleback
Pumpkinseed sunfish

Physical Characteristics

Area - 467 acres
Maximum depth - 55 feet

Temperatures
Surface - 67° F.
50 feet - 53° F.

Principal Fishery: Salmon, white perch

Suggested Management

Upper Middle Branch Pond is the headwater lake for the Middle Branch of the Union River. White perch are well established in the pond. No additional warmwater gamefish should be introduced.

The pond supports a limited fishery for native salmon, produced in its short outlet. Until the 1980's growth of salmon was slow due to the absence of smelts in the pond. Smelt eggs were transferred to Upper Middle Branch Pond four times during the mid-1980's. By 1986 there was evidence of adult smelts and smelt reproduction. Salmon growth is expected to improve. Once smelts are well established the pond should have the potential for expansion of its salmon fishery through periodic stockings of hatchery-reared salmon. Brown trout are rare in this pond, but occasionally move upstream from the Middle Branch of Union River.

The outlet and the tributaries should be maintained free of obstructions.

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