FLANDERS POND
Sullivan, Hancock Co.
U.S.G.S. Sullivan, ME (7 1/2')

Fishes

Brown trout  Minnows (cont)
Brook trout  Redbelly dace
Rainbow smelt  White sucker
Smallmouth bass  Banded killifish
White perch  Threespine stickleback
Chain pickerel  Pumpkinseed sunfish
Minnows  American eel
Golden shiner  Alewife

Physical Characteristics

Area - 537 acres  Temperatures
Surface - 73°F
Maximum depth - 32 feet  30 feet - 62°F

Principal Fishery: Brown trout, pickerel, white perch

Flanders Pond is a moderate-size body of water located in southern Hancock County. The pond's east and north shorelines are dotted with camps. A public boat landing and adjacent swimming beach are located at the southerly corner of the pond.

The pond provides suitable habitat for brown trout, although most of the cooler water in summer contains little dissolved oxygen. Brown trout have provided a satisfactory fishery over the years. Fair numbers of 15-18 inch fish are caught along with a few larger fish weighing up to 4 1/2 pounds. Sullivan Brook supports moderate numbers of wild juvenile brown and brook trout.

Although smallmouth bass are not plentiful, the pond produces some 15-17 inch fish along with occasional larger fish weighing from 3-4 1/2 pounds. White perch and pickerel have become established as a result of illegal introductions by the public. These unfortunate transfers have not only resulted in stunted populations of each species, but more importantly, have caused a decline in the quality of the brown trout fishery. Sadly, Flanders Pond represents a classic case where illegal introductions of warmwater species have contributed to a decline in an important coldwater sport fishery. Management of Maine's fishery resources is best left to its professional fishery biologists.

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