

UPPER NARROWS POND
Winthrop Twp., Kennebec County
U.S.G.S. Augusta, Maine

Fishes

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| Salmon | Smelt |
| Lake trout (togue) | Eel |
| Brook trout (squaretail) | White sucker |
| Smallmouth bass | Minnnows |
| Largemouth bass | Golden shiner |
| White perch | Fallfish (chub) |
| Yellow perch | Pumpkinseed sunfish |
| Chain pickerel | Freshwater sculpin |
| Hornpout (bullhead) | |

Physical Characteristics

Area — 279 acres

Temperatures

Surface — 76°F

Maximum depth — 54 feet

54 feet — 46°F

Principal Fishery: Salmon, lake trout, smallmouth bass, largemouth bass, white perch, pickerel, smelt

Upper Narrows Pond is one of several popular waters in the area of Maine between Lewiston and Augusta that offer fishing for coldwater and warmwater species. Access suitable for small boats and canoes is situated off the Narrows Pond Road in Winthrop.

The water quality in Upper Narrows Pond is excellent for municipal use by the town of Winthrop but marginal for the support of coldwater fish. Monitoring programs carried out since the original 1940 survey have shown the deeper, cooler water to be critically low in dissolved oxygen during the summer. This marginal situation has been a big factor in determining the correct stocking program for Upper Narrows Pond.

Landlocked salmon and togue have been stocked. Togue stocking was terminated in 1973 when a reevaluation of oxygen content in the deep water showed poor conditions for lake trout survival. Togue are still present and a few are caught, because movement from Lower Narrows Pond is possible at cool water periods of the year.

Landlocked salmon stocking has continued because growth and survival of these species have been satisfactory. However, stocking rates have been adjusted downward since biological surveys determined overstocking to be a problem. Salmon from some stockings did not grow and survive as well as expected, so stocking rates were adjusted accordingly. Smelt, a primary food source for adult salmon, have

been abundant in recent years. They are protected by restricting fishing to hook and line only.

In contrast to the coldwater fishery, warmwater species maintain natural populations and require little or no fishery management for existence. Smallmouth and largemouth bass are available in good numbers and fishing for them is rewarding, with evening and night fishing during the summer producing some exceptional individuals. White perch and chain pickerel also provide fairly good returns.

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