DAMARISCOTTA LAKE Jefferson, Nobleboro, and Newcastle Twps., Lincoln Co. U.S.G.S. Jefferson, Me.

Fishes

Landlocked salmon	Minnows
Brown trout	Golden shiner
Lake trout (togue)	Fallfish
Rainbow smelt	White sucker
Smallmouth bass	Hornpout (bullhead)
Largemouth bass	Banded killifish
White perch	Pumpkinseed sunfish
Yellow perch	American eel
Chain pickerel	Sea-run alewife

## Physical Characteristics Total area - 4,381 acres

## NORTH BASIN

Area - 2,129 acres	Temperatures Surface - 73°F		
Maximum depth - 114 feet	110 feet - $45^{\circ}F$		
MIDDLE	BASIN		

Area - 1,463	Temperatures Surface - 73°		
Maximum depth - 80 feet	59 feet - 53°		

## SOUTH BASIN

Area - 789 acres	Temperatures		
	Surface - 76°		
Maximum depth - 38 feet	35 feet - 48°		

Principal	fishery:	Land	locked	salmo	n, 1	Brown
-		trout,	Lake	trout,	smal	llmouth
		bass,	Smelt,	Picker	rel,	and
		White	perch			

Damariscotta Lake is the largest body of water in Lincoln County. The lake offers a variety of fishes for the interested angler. An experimental lake trout stocking program was initiated in 1972 for the purpose of providing an additional cold water fishery. Due to the success of this program lake trout are now stocked on an annual basis. Brown trout were initially stocked in 1993 on an experimental program. Studies will be conducted to determine the success of this program.

Smallmouth bass are abundant in each of the 3 basins of the lake. Largemouth bass became established through an unauthorized introduction in the early 1980's and are now more concentrated in the shallow south basin. The bass fishery probably contributes more to the fishing than all other species combined.

Damariscotta Lake is the breeding grounds for one of the largest alewife runs in the State with over 100,000 fish entering the lake in 1995.

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