SPECTACLE PONDS

Porter Twp., Oxford U.S.G.S. Kezar Falls, ME-NH (7.5')

Fishes

Largemouth bass Yellow perch Chain pickerel Minnows Golden shiner Common shiner
Blacknose dace
Hornpout (bullhead)
Pumpkinseed sunfish
American eel

Physical Characteristics

Pond No. 1

Area - 57 acres

Temperatures:

Surface - 88°F

Maximum depth - 29 feet

25 feet - 45°F

Pond No. 2

Area - 45 acres

Temperatures:

Surface - 76°F

Maximum depth - 15 feet

13 feet - 64°F

Principal fisheries: largemouth bass, chain pickerel

These small, round ponds are located close together and they're connected by a short section of stream, which gives them the appearance of spectacles. There are only a few camps on the ponds, and they are managed for existing warmwater fish species.

Spectacle Pond No.1 has a strong thermal stratification during the summer months, whereas the smaller Spectacle lightly stratifies and may even be homothermous in some years. Both ponds lack a band of cold, oxygenated water during the summer months, which limits management to warmwater fish species. In 1961, the MDIFW introduced largemouth bass to both ponds and they now support good self-sustaining fisheries. Chain pickerel also provide some angling opportunity.

The two ponds are divided by a causeway (Spectacle Pond Road) and most anglers gain access via permissive trespass at this road crossing. There is no ramp for trailered boats, which limits access to canoes or car-top boats. Purchasing and developing access is a continuing priority of this department.

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