BOG LAKE

Northfield Twp., Washington Co. U.S.G.S. Bog Lake, Maine (7½')

Fishes

Landlocked salmon	Minnows
Brown trout	Fallfish(chub)
Rainbow smelt	White sucker
Smallmouth bass	Banded killifish
White perch	Pumpkinseed sunfish
Yellow perch	American eel
Chain pickerel	

Physical Characteristics

Area - 826 acres	Temperatures
	Surface - 73 F
Maximum depth - 46 feet	44 feet - 55 °F

Principal fishery: Landlocked salmon, brown trout, white perch

Bog Lake is located adjacent to Route 192, about 10 miles north of Machias. A boat launching site is available along the western shore.

This water provides suitable habitat for salmonids. Salmon are still stocked annually, although the quality of this fishery has declined over the past 10-15 years. The decline is attributed to a continuing reduction in smelt abundance despite efforts to bolster the smelt population through transfers of smelt eggs and a reduced salmon stocking rate. The disappointing performance of salmon led to the decision to introduce brown trout in 1995. This species has demonstrated the capacity to grow well by utilizing various forage items other than smelt. As expected, the first several stockings have done reasonably well.

White perch provide an attractive fishery. It's not uncommon for a group of winter anglers who target these fish in the deeper water to catch from 20-30 perch. Usually, a fair proportion range in length from 9 1/2-11in. Occasional large white perch from 13-14in are creeled.

Unfortunately, smallmouth bass were illegally introduced in the mid 1990's. This type of ill-advised, short-sighted, harmful action will only serve to reduce growth rates of salmon and brown trout through competition for food.

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