FIRST MACHIAS LAKE T37MD, Washington Co. U.S.G.S. Wabassus Lake, Me.

Fishes

Brook trout (squaretail)
Atlantic salmon
Smallmouth bass
White perch
Yellow perch
Chain pickerel
Alewife
Eel

White sucker
Minnows
Lake chub
Creek chub
Common shiner
Banded killifish
Pumpkinseed sunfish

Physical Characteristics

Area - 109 acres

pickerel

Temperatures
Surface - 80°F
30 feet - 50°F

Maximum depth - 31 feet

Principal fisheries: White perch, yellow perch, chain

First Machias Lake can be described as a lake in a river, for the Machias River flows in at one end of the lake and out at the other. It lies at the downstream end of the chain of five Machias Lakes, and is the smallest lake in the chain. The lake is bordered on its northern shore by the so-called "Stud Mill Road" and on its western shore by the Machias River CCC Road. There is a suitable landing for small boats and canoes on the west shore near

the lower end of the lake.

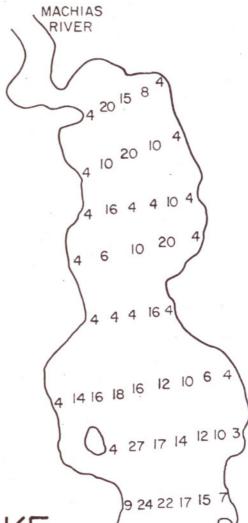
First Machias Lake is well-populated with chain pickerel, white perch, and yellow perch. Although managed as a typical warmwater gamefish lake, a few trout are caught. Probably these are strays from the Machias River or its tributaries. In addition, both alewives and Atlantic salmon migrate through the lake on their journey to Machias River headwater spawning areas. After spawning, some salmon overwinter in the lake, and occasionally one is caught by an ice fisherman. No stocking is necessary to maintain the lake's existing warmwater gamefish fisheries.

Smelt eggs were experimentally planted here in an attempt to develop a dipnet fishery for sport and bait dealers to use. Presently there are no indications that

this attempt was successful.

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