

MOPANG LAKE
T29 MD, Washington Co.
U.S.G.S. Quillpig Mountain, Maine (7½')

Fishes

Landlocked salmon	Minnows
Brook trout	Common shiner
Splake	Fallfish(chub)
Rainbow smelt	White sucker
White perch	Banded killifish
Yellow perch	Threespine stickleback
Chain pickerel	Slimy sculpin
	American eel

Physical Characteristics

Area - 1,487 acres	Temperatures
	Surface - 74 °F
Maximum depth - 76 feet	70 feet - 51 °F

Principal fishery: Landlocked salmon, splake, white perch

Mopang Lake is a moderate-size, clear, scenic water located north of "The Airline". Access is via a good gravel road which leaves "the Airline" about 2 miles of the Mopang Stream bridge. A good boat launching site is maintained by Champion International.

Mopang contains a moderate volume of cold, well-oxygenated water which is suitable for coldwater sportfish. Management has focused primarily on stocked salmon which have produced generally acceptable fisheries. The winter fishery is especially popular with anglers who usually make good catches of 15 1/2-16 in

salmon. The 1998 winter fishery was especially productive. Wild salmon, produced in the outlet, typically comprise from 7-15% of the catch.

Splake were introduced in 1995 to provide species diversity. Although these fish showed up well as age II 14-15in fish in the 1996 ice fishing season, very few were caught the following winter. Returns to anglers of age III splake were considerably better during the 1999 ice fishing season.

Small numbers of brook trout, mostly 10-12in fish, are caught each year. The outlet, Mopang Stream, is one of the best trout streams in Downeast Maine. However, the best fishing occurs in those reaches far downstream from the lake.

The white perch fishery is worthy of note. Certain anglers make good catches of this species with attractively sized 10-12in perch accounting for a good proportion of a typical day's catch. Due to a relative lack of suitable habitat, pickerel maintain a low-density population.

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