MIDDLE POND

York Twp., York Co. U.S.G.S. York Harbor, Me. (7.5')

Fishes

Yellow perch Chain pickerel Hornpout (bullhead) Pumpkinseed sunfish

Physical Characteristics

Area - 37 acres

Temperatures:

Surface - 79°F

Maximum depth – 27 feet

27 feet - 57°F

Principal fisheries: Chain pickerel

Middle Pond, one of the York and Kittery Water District Ponds, is a long narrow pond that is best suited for warmwater fisheries management. Middle Pond and the other water district are nice, undeveloped waters with a remote character, which is uncommon in this part of the State.

The abundance and size quality of the pickerel population would certainly attract some anglers, but the Water District currently restricts angling. If angling and access were allowed, a bass introduction could enhance the existing angling opportunities. However, water supply operations create drastic water level fluctuations that could impact bass spawning success in some years. In addition, this pond may support a threatened fish species, swamp darters, which might preclude the

introduction of a new fish species. MDIFW has not confirmed the presence of darters in this water, but they are located directly upstream in Folly Pond.

There currently is no public access to this water and most water related recreational activities are prohibited.

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