BURNTLAND POND Stonington Twp., Hancock Co. U.S.G.S. Deer Isle, Me.

Fishes

Eel White sucker Minnows Golden shiner Banded killifish Pumpkinseed sunfish

Physical Characteristics

Area - 20 acres

Maximum depth - 8 feet

Principal Fishery: None

Temperatures Surface - 70°F. 8 feet - 68°F.

Burntland Pond is an acidic, shallow pond which supplies water to the town of Stonington. It is easily accessible from a major road and has a poor boat launching facility.

Largemouth bass were introduced in 1957. Some natural reproduction apparently occurred as a viable bass fishery of varying quality existed throughout the 1960's and up until about 1970. Since then, all reports indicate that very few bass have been caught by anglers. Not a single bass was obtained during routine check-netting and seining in the 1977 field season. It is conceivable that the pond's highly acidic water (pH varies from 4.5 to 5.5) has prevented any significant quantity of natural reproduction by bass in recent years. The pond receives virtually no fishing pressure because most residents of Deer Isle prefer salt-water angling. In view of this lack of angler interest and the failure of the effort to establish a satisfactory fishery for largemouth bass, the principal use of the pond should be as a municipal water supply. No further stockings of any species are recommended.

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