

EMERY & BEAN PONDS

Sidney Twp., Kennebec County U.S.G.S. Belgrade, Maine

Fishes

Yellow perch Ninespine stickleback Golden shiner Pumpkinseed sunfish

Physical Characteristics

Emery Pond

Area - 9 acres Temperatures:

Surface - 82°F

Maximum depth - 42 feet 40 feet - 43°F

Bean Pond

Area - 4 acres Temperatures:

Surface - 78°F

Maximum depth - 30 feet 23 feet - 45°F

Principal fishery: Yellow perch

Emery and Bean Ponds were reclaimed in 1951 in an attempt to develop brook trout fisheries. The boggy shoreline areas of these ponds led to the incomplete eradication of the undesirable species. The population of these competing species and the marginal water quality for brook trout led to the termination of the stocking program.

In a further attempt to provide a coldwater fishery to Emery Pond brown trout were introduced in 1966. Brown trout can survive better than brook trout under marginal conditions. Unfortunately, browns did not provide satisfactory returns to the anglers and stockings were discontinued.

These two ponds should continue to be managed for the species present.

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