CUSHMAN POND

Sumner Twp., Cumberland Co. U.S.G.S. West Sumner, Me. (7.5')

Fishes

Brook trout Minnows Golden shiner

Hornpout (bullhead)

Physical Characteristics

Area - 15 acres	Temperatures:
	Surface - 76°F
Maximum depth - 21 feet	20 feet - 46°F

Principal fisheries: Brook trout

Cushman Pond was chemically reclaimed in 1971 to remove competing fish species and permit more intensive management for brook trout. Throughout the 1970's and early 1980's, Cushman Pond produced a great brook trout fishery. Brook trout over a pound were not uncommon, and trout over 2 pounds were caught on occasion. Golden shiners were illegally introduced in the early 1980's and the pond became a popular source for commercial bait fishermen. Bullhead were also illegally introduced in the 1980's, possibly a result from bait fishing activities.

Another reclamation is not possible, because North Pond, which lies downstream, is a water supply pond for Buckfield. The pond is still stocked annually with brook trout and is providing a good fishery for small trout. The competition for food by the bullheads and shiners severely limits the growth potential of the stocked trout.

Walk-in access over private property is permitted. A dirt road off the Sumner Hill Road is Cushman is gated approximately 1/3 mile from the pond. Surveyed - September 1970 (Revised - 2002) Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Funded in part by the Federal Aid in Restoration Act under Federal Project F-28-P

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