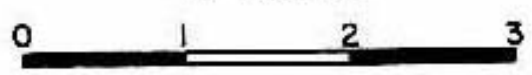


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HUTCHINSON POND

ALBANY TWP., OXFORD CO., MAINE

93 ACRES



TENTHS. OF MILE

HUTCHINSON POND

Albany Twp., Oxford Co.
U.S.G.S. Bryant Pond, Me. (7.5')

Fishes

Brown trout
Brook trout
Smallmouth bass
Largemouth bass
Yellow perch

Chain pickerel
Minnows
Hornpout (bullhead)
American eel

Physical Characteristics

Area - 96 acres

Maximum depth - 38 feet

Temperatures:

Surface - 72°F

38 feet - 48°F

Principal fisheries: Brook trout, brown trout, smallmouth bass, largemouth bass

Hutchinson Pond is a small pond, which offers some scenic views of the surrounding landscape. Its shoreline ranges from undeveloped to moderately developed. This pond is currently managed for both warm and coldwater fish species.

This water thermally stratifies each summer, and typically a relatively narrow band of cool, oxygenated water is available for salmonid management. Occasionally, a long, dry, hot summer will come along and there will be little to no suitable water for trout management, but evidence suggests that some springs may provide some refuge during these periods. Currently, the pond is stocked annually with brook trout and brown trout. The brown trout fishery is limited in abundance, but occasionally it yields fish between 4 and 6 pounds. For the most part, the brook trout provide a short term seasonal fishery, which is popular among anglers. This pond must be stocked annually to maintain the trout fisheries due to a lack of suitable spawning habitat. Hutchinson Pond used to have a smelt population that apparently died off during an unusually hot summer. In 1993 and 1998, the Maine Dept. of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife (MDIFW) introduced some smelt eggs to reestablish smelt for forage and to possibly develop a hand line fishery. MDIFW has not confirmed whether or not these introductions were successful.

Smallmouth and largemouth bass are self-sustaining populations and they provide some additional angling opportunities.

A state leased access is available off the Hutchinson Pond Road. This access site is for carry-in only and parking is limited to the available road shoulder.

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