

MOOSE POND Otisfield Twp., Oxford Co. U.S.G.S. Casco & Norway, Me. (7.5')

Fishes

Largemouth bass Yellow perch Chain pickerel Minnows Golden shiner Common shiner White sucker Hornpout (bullhead) Pumpkinseed sunfish American eel

Physical Characteristics

Area - 160 acres

Maximum depth - 16 feet

Principal fisheries: Largemouth bass and chain pickerel

Temperatures: Surface - No data 16 feet - No data

Moose Pond has little development, which gives the pond a feeling of remoteness. This relatively shallow, sandy to mud bottomed pond provides good habitat for the existing warmwater species. Largemouth bass were introduced in 1958 by the MDIFW to enhance fishing opportunities, the population is now self-sustaining and provides a good fishery. Chain pickerel provide some additional action. The pond is homothermous and lacks cold, oxygenated water for salmonid management Competition and predation from the warmwater species further limits any coldwater fishery potential.

A traditional access site is located at the southern end of the pond, which is suitable for car-top boats and canoes. These access conditions are tentative and could change in the future. MDIFW considers public access a high priority and will continue to look for opportunities to improve and secure long-term access for this water.

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