

STANLEY POND

Hiram Twp., Oxford Co. U.S.G.S. Kezar Falls, Me. (7.5')

Fishes

Landlocked salmon Brook trout Splake Rainbow smelt Smallmouth bass Largemouth bass Yellow perch Chain pickerel Minnows Golden shiner White sucker Hornpout (bullhead) Pumpkinseed sunfish

Physical Characteristics

Area - 137 acres

Temperatures:
Surface - 68°F

Maximum depth - 75 feet
70 feet - 43°F

Principal fisheries: Brook trout, splake, smallmouth bass, largemouth bass and chain pickerel

The shoreline of this pond is moderately developed with seasonal and year round homes, typical of ponds in lower Oxford County. The pond thermally stratifies during the summer months and only a slight oxygen deficiency develops near the bottom. Water quality is considered very good for cold water fish management. Stanley is managed for cold and warmwater fisheries.

Brook trout are stocked annually to maintain a coldwater fishery that has produced trout up to 16 inches. However, the presence of competing warmwater fish, including a more recent unauthorized introduction of largemouth bass, has compromised efforts to provide a quality trout fishery An experimental splake stocking program was initiated in 1994. Splake stocked in similar ponds have demonstrated an ability to provide a quality fishery in the presence of competing warmwater fish. Low angler catch rates resulted in the suspension of a landlocked salmon stocking program in 1996.

A town owned concrete ramp provides limited public boat access. The town access site is located adjacent to the outlet, off Tripp Road. The launch accommodates only small trailered boats and parking is very limited.

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