

WINNEGANCE POND

Phippsburg and West Bath Twps., Sagadahoc Co. U.S.G.S. Bath, Me. (7.5')

Fishes

Smallmouth bass Largemouth bass White perch Yellow perch Chain pickerel Minnows Golden shiners Hornpout Pumpkinseed sunfish American eel Sea-run alewife

Physical Characteristics

Area - 137 acres

Maximum depth - 19 feet

Temperatures: Surface - 79°F 9 feet - 76°F

Principal fisheries: White perch, yellow perch, and chain pickerel

Winnegance Pond is a shallow impoundment formed on a tidal estuary. Dense aquatic vegetation provides good habitat for most listed warmwater fish, although spawning habitat is limited for smallmouth bass, which are not very abundant. Angler reports indicate that largemouth bass have become well established as the result of a recent unauthorized introduction. The impoundment also serves as a spawning area for sea-run alewives, which access the pond through a small fishway at the outlet dam.

Water quality is considered good for resident warmwater fisheries, but unsuitable for coldwater fish since the pond does not thermally stratify during the summer. Competition and predation from existing warmwater fish species further reduces the opportunity to manage for coldwater fish. Winnegance Pond is currently managed for warmwater fisheries.

There is no designated public boat access to Winnegance Pond, although permissive trespass affords some anglers access. Additional access for small car-top boats occurs off Route 209, which parallels the northeastern shoreline. Current public access opportunities are inadequate and there is a need form improved public boat access.

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