SANDY POND (Freedom Pond) Freedom Twp., Waldo Co. U. S. G. S. Burnham, Me.

Fishes

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

Physical Characteristics

Area - 430 acres

Temperatures Surface - 67° F. 8 feet - 66° F.

Maximum depth - 11 feet

Sandy Pond, part of the Sebasticook River drainage, is a shallow, weedy, warmwater pond that provides ideal habitat for warmwater fish. Largemouth bass were introduced in 1958 and 1959 under the supervision of the Regional Fishery Biologist. Studies in 1963 showed that this species is now becoming established. Numerous small, naturally-spawned bass were netted in the shallow areas. Sandy Pond promises to become good bass fishing in a few years.

Anglers who fish early in the morning or late in the evening have the best chances of catching largemouth bass. Bass feed most actively at these times, hiding frequently in the vicinity of sunken logs, stumps, and beneath lily pads. Surface lures are effective for taking bass in these locations.

No further stocking of bass is necessary. Coldwater species should not be stocked in Sandy Pond.

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