## BEDDINGTON LAKE

Beddington Twp., Washington Co. U.S.G.S. Lead Mountain, Maine (7½')

## Fishes

Brook trout
Splake
Rainbow smelt
Smallmouth bass
Yellow perch
Chain pickerel
Minnows

Common shiner Blacknose dace Creek chub
Fallfish(chub)
White sucker
Hornpout(bullhead)
Banded killifish
Pumpkinseed sunfish
American eel
Alewife

## Physical Characteristics

Area - 404 acres

Temperatures

Surface - 75 F

Maximum depth - 59 feet

30 feet -55 °F

Principal fishery: Chain pickerel, splake

Beddington Lake is a scenic, lightly developed water through which the Narraguagus River flows. Atlantic salmon, moving up the Narraguagus, migrate through the lake at periodic intervals. A public boat launching site exists along the western shore.

This water provides suitable habitat for coldwater sportfish. Because the presence of several warmwater species precludes management for brook trout, splake were introduced in 1995. This species has demonstrated the capacity to perform reasonably well in the face of such

competition. Splake may exhibit good growth by preying on juvenile yellow perch, smelt, and alewives. Brook trout which drop down into the lake from several tributaries are caught occasionally.

The principal fishery is for chain pickerel, some of which reach 22-24 in. Pickerel are reasonably abundant and provide good sport in both the ice fishing and open water season. Smallmouth bass are relatively uncommon, but some reach the attractive 2-3 lb range.

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