SECOND MOPANG LAKE Twps. 29 and 30 MD, Washington County U.S.G.S. Tug Mountain, Me.

Fishes

Salmon White perch Yellow perch Chain pickerel Eel White sucker
Minnows
Golden shiner
Fallfish (chub)
Pumpkinseed sunfish

Physical Characteristics

Area - 145 Acres

Temperatures

Maximum depth - 20 feet

Surface — 74°F.

20 feet — 63°F.

Principal fishery: White perch,

Chain pickerel

Second Mopang Lake is primarily a warm-water lake with fisheries for white perch and chain pickerel. Due to the lake's small size and warm temperatures, no stocking is recommended at this time. A limited fishery exists for native and hatchery salmon drop-downs from Third Mopang Lake. White perch obtained in our sample averaged 9½" in length and 6 ounces in weight. The largest pickerel obtained measured 25½" in length and 3½ pounds in weight.

Second Mopang has two small islands and one large island with a sand beach. The water is clear, and the level of dissolved oxygen on bottom is more than adequate for all species. The pH of 6.6 is very good, higher than many lakes in eastern Maine.

A water control dam and fishway were built at the outlet of Second Mopang to provide a suitable minimum flow to Mopang Stream, and to allow fish passage for (1) adult salmon migrating downstream to spawn from Second and Third Mopang Lakes and (2) juvenile salmon and adults moving upstream into the lakes. This fishway should be maintained in good operating condition to insure adequate fish passage.

To get to Second Mopang Lake, turn north off Route 9 in Twp. 29 MD, just west of the Devereaux picnic and rest area. Bear right at the first fork and continue as far as the large culvert over Mopang Stream. The road to the launch site is on the left, just before Mopang Stream, and is quite narrow near the lake. A 4-wheel drive vehicle makes launching easier, but access by 2-wheel drive vehicles is possible, except in mud season.

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