## PLEASANT LAKE

Alexander Twp., Washington Co. U.S.G.S. Meddybemps Lake West, Maine  $(7\frac{1}{2})$ 

## Fishes

Landlocked salmon Rainbow smelt Smallmouth bass White perch Yellow perch Chain pickerel Minnows

Golden shiner

White sucker
Hornpout (bullhead)
Banded killifish
Redbreast sunfish
Pumpkinseed sunfish
American eel

Physical Characteristics

Area - 339 acres

Temperatures

Surface - 75 °F

Maximum depth - 36 feet

35 feet - 56 °F

Principal fishery: Landlocked salmon, white perch, smallmouth bass

Pleasant Lake is located south of "the Airline" in Alexander. The shoreline is heavily developed with camps and cottages. Boats can be launched at the western end of the lake at a campground/trailer campsite.

This water provides suitable habitat for landlocked salmon, although the volume of acceptable summer habitat is relatively small. A stocking rate of about .50 spring yearlings/acre produces a satisfactory growth rate in most years. Smelts spawn in Sucker Brook every spring. To preserve smelt for salmon forage, this run is closed to dipping.

Smallmouth bass were illegally introduced in the late 1980's. They provide a decent fishery for medium-size(13-15 in) fish. White perch are commonly caught in the summer. Some anglers make good catches of this delicious sportfish with a fair proportion of a typical day's catch in the attractive 10-12 in range.

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