

## MIDAS # 3938 NORTHWEST POND

WATERBORO TWP, YORK CO., MAINE

AREA 38 ACRES

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Waterboro Twp., York Co. U.S.G.S. Mousam Lake, Me. (7.5')

## **Fishes**

Largemouth bass Yellow perch Chain pickerel Minnows Golden shiner Common shiner Creek chub Hornpout (bullhead) Pumpkinseed sunfish American eel

## **Physical Characteristics**

Area - 38 acres

Temperatures:

Surface - 74°F

Maximum depth - 14 feet - 51°F

Principal fisheries: Largemouth bass, chain pickerel

Residential and camp development occurs along the north and easterly shores of Northwest Pond. The opposite shore is wooded and remains undeveloped.

The pond thermally stratifies during the summer months, but an oxygen deficiency develops above the thermocline. Sampling in 2002, during an unusually dry, hot summer indicated anoxic conditions below 5 feet deep. This condition significantly limits opportunities to manage for coldwater fish, and to a much lesser extent warm water fish. Coldwater fish management is further limited by the presence of competing and predatory warm water fish. Northwest Pond is best managed for warm water fish.

Largemouth bass were illegally introduced sometime between 1957 and 1981, and have established a self-sustaining population.

Access is restricted to permissive trespass and there is a need to develop boat access to this pond.

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