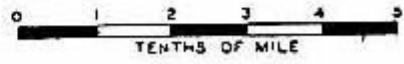


MIDAS # 4630
SEAL COVE POND
TREMONT TWP. HANCOCK CO.
ELEV 40 FT. AREA 283 ACRES



SEAL COVE POND

Tremont Twp., Hancock Co.
U.S.G.S. Bartlett Island, ME (7 1/2')

Fishes

Brown trout
Rainbow smelt
Smallmouth bass
White perch
Yellow perch
Chain pickerel

Minnnows
Golden shiner
White sucker
Banded killifish
Sunfish
American eel
Alewife

Physical Characteristics

Area - 283 acres

Maximum depth - 44 feet

Temperatures:

Surface - 71°F

40 feet - 59°F

Principal fishery: Brown trout, chain pickerel

Seal Cove Pond is located on the extreme western side of Mount Desert Island. The pond's eastern shore is in Acadia National Park, and a public boat access site at the southeastern end is reached via a park road.

The pond provides marginal habitat for brown trout. During the summer, suitable habitat is limited which probably restricts growth. In most years, brown trout provide a modest fishery for 13-16 inch fish. During a fall, 1993, trapnetting survey, fishery biologists captured two age V+ brown trout weighing from 2 3/4-3 1/2 pounds.

Although smallmouth bass are uncommon, some reach large size. Several 4-pound fish were captured during the 1993 trapnetting survey. This water's ability to grow some exceptionally large smallmouths is noteworthy as not many Downeast waters are capable of growing 3 1/2 pound smallmouths.

Pickerel were illegally introduced around 1990. A sample of 42 of these fish captured in 1993 averaged 17 inches in length and 1 1/4 pounds in weight. This ill-advised introduction will only contribute to a further decline in the quality of the brown trout fishery.

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