

**FIRST MACHIAS LAKE**  
T37MD, Washington Co.  
U.S.G.S. Wabassus Lake, Me.

Fishes

Brook trout (squaretail)	White sucker
Atlantic salmon	Minnows
Smallmouth bass	Lake chub
White perch	Creek chub
Yellow perch	Common shiner
Chain pickerel	Banded killifish
Alewife	Pumpkinseed sunfish
Eel	

Physical Characteristics

Area - 109 acres	Temperatures
	Surface - 80°F
Maximum depth - 31 feet	30 feet - 50°F

Principal fisheries: White perch, yellow perch, chain pickerel

First Machias Lake can be described as a lake in a river, for the Machias River flows in at one end of the lake and out at the other. It lies at the downstream end of the chain of five Machias Lakes, and is the smallest lake in the chain. The lake is bordered on its northern shore by the so-called "Stud Mill Road" and on its western shore by the Machias River CCC Road. There is a suitable landing for small boats and canoes on the west shore near the lower end of the lake.

First Machias Lake is well-populated with chain pickerel, white perch, and yellow perch. Although managed as a typical warmwater gamefish lake, a few trout are caught. Probably these are strays from the Machias River or its tributaries. In addition, both alewives and Atlantic salmon migrate through the lake on their journey to Machias River headwater spawning areas. After spawning, some salmon overwinter in the lake, and occasionally one is caught by an ice fisherman. No stocking is necessary to maintain the lake's existing warmwater gamefish fisheries.

Smelt eggs were experimentally planted here in an attempt to develop a dipnet fishery for sport and bait dealers to use. Presently there are no indications that this attempt was successful.

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