RAYMOND POND

Raymond Twp., Cumberland Co. U.S.G.S. Raymond, Maine (7 ½')

Fishes:

Brook trout Minnows Brown Trout
Rainbow smelt Golden shiner Smallmouth bass
White sucker Largemouth bass Pumpkinseed sunfish
White perch Hornpout (bullhead) Yellow perch

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Physical Characteristics:

Area -346 acres Temperatures - Surface -74° Maximum depth -42° At 41° - 49°

Principal fisheries:

Largemouth bass, smallmouth bass.

Stocking was discontinued at Raymond Pond in 1987 due to a lack of public access. For years this pond consistently produced a quality brown trout fishery, however, the lake is now managed for warm water species only. Some natural reproduction of trout occurs in the tributaries but competition is too severe to allow adequate survival of young trout in the lake. Consequently, the trout population has been reduced to a very low level since the annual stocking program was discontinued.

Rocky shorelines, weedy coves, and a good forage base all contribute to sustain a quality bass fishery in Raymond Pond. The white perch have become so numerous that their average size is too small and undesirable to most fishermen. Smelts are present, but competition and predation from the other fish have kept the population relatively low.

Lakes and ponds in southern Maine are extremely valuable from a recreational standpoint. Hopefully the local residents around Raymond Pond will assist the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife in locating suitable public access to this lake so that annual stocking and an active management program may be resumed.

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