THOMAS POND

Casco and Raymond Twps., Cumberland County
U.S.G.S. Naples and Raymond, Maine (7 ½”)

Fishes:

Landlocked salmon  Chain pickerel
Brook trout  Minnows
Rainbow smelt  White sucker
Smallmouth bass  Hornpout (bullhead)
Largemouth bass  Pumpkinseed sunfish
White perch  Redbreast sunfish
Yellow perch  American eel

Physical Characteristics:

Area – 442 acres  Temperature:
Maximum depth – 64’  Surface - 78°F
60’ - 51°F

Principal fishery:  brook trout, landlocked salmon, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, chain pickerel, white perch.

Thomas Pond is well suited for both coldwater and warm water fisheries management. Shallow weedy coves, rocky shorelines, and a large forage base provide the necessary requirements to support a quality bass and pickerel fishery. In addition, the pond has enough cold well-oxygenated water to support a good trout and salmon population. Smelts provide a forage base for the salmon. An abundant white perch population provides competition for both the trout and the bass, however, the large average size of the perch attracts many anglers to the pond.

The outlet of Thomas Pond drains directly into Sebago Lake, therefore, any fish stocked in Thomas Pond have the potential to drop down into Sebago. Consequently, the brown trout management program was discontinued many years ago in order to reduce potential conflicts with Sebago’s landlocked salmon.

The public access to Thomas Pond is located near the outlet on Route 302 at the Raymond/Casco town line. Access is limited to small boats due to low clearance under the Route 302 bridge. It is necessary to travel upstream in order to reach the main lake.

Liberal regulations are in effect on bass. General law regulations apply on all other species both summer and winter.

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