

LAKE: NICKERSON L (VLMP 03)
 TOWN: NEW LIMERICK
 COUNTY: AROOSTOOK

MIDAS: 1036
 TRUE BASIN: 1
 SAMPLE STATION: 1

WHOLE LAKE INFORMATION

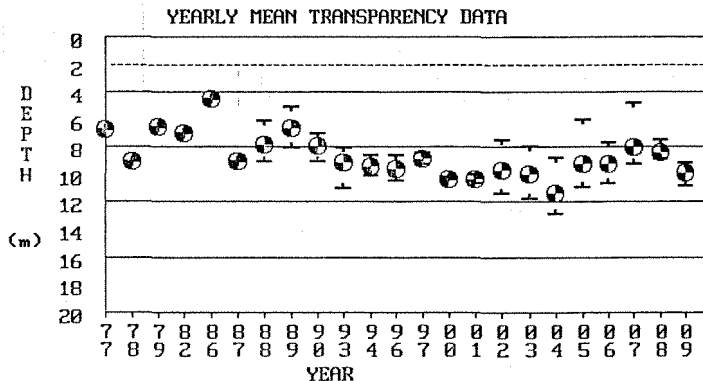
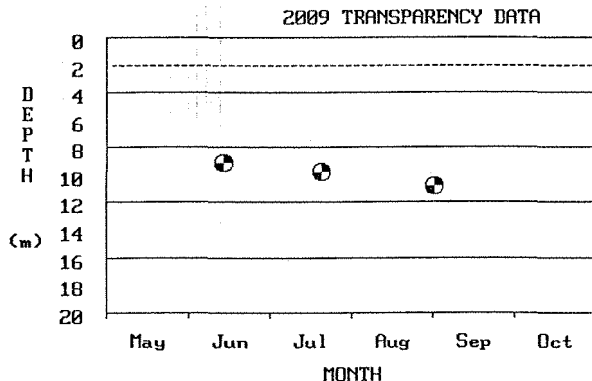
MAX. DEPTH: 33 m. (107 ft.)
 MEAN DEPTH: 10 m. (34 ft.)
 DELORME ATLAS #: 53
 USGS QUAD: LINNEUS
 IFW REGION G: Fish River (Ashland)
 IFW FISH. MANAGMENT: Coldwater

TRUE BASIN CHARACTERISTICS

SURFACE AREA: 93.0 ha. (229.8 a.)
 FLUSHING RATE: 0.37 flushes/yr.
 VOLUME: 9483187.3 cu. m. (7693 ac.-ft.)
 DIRECT DRAINAGE AREA: 6.03 sq. km. (2.33 sq. mi.)

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING: The SAMPLE STATION # refers to the location sampled. The term TRUE BASIN is used to define areas within a lake that are separated by shallow reefs or shoals and therefore function as separate lakes. There are approximately 50 lakes in the state that have more than 1 True Basin. True Basin Characteristics are now being included in the first section of these reports to enable users of the Phosphorous Loading Methodology to better evaluate the data. If there is no data for a particular True Basin, True Basin Characteristics must be obtained from the DEP. NICKERSON L has 1 True Basin(s).

SECCHI DISK TRANSPARENCY GRAPHS:



Note: 2009 graphs may indicate multiple readings taken on a given day.

SUMMARY OF CHEMICAL AND TROPHIC STATE PARAMETERS:

[* indicates that Secchi disk was visible at bottom of lake (or one reading used in calculation was visible)].

YEAR	MEAN COLOR (SPU)	MEAN pH	MEAN ALK (mg/l)	MEAN COND. (uS/cm)	TOTAL PHOS. MEANS (ppb)			SECCHI DISK (m.)				CHLOROPHYLL A (ppb)			TROPIC STATE INDICES				
					EPI CORE	SURF GRAB	BOT. GRAB	PRO. GRAB	MIN.	MEAN	MAX.	N	MIN.	MEAN	MAX.	C	G	SEC	CHL
1977	-	8.20	63.0	86	-	-	8	8	6.7	6.7	6.7	1	1.8	1.8	1.8	-	-	-	-
1978	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9.0	9.0	9.0	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1979	-	-	-	-	5	-	13	13	6.5	6.5	6.5	1	1.9	1.9	1.9	-	-	-	-
1982	10	7.60	59.0	113	6	-	-	-	7.0	7.0	7.0	1	1.5	1.5	1.5	-	-	-	-
1986	-	-	54.0	-	-	-	-	-	4.4	4.4	4.4	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1987	10	7.60	65.0	157	6	-	11	-	9.0	9.0	9.0	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1988	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6.0	7.8	9.0	5	-	-	-	-	-	27	-
1989	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5.0	6.6	8.0	5	-	-	-	-	-	34	-
1990	-	-	-	-	9	-	-	-	7.0	7.9	9.0	4	1.4	1.4	1.4	-	-	-	-
1993	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8.0	9.1	11.0	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1994	15	-	-	-	4	-	4	-	8.5	9.4	10.0	3	1.3	1.3	1.3	-	-	-	-
1996	18	-	63.0	80	6	-	6	-	8.5	9.5	10.4	2	1.1	1.1	1.1	-	-	-	-
1997	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8.3	8.8	9.2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10.1	10.3	10.3	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2001	8	-	62.0	149	3	-	-	-	9.9	10.3	10.6	6	-	-	-	-	-	16	-

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LATE SUMMER TEMPERATURE / DISSOLVED OXYGEN PROFILES:

DEPTH	SAMPLE DATE															
	08/21/86		08/12/87		08/20/90		08/21/96		08/17/01		08/15/06		08/24/08		09/29/08	
<u>m</u>	<u>°C</u>	<u>ppm</u>	<u>°C</u>	<u>ppm</u>	<u>°C</u>	<u>ppm</u>	<u>°C</u>	<u>ppm</u>	<u>°C</u>	<u>ppm</u>	<u>°C</u>	<u>ppm</u>	<u>°C</u>	<u>ppm</u>	<u>°C</u>	<u>ppm</u>
32.0	-	-	-	-	4.0	5.1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
33.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6.1	7.0	-	-	-	-

WATER QUALITY SUMMARY

NICKERSON LAKE, New Limerick

Midas: 1036, Basin: Primary- 01

The Maine Department of Environmental Protection (ME-DEP) and the Volunteer Lake Monitoring Program (VLMP) have collaborated in the collection of lake data to evaluate present water quality, track algae blooms, and determine water quality trends. This data set does not include bacteria, mercury, or nutrients other than phosphorus.

Water quality monitoring data for Nickerson Lake have been collected since 1977 (15 individual years). During this period, seven years of basic chemical information were collected, in addition to Secchi Disk Transparencies (SDT). In summary, the water quality of Nickerson Lake is considered to be well above average, based on measures of SDT, total phosphorus (TP), and Chlorophyll-a (Chla). The potential for nuisance algae blooms on Nickerson Lake is low.

Water Quality Measures: Nickerson Lake is an uncolored lake (average color 12 SPU) with an average SDT of 8.1m (26.6ft). The range of water column TP for Nickerson Lake is 4-9 parts per billion (ppb) with an average of 6 ppb, while Chla ranges from 1.1-1.9 ppb with an average of 1.5 ppb. Recent dissolved oxygen (DO) profiles show very little DO depletion in deep areas of the lake. The potential for TP to leave the bottom sediments and become available to algae in the water column (internal loading) is low. Oxygen levels below 5 parts per million stress certain cold water fish, and a persistent loss of oxygen may eliminate or reduce habitat for sensitive cold water species. There is little evidence that this is happening.

See the ME-DEP *Explanation of Lake Water Quality Monitoring Report* for measured variable explanations. Additional lake information can be obtained by contacting the Maine DEP at 207-287-3901 or the VLMP at 207-783-7733, or on the Internet at <http://www.pearl.maine.edu> and/or <http://www.maine.gov/dep/blwq/lake.htm>.

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