

Baranoff

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Deer Lake, located just south of Deep Cove on Baranoff Island, Was stocked with 50 rainbow trout from lake Sashin in 1938. Fishing conditions were investigated in connection with other lakes herein reported. The lake was also examined by James L. Wilding, Ph.D., Junior aquatic biologist, U.S. Bureau of Fisheries, in 1939.

No fish life was observed during each of the examinations. However, fishing conditions were unfavorable when examined by the writer. Weather was decidedly overcast and unsettled, and there was a light rain. Fishing was tried at both the upper and lower ends of the lake, as well as the side stream on the north side below the head. While there were no signs of fish, this should not be taken as conclusive evidence that the lake is entirely barren of fish.

It is recommended that a thorough examination be made under favorable conditions. Spawning grounds appear to be quite limited and confined to rather steep gravel bars which have been built up at the head of the lake, or possibly underneath the large log jam at the outlet. The Streams at the head of the lake discharge underneath the gravel bars and only flow over the top of them during periods of high water. Side streams are all steep and have no spawning areas. The lake might be more suitable for brook trout, as it is reported that they do not necessarily require a stream for spawning.