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ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME
Sport Fish Division

Lake Survey Form

Lake McDonald Sec. ____, Twp. ____, Rge. ____, Lat. 55°58' N., Long. 131°50' W.

Acreage 1100.8 acres (USGS Ktn.D-6) Max. Depth 318 ft. (53 fathoms) Altitude Est. 50 ft.

Location Off Yes Bay, N. Behm Canal Water Color (clear, silty) Clear, some muskeg

Type of Bottom Bedrock, talus with fill at head of lake

Inlets (name, size, permanency) 7 with the major one at the head of the lake est. norm. 100 c.f.s.

Benchmark (Description) None Known

Outlet (size, immediate and main drainage) Wolverine Cr. into Yes Bay normal flow est. 150 c.f.s.

Barriers None in outlet

Use (Private, public, semiprivate) Public, in Tongass National Forest

Public Access Site None; trail from Yes Bay to lake outlet - 1 mile

Facilities (Campground, roadhouse, etc.) Shelter in outlet and 1 mile trail to beach

Native Fish Species Cutthroat,rainbow,steelhead,dolly varden,4 salmon(no kings)sticklebacks, cottoids, lampreys

Introduced Species Eastern brook (escapes from hatchery)

Spawning Grounds Excellent at head of lake and very good in outlet

Fishing History Long famous for its trout and salmon fishery

Other Uses Scenic

Fish Losses None known

Character and size of watershed Timber and muskeg in lower reaches with considerable alpine area above. Total 20,185.6 acres (Planimeter,U.S.G.S.Topographic Ket, D-6,Brad.Can.A-6)

Remarks There is a new tourist lodge on the outlet at saltwater,This outfit plans to use the lake as an attraction. The eastern brook trout have long ago disappeared. There is still some of the finest sport fishing in the inlet and outlet of the lake to be found in the Ketchikan area.

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Description of accessibility (how reached) By plane or more commonly by boat and a 1 mile hike over the trail to the lake outlet

Sketch: showing outline of lake, depth, prominent landmarks, inlets, outlet, weedbeds, public service site location, benchmark location, etc.