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Lake Fact Sheet – Parry Sound District South Tasso Lake

Location

Official Name:..... South Tasso Lake Local Names:..... Blue Lake
 County/District:..... Muskoka Geographic Twp:..... Finlayson
 Municipality:..... Township of Lake of Bays MNR Admin. Area:..... Bracebridge
 Lat./Long: 45.43 N 78.92 W UTM (NAD83): 17 662227 5032812
 Topographic Map (1:50,000):..... 31E07 Drainage Basin: Big East River

Physical Features

Surface Area (ha):..... 18 Maximum Depth (m): 20 Mean Depth (m):..... 9
 Elevation (m asl):..... 412 Perimeter (km):..... 3 Island Shoreline (km):..... 0
 Volume (10⁴ m³):..... 173 Watershed (km²):..... 0.6 Water Clarity (m): 7
 (excludes area of lake)

Land Use and Development

Crown Land (%): 60 Provincial Parks:..... none
 Shoreline Development: moderate; shoreline residential
 Access:..... public; Camp Lake Road off Muskoka Road 8, dock and boat launch
 Water Level Management: regulated; water level is partly controlled by MNR owned and operated dam at the outlet of
 Tasso Lake.
 Flows and levels are regulated by the Muskoka River Water Management Plan.
 Water level may be controlled also by culvert at lake outlet.

Fish Species

Major Fish Species:..... smallmouth bass (I), yellow perch, lake trout
 Other Fish Species:..... white sucker, burbot
 Other Species:.....

Notes: E: extirpated, I: introduced – intentional or accidental, O: occasional, R: remnant, S: currently stocked, ?: status uncertain,
 2009: year of first record or introduction if known, blank: presumed native

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Fisheries Management

<i>Fisheries Management Zone:</i>	15
<i>Designation for Lake Trout Management:</i>	designated; natural reproduction; at development capacity
<i>Fishing Regulation Exceptions</i>	lake trout open from 3rd Sat. in May - Sept. 30
<i>Current Stocking:</i>	none
<i>Historic Stocking (last year stocked):</i>	brook trout (1947), lake trout (1987)
<i>Contaminants (species tested):</i>	no testing done
<i>Assessment:</i>	Completed Projects:
	1973 lake survey
	1983 lake trout population assessment
	2005 Spring Littoral Index Netting (lake trout)
	Temperature/dissolved oxygen profiles are collected on a regular basis

Synopsis

South Tasso Lake contains a native, self-sustaining lake trout population and as a result a winter fishing ban has been placed on lake trout to avoid excessive fishing pressure. Prior to this ban, there was a complete winter fishing ban imposed on the lake, however, this was changed in order to maximize angling opportunities of other species. Netting in 2005 captured a single lake trout indicating that the population is very small.

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