

**Fisheries Report**  
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Last years stocking of fall yearling brook trout in Cold Stream Pond was as such a hit with area ice anglers that we have requested that an additional 1500+ fish be stocked this fall. Trout have been stocked at Morgan Beach, Webb Cove, Stover Beach, and the Upper Basin. As I stated in my report in the spring newsletter, many, many brook trout in the 16” to 18” category were caught last winter. We were also gratified to see some of those fish still around this spring to provide some excellent angling opportunities.



We set trapnets this past October and November at Cold Stream to obtain samples of both togue and salmon for our records. We set one of our nets by the outlet cove specifically for salmon. We captured some very handsome salmon, with an average length and weight of 20.8” and 3.6 lbs., respectively. The largest salmon handled this fall at Cold Stream was 24.3” and 6 lbs! Lake trout captured in trapnets this fall were also in much better shape than in past years, with most fish showing the effects of increased smelt forage.



While we were tending our trapnets this fall, we also had an opportunity to observe a large number of adult salmon in the outlet. These fish were holding in an area just above the dam and were attracted by the unusually large flows through the dam from the heavy rains this fall. Many of the fish observed were 3 to 5 pounds and intent on digging redds (nests).



I would also like to remind local anglers that we have opened Little Round Pond in Lincoln to ice angling by kids under **16 years of age**. Please note that it is closed until January 1 then open to angling for kids under the age of **16 only**, with a 2-line limit and a 2 trout limit. We will be stocking some larger brook trout this fall, so I would encourage you to take your kids or grandkids to the pond for a day of fun!