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Lake Fact Sheet – Parry Sound District

Oudaze Lake

Location	
<i>Official Name:</i>Oudaze Lake	<i>Local Names:</i> (Little) Sand Lake
<i>County/District:</i>Muskoka	<i>Geographic Twp:</i>Chaffey
<i>Municipality:</i>Town of Huntsville	<i>MNR Admin. Area:</i>Bracebridge
<i>Lat./Long:</i>45.453 N -79.195 W	<i>UTM (NAD83):</i>17 641135 5034896
<i>Topographic Map (1:50,000):</i>31E06	<i>Drainage Basin:</i> Big East River

Physical Features		
<i>Surface Area (ha):</i> 123	<i>Maximum Depth (m):</i>19.8	<i>Mean Depth (m):</i>6.4
<i>Elevation (m asl):</i>335	<i>Perimeter (km):</i>5.1	<i>Island Shoreline (km):</i>0.2
<i>Volume (10⁴ m³):</i>787	<i>Watershed (km²):</i>13.2 (excludes area of lake)	<i>Water Clarity:</i>

Land Use and Development	
<i>Crown Land (%):</i> 0	<i>Provincial Parks:</i> none
<i>Shoreline Development:</i> Moderate; shoreline residential	
<i>Access:</i>Public; ~4.5 km east from Novar along Fish Lake Road	
<i>Water Level Management:</i> Not regulated.	

Fish Species
<i>Major Fish Species:</i> brook trout (R), yellow perch (I), smallmouth bass (I)
<i>Other Fish Species:</i>pumpkinseed, golden shiner, brown bullhead, white sucker, bluntnose minnow
<i>Other Species:</i>

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>	not designated
<i>Fishing Regulation Exceptions:</i>	No lake-specific exceptions
<i>Current Stocking:</i>	None
<i>Historic Stocking (last year stocked):</i>	smallmouth bass (1963)
<i>Contaminants (species tested):</i>	smallmouth bass
<i>Assessment:</i>	Completed Projects:
	1972 Lake survey

Synopsis

Oudaze Lake probably historically supported a native brook trout population. Smallmouth bass were introduced about 1958 and are now the dominant sport fish species in the lake. Some brook trout may occur incidentally via immigration from tributary streams. The name Oudaze is apparently a derivation of a native word meaning “Lady of the Water”.

Lakes of this size and fish community are common and management options are minimal as habitat diversity is limited and bass will dominate shallow water areas. It is possible that other non-native species such as rock bass or largemouth bass have become established through accidental or unauthorized introductions, since the 1972 survey.

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