DRAPER POND T3 R10, Piscataquis Co. U. S. G. S. Harrington Lake, Me.

Fishes

Brook trout (squaretail)

Minnows

Finescale dace

Physical Characteristics

Area - 10 acres

Temperatures

Surface - 65° F.

Maximum depth - 12 feet

11 feet - 65° F.

Draper Pond, located in Baxter Park slightly southeast of Doubletop Mountain, is a small, shallow pond with a mud bottom. The pond is easily reached by a short walk northwesterly from the trail along Sourdnahunk Stream, about 1/2 mile above Kidney Pond.

The pond has no tributaries, and the outlet is just a small muddy area with no spawning or nursery facilities. There was no visible stream bed a short distance below the pond. At high water, the overflow must seep through the woods into Sourdnahunk Stream. There are a few small gravel areas in the pond that may provide a limited amount of spawning.

Although the water quality is suitable for brook trout, none

were taken at the time of the survey.

Fingerling brook trout were stocked in the fall of 1965 and should provide fishing in 1966. Competition for food and space is light, with only one species of minnow present.

The fly fishing only regulation now in effect will help prevent the establishment of other species, and the 5-fish limit will help to spread the catch among a greater number of fishermen.

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