## RAGGED POND

T9 R10, Piscataquis Co. U.S.G.S. Chase Lake, Me. (7.5')

## Fishes

Brook trout Minnows Threespine stickleback

Minnows Redbelly dace

**Physical Characteristics** 

Area - 13 acres

Temperatures:

Surface - 75°F

Maximum depth - 8 feet

8 feet - 64°F

Principal fishery: Brook trout

Ragged Pond lies to the north of Ragged Mountain in the upper half of T9 R10. Its shoreline is wooded with mixed softwood growth. This small, spring fed pond provides good habitat for brook trout. When water temperatures warm during the warm summer months, trout seek refuge in areas of cool spring seepage.

Though most of the bottom of the pond is silt covered with scattered boulders, spawning gravel is present in both the inlet and outlet. Both of these streams provide excellent nursery for young brook trout due to ample bank cover. The outlet has a gentle gradient for the first quarter mile below the lake, then becomes very steep, presenting a barrier to upstream fish migration.

A decayed canoe and raft on the shore of Ragged Pond suggest that it has long been a productive fishing site. Fishermen of earlier days faced a long hike by trails from Chase Lake or Island Pond. Today, however, Ragged Pond is accessible by vehicle via private gravel roads built and maintained by industrial landowners for forest management purposes.

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