

LOON STREAM DEADWATER
T6R16 WELS, Somerset Co.
U.S.G.S. St. John Pond, ME

Fishes

Minnnows

Finescale dace

Physical Characteristics

Area - 7 acres

Temperature

Surface - 69°F

Maximum depth - 4 feet

4 feet - 68°F

Principal fishery: None

Loon Stream Deadwater lies at the headwaters of the Loon Stream drainage. A gravel road passes within sight of the pond. The remains of an old log driving dam, a beaver dam, and an accumulation of debris are maintaining the 4 feet of head and creating the existing pond.

Loon Stream Deadwater is surrounded by floating and emergent aquatic vegetation. Expanses of floating mat stretch along much of the north and west shores. Spring seeps can be found along the tree line and the road that parallels the southwest side of the pond. These springs do not form any well-defined stream channels between the forest and the open water. The pond bottom consists of a deep deposit of organic debris.

There is a very small amount of brook trout spawning habitat in the outlet. However, fish passage through the outlet is prevented by the amount of material accumulated over the beaver dam. Access to the various spring seep tributaries to

the pond may be possible during high water conditions associated with fall rains. No young-of-the-year or adult brook trout were observed during the survey. Brook trout are known to occur lower in the drainage. There may be a limited early season fishery for wild brook trout in years when passage is possible through the outlet.

Loon Stream Deadwater does not provide a significant fishery at this time. Because of its small size (it is not a Great Pond) and marginal cold-water habitat, it is not a candidate for brook trout stocking. General law regulations should be maintained.

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Shoreline Feet 2,887



19.75" = 1 mile



Mean Depth $\frac{44}{16} = 2.8'$