

SAWTELLE DEADWATER

T6 R7, Penobscot Co.
U.S.G.S. Shin Pond, Me.

Fishes

Brook trout (squaretail)	Minnows (cont'd)
Yellow perch	Blacknose dace
White sucker	Redbelly dace
Minnows	Creek chub
Common shiner	Yellowbelly sunfish
Golden shiner	

Physical Characteristics

Area - 218 acres	Temperatures
	Surface - 65° F.
Maximum depth - 30 feet	30 feet - 49° F.

Suggested Management

Sawtelle Deadwater is a shallow artificial impoundment that is being managed by the Game Division of the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Game as a waterfowl area. The water level is controlled by a dam at the outlet.

Sawtelle Deadwater is considered marginal habitat for brook trout. The small deep area is low in dissolved oxygen during late summer below the 15-foot level. When pond temperatures become warm in the summer, trout seek the narrow band of cold, deep water or spring holes and tributary brooks.

Large populations of yellow perch, suckers, and minnows further reduce trout production by competing for available food and space.

Natural spawning areas are sufficient to maintain the trout fishery. A natural falls located on the outlet stream is impassable to upstream fish migration. Fish passage facilities for the falls or the outlet dam are not recommended, because pickerel and bass in the Sebocis River below would be allowed access to the Sawtelle Brook drainage and create a further problem of competition with existing populations of coldwater game fishes.

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