



FISH POND

THORNDIKE TWP., SOMERSET CO., MAINE

AREA 211 ACRES



FISH POND
Thorndike Twp., Somerset Co.
U. S. G. S. Long Pond, Me.

Fishes

Brook trout (squaretail)	Minnows
Lake trout (togue)	Common shiner
Round whitefish	Creek chub
White sucker	Lake chub
	Cusk

Physical Characteristics

Area - 211 acres	Temperatures
	Surface - 71° F.
Maximum depth - 58 feet	58 feet - 47° F.

Fish Pond is a secluded brook trout and togue pond that is not easily reached. Fishermen must travel a rough jeep trail, walk, or fly to this pond. As a result of the access problem, Fish Pond is not heavily fished at the present time. Perhaps it will become more easily accessible within the next few years when pulpwood will be harvested in the surrounding area.

This moderately deep, coldwater pond has sufficient dissolved oxygen for togue and brook trout, even though the deepest water has a slight oxygen deficiency in late summer. The extensive, rocky, shoal areas provide excellent spawning grounds for togue. The tributaries are not suitable as spawning areas for brook trout, but the outlet provides fairly good spawning and nursery areas. Probably most of the brook trout reproduction occurs on gravel bars in the pond itself.

A large population of whitefish probably provides the majority of food for the togue. The rocky shoreline provides an abundance of aquatic insects which are the principal food source for brook trout.

The existing general regulations are adequate to protect the fishery, and more prohibitive regulations are not necessary.

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