SUPPLY POND Jackman and Moose River Twps., Somerset Co. U.S.G.S. Long Pond, Me.

Fishes

Brook trout (squaretail)

Maximum depth - 14 feet

Minnows Creek chub

Physical Characteristics

Area - 81 acres

Temperatures Surface - 71° F. 14 feet - 69° F.

Many Maine ponds have good water quality for trout, but are inhabited by large numbers of fish that occupy the same areas, eat the same foods, and, in most cases, are more aggressive than our native brook or squaretail trout. In many instances these ponds were considered good trout fishing at one time, but the other fish were added one way or another until the less prolific trout were displaced.

Some of the suitable ponds can be reclaimed and can again produce trout instead of thousands of pounds of fish that no one cares to catch or eat. To reclaim a pond a chemical is mixed with the water in an attempt to kill all the fish. The success or failure of the operation depends upon the type of pond selected. Large ponds with boggy areas, springs, and tributary streams are naturally more difficult to treat than small ponds with no inlets.

Supply Pond was reclaimed in September 1960. The pond has good water quality for trout, but it was dominated by large populations of suckers, chubs and dace. We succeeded in eliminating all but one kind of chub.

Legal-sized trout were stocked in the spring of 1961, now fingerling trout are stocked annually. The trout fishing is excellent, and trout over a pound in weight are commonly caught. No trout had been taken from this pond for years prior to reclamation.

The pond is open to fishing during the regular fishing season under the following regulations: 1. A five-trout bag limit.

2. The use or possession of live fish as bait prohibited.

3. Closure to ice fishing.

These regulations are designed to allow a larger number of fishermen to share the catch of trout, and to prevent reintroductions of undesirable fish.

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