

FLATIRON POND
T3 R9, Penobscot Co.
U. S. G. S. Norcross and Schoodic Lake, Me.

Fishes

White perch	Minnows (cont'd)
Yellow perch	Fallfish
White sucker	Banded killifish
Minnows	Pumpkinseed sunfish
Blacknose shiner	

Physical Characteristics

Area - 284 acres	Temperatures
	Surface - 76° F.
Maximum depth - 18 feet	18 feet - 71° F.

The shoreline of Flatiron Pond consists primarily of small rock and gravel areas, but several white sand beaches are also present. The bottom of the pond drops off to a flat, firm basin 10 to 100 yards from shore. A road which is very slippery when wet, but otherwise is adequate, leads from Route 11 between West Seboeis and Norcross and passes within $\frac{1}{4}$ mile of the pond.

Flatiron Pond has an excellent population of white perch; during the survey, over 100 white perch were examined from a single overnight gill-net set. Anglers enjoy catching perch from this pond throughout the year.

Flatiron Pond provides good habitat for brook trout and could be reclaimed and managed for this species if local sportsmen desired it. There are no tributaries of any consequence which would hamper effective reclamation, and a barrier dam could be built on the outlet to prevent undesired fish from re-entering the pond. Water quality normally is adequate for brook trout, but during extremely hot periods water temperatures might rise high enough to cause some trout mortality.

If the pond were reclaimed, the following regulations would be required:

1. A five-trout daily bag limit;

2. Prohibited use or possession of live fish as bait; and
3. Closure to ice fishing.

These regulations are designed to spread the trout catch among a larger number of fishermen and to prevent the introduction of undesirable fish.

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