## THIRD SLY BROOK LAKE

New Canada Plt., Aroostook Co. U.S.G.S. Eagle Lake & Square Lake West, Me. (7.5')

## Fishes

Landlocked salmon	Minnows (cont'd)
Lake trout (togue)	Redbelly dace
Brook trout	Blacknose dace
Rainbow smelt	Creek chub
Minnows	Fallfish (chub)
Lake chub	White sucker
Common shiner	Hornpout (bullhead)
<b>Blacknose shiner</b>	Threespine stickleback

## **Physical Characteristics**

Area – 141 acres	<b>Temperatures:</b>
	Surface - 69°F
Maximum depth - 51 feet	45 feet - 48°F

Principal fisheries: Landlocked salmon, brook trout

Third Sly Brook Lake is the uppermost water in a chain of three lakes. It provides coldwater fish habitat having abundant dissolved oxygen down to 30 feet at a water temperature of 50 degrees.

The lake is considered excellent brook trout habitat. Since inlet tributaries are lacking, trout reproduction must occur in the outlet or within the lake in areas of spring seepage. Rainbow smelt eggs were introduced in May, 1981 and a thriving smelt population now exists. Wild togue numbers have declined perhaps due to the introduction of smelts coupled with limited togue spawning habitat and a high removal of this species by anglers as access to the lake improved. Public request for a landlocked salmon fishery has resulted in an annual stocking of this species since 1986. Natural reproduction of salmon has not been observed.

Conservative fishing regulations have been established to protect the wild trout population.

Vehicle access is from the Sly Brook Road via private gravel roads built and maintained by industrial landowners for forest management purposes. An extremely steep unimproved boat launch a short distance from the gravel road is available to 4-wheel drive vehicles.

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