GREEN LAKE

T35MD, Hancock Co. U.S.G.S. Nicatous Lake, Me.

Fishes

Brook trout (squaretail)

Eel White sucker Minnows Redbelly dace Sunfish

Physical Characteristics

Area - 64 acres

Temperatures Surface- 72°F 10 feet- 72°F

Maximum depth - 12 feet

Principal fishery: Brook trout

Green Lake, as its name suggests, is very striking and memorable because of its readily apparent green color caused by its unusually high level of turbidity. This is apparently a natural phenomenon brought about by the lake's plankton species, having been observed during the original lake survey in 1963 and remaining unchanged to the present.

There are two Green Lakes in Township 35 MD. This one is located about 2 miles north of the so-called "Stud Mill Road" and east of Woodchopping Ridge. To get there, take the 34-00-0 road north of the Stud Mill Road about 2 1/2 miles west of Burntland Lake. Green Lake is one of the headwater lakes of the West Branch of the Machias River, draining into Campbell Lake and then into Lower Sabao Lake.

Green Lake supports a small, native population of brook trout. Although the pond is very shallow and warm, there are enough cool springs to provide holdover area during the hot summer months. Brook trout, which do not tolerate competition very well, face severe competition from the numerous suckers and sunfish in this lake. An overnight set of a gillnet by fishery biologists yielded about 100 suckers and only two brook trout. The lake's outlet contains a small amount of trout spawning and nursery habitat.

Management will continue to be for limited numbers of native trout. Due to the limitations of habitat and the competition from established species, no stocking is recommended. Fishing pressure on this lake is guite light.

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