## MYRICK POND T10 SD, Hancock Co. U.S.G.S. Tunk Lake, Me.

## Fishes

Brook trout (squaretail) Hornpout (bullhead) Eel Minnows
Common shiner
Pumpkinseed sunfish

White sucker

## Physical Characteristics

Area - 45 acres

Temperatures

Surface - 74°F.

Maximum depth - 12 feet

12 feet — 62°F.

Principal Fishery: Brook trout

Myrick Pond is located at the base of the northeastern slope of Tunk Mountain in the picturesque, hilly township of T10 SD. The pond is reached by traveling about 5 miles over a rough, 4-wheel-drive, woods road which leaves Route 182 (the Black Woods Road) near Fox Pond. Boats and canoes must be dragged or carried about 50 yards down a slope.

The shoreline consists of mixed coniferous and deciduous trees. Yellow and white birch enhance the scenery, and a good view of Tunk Mountain is afforded the visitor. Large areas of emergent vegetation exists at the mouth of Ash Bog Stream and in the outlet cove. An old dam, no longer in existence, formerly maintained the water level about 3-5 feet higher than at present. Two inconspicuous camps do not detract from the pond's wilderness character.

Myrick Pond is a shallow, acidic, brown-colored body of water. The cooler, deeper water is seriously deficient in dissolved oxygen. Although no trout were obtained during the survey, ice fishermen catch some every winter. These brook trout are generally small and below average in condition. Natural trout populations in the inlet and outlet are undoubtedly providing the fish which are caught in the pond. Suitable brook trout spawning gravel in these streams is influenced by cold springs. As long as access by trout to these streams remains unimpeded, the pond will probably continue to provide anglers with a limited number of small native

brook trout. Stocking is not recommended.

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