## CRAWFORD POND T-A R11, Piscataquis Co. U. S. G. S. Jo-Mary Mt., Me.

## Fishes

Brook trout (squaretail) Lake trout (togue) White sucker

Minnows
Common shiner
Lake chub
Cusk

## Physical Characteristics

Area - 390 acres

Temperatures

Surface - 72° F.

Maximum depth - 62 feet

60 feet - 47° F.

The biological survey of Crawford Pond revealed an abundance of deep, cold, well-aerated water which can and does support a good population of togue. The shallower areas along the shore are inhabited by brook trout.

The water is not very fertile, and it cannot be expected to produce large crops of trout and togue any more than most Maine soils can be expected to produce large crops of beef. The low fertility is indicated by the clarity of the water; the beautiful, clean, granite-sand beaches, and the large granite boulders that loom up from the bottom. The surrounding forests have been burned over, and they are now in the birchaspen stage.

The pond has ample spawning facilities for togue along the shallows. Togue prefer clean, gravelly or rocky, windswept shores to deposit their eggs in late fall. The brook trout prefer cold tributaries or springy areas along the shore where small gravel is present. Crawford has some cold tributaries and an endless supply of clean gravel.

The outlet has an old crumpled dam which should be removed to make it easier for trout to migrate into the pond. The present 10-fish bag limit and the "no-live-fish-as-bait" regulation are sufficient to protect the trout and togue populations. No hatchery fish are needed.

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