#### FIRST CURRIER POND T9 R11, Piscataquis Co. U.S.G.S. Chase Lake, Me. (7 1/2')

# Fishes

## Brook trout

### Physical Characteristics

Area - 20 acres

Temperatures Surface - 68°F 18 feet - 50°F

Principal Fishery: Brook trout.

Maximum depth - 18 feet

## Suggested Management

First Currier Pond is one of several small ponds located in the hilly southeast portion of T9 R11. This pond is surrounded by mixed softwood forest, including many large pine trees. Water quality is suitable for brook trout, though an oxygen deficiency exists in the deepest part of the pond.

First Currier Pond has one small inlet, which is unsuitable for brook trout spawning habitat, but provides a cool source of water throughout the summer. The outlet contains suitable spawning and nursery habitat but is partially block to fish passage by logs and debris. Currently, a small number of naturally spawned trout contribute to the fishery.

Though no brook trout were captured during the initial survey, it is known that the first experimental stockings survived and produced good growth. Due to the lack of adequate spawning habitat, regular brook trout stockings will be necessary to provide a fishery.

First Currier Pond is accessible only by a long walk through the woods. Special regulations have been implemented to protect the pond from the introduction of competing fish species, and to prevent this small trout population from being over harvested.

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