FOWLER POND T3 R11, Piscataquis Co. U. S. G. S. Harrington Lake, Me.

Fishes

Brook trout (squaretail)

Physical Characteristics

Area - 19 acres

Temperatures Surface - 67° F.

Maximum depth - 12 feet

11 feet - 60° F.

Fowler Pond, which lies outside of Baxter State Park, is most easily reached by a 2 1/2-mile foot trail from Kidney Pond, which lies within the park. Fowler Pond's shoreline consists of rocks and ledge outcroppings interspersed by several boggy areas. Aquatic vegetation, growing from a silted bottom, is prevalent. The two small tributaries to the pond are of little value as spawning areas for brook trout, but trout could spawn adjacent to the shore near the outlet. The available gravel presently is covered by about 2 inches of silt, but female brook trout will sweep this site clean when they build their "redds" or nests. The outlet has several natural falls near the pond which make upstream fish migration impossible. It is reported that additional falls are located farther downstream near the West Branch of the Penobscot River. During the survey the pond's water quality was good for brook trout.

The survey of Fowler Pond was requested by a sporting camp operator who had fished the pond without success several times during the past few years. The survey revealed that there were no fish in the pond. Because of the absence of fish and the natural barrier on the outlet, management appropriate to a reclaimed pond was undertaken. The pond was stocked with 2,600 small brook trout in the fall of 1963, and it is expected that these fish will grow to legal size during 1964. Recommended fishing regulations are:

- 1. Use or possession of live fish as bait prohibited; and
- 2. Daily bag limit of five trout.

These regulations will prevent the introduction of undesired species and assure a fair distribution of the catch.

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