MIDDLE JO-MARY AND TURKEYTAIL LAKES T4 Indian Purchase, T-A R10, Penobscot & Piscataquis Co. U. S. G. S. Norcross, Me.

Fishes

Salmon Brook trout (squaretail) White perch Yellow perch Chain pickerel White sucker
Minnows
Common shiner
Fallfish (chub)
Pumpkinseed sunfish
Yellowbelly sunfish

Physical Characteristics

Area - 1,152 acres

Temperatures Surface - 69° F.

Maximum depth - 18 feet

18 feet - 67° F.

Middle Jo-Mary and Turkeytail are part of the Jo-Mary chain of lakes. The two are at the same level, and they are joined by two narrow thoroughfares separated by an island. For the purpose of fishery management, the two water areas can be treated as one unit.

The waters are very shallow, and the temperature climbs up when the air temperature does. The inlets are from other lakes and do not supply any cold water.

The predominant game fish inhabiting this large, shallow-water area are pickerel and white perch. Salmon and trout are occasionally caught at the outlet dam, and trout are caught in some tributaries. However, these are warmwater lakes and cannot be made to support populations of trout throughout the year.

It may be possible to increase the salmon population in these waters by planting small salmon in Upper Jo-Mary stream. Some of the salmon will migrate to Upper Jo-Mary (a deep, coldwater lake) and some will probably migrate down to the lower lakes. A few salmon are caught in Upper Jo-Mary at present, but a large population has never been established there.

No special regulations are needed to protect these lakes, and they should remain open to ice fishermen.

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