## MOUNTAIN POND T10 R10, Piscataquis Co. U.S.G.S. Musquacook Lakes, Me.

## Fishes

Brook trout (squaretail) White sucker Minnows Creek Chub Redbelly dace Blacknose dace

## Physical Characteristics

Area - 80 acres

Temperatures Surface — 57°F. 9 feet — 57°F.

Maximum depth — 9 feet

Principal Fishery - Brook trout

Mountain Pond is a large, shallow pond surrounded by mixed softwood forest. Its undeveloped shoreline and views of hills and mountains to the north make it a very picturesque pond.

Mountain Pond's water quality is suitable for brook trout. Though the water is the same temperature from top to bottom, trout are able to seek out cool springy areas during periods of warmwater temperatures. Growth of brook trout is about normal for northern Maine waters.

The outlet of Mountain Pond is warm and marshy, providing little brook trout habitat; however, the mouth of the outlet does contain some spawning area. A beaver dam located at the outlet was inactive at the time of the survey, and was not a barrier to fish migration. The inlet on the north shore is warm, marshy, and of little value as trout habitat. The inlet on the west shore, however, provides excellent spawning and nursery area, and is a source of cold water to the pond.

Mountain Pond is accesible only by foot via a trail from Lower Hudson Pond.

Existing regulations are sufficient to protect the Mountain Pond brook trout fishery.

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