MOUNTAIN VIEW POND T-A R11, Piscataquis Co. U.S.G.S. Jo-Mary Mountain, Me.

Fishes

Brook trout (squaretail)

Physical Characteristics

Area - 13 acres

Temperatures

Surface - 72° F.

Maximum depth - 12 feet

12 feet - 59° F.

Principal Fishery - Brook trout

Mountain View Pond is located in the southwest corner of TA R11. From the pond there is a scenic view of Big Boardman Mountain which rises to the west. A typical spruce-fir forest, with an occasional white pine, surrounds the pond on all but the east shore. There, white birch and poplar dominate in the forest, evidence of a forest fire in the past.

Mountain View Pond is a shallow pond with a rocky shoreline. The bottom is covered with a layer of silty muck. During the summer months moose frequent the pond to feed on aquatic vegetation around the shore and their tracks can readily be observed on the bottom.

A wild brook trout population inhabits the pond. Natural barriers on the outlet have prevented other fish species from entering the pond. As water quality conditions there are excellent, the trout thrive in the absence of any competition. In comparison to many other small ponds in the area, trout growth is very good.

One small tributary provides only limited opportunities for brook trout spawning, thus spawning within the pond probably accounts for most of the trout produced. The outlet flows among rocks into an old beaver flowage, then drops nearly 400 feet over the next ½ mile. It has very limited potential as a trout spawning and nursery area.

To reach Mountain View Pond requires an uphill hike of more than an hour from the nearest vehicle access point. A five-fish bag limit should be established to conserve the fishery. Also, because of the absence of any competition for brook trout, a regulation prohibiting the use or possession of live fish as bait should be established on Mountain View Pond to prevent the introduction of any new fish species.

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MOUNTAIN VIEW POND TARII, PISCATAQUIS CO., MAINE AREA 13 ACRES ONE TENTH MILE OUTLET 11 10 OUTLET 6