

TUMBLEDOWN DICK POND
T1 R11 WELS, Piscataquis Co.
U.S.G.S. Nahmakanta Stream, Me (7 1/2')

Fishes

Brook Trout
Minnows
Creek chub

Physical Characteristics

Area - 24 acres	Temperature
	Surface - 70°F
Maximum Depth - 11 feet	11 feet - 70°F

Principal Fishery: Brook trout

Tumbledown Dick Pond is a shallow trout pond located in the southeast corner of the Nahmakanta Lake Public Lot. Access to the pond is difficult. There is a logging road within $\frac{1}{2}$ of a mile of the east shore of the pond. At the time of the survey this road was washed out in several locations making 4 wheel drive a necessity. There was no marked trail to the pond from this road. Visitors could locate one of the tributary streams that cross the road and follow it down the steep terrain to the pond.

The pond is mostly shallow with a soft bottom and aquatic vegetation. There was some gravel present along the northeast shore and in pockets around the boulder strewn outlet. The outlet was plugged with dri-ki and old beaver dams making fish passage possible only during high water events. Also, there were some granite

gravel pockets in a tributary in the southeast corner of the pond. These pockets offer limited potential for trout spawning. Two cool springs were observed along the east shore during the survey. No young-of-the-year trout were found in either tributary.

The small size, limited amount of depth, and lack of spawning habitat make Tumbledown Dick Pond susceptible to over-exploitation if access to the pond is improved in the future.

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