GRACE POND Upper Enchanted Twp., Somerset Co. U. S. G. S. Pierce Pond, Me.

Fishes

Brook trout (squaretail)

Minnows Lake chub

Physical Characteristics

Area - 150 acres	Temperatures
	Surface - 65
Maximum depth - 41 feet	32 feet - 58

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Grace Pond has been known for its excellent trout fishing. The pond is shallow except for a small pocket of deep water off the western shore. Water temperatures are favorable to trout growth, and oxygen is available at all depths.

Grace Pond is adequately stocked with wild trout spawned in the outlet and in the inlet. The inlet has particularly excellent spawning and nursery areas. These streams should be kept free of beaver dams and other barriers so that trout may make full use of the spawning and nursery areas.

Prior to 1960, Grace Pond was open to fly-fishing-only. During the 1960 fishing season, the pond was changed by Legislative Act to a no-live-fish-as-bait law with a 10-fish limit. Sportsmen felt that the heavy fishing pressure in 1960 resulted in a large kill of trout, and petitioned to have the pond returned to fly-fishing-only in an attempt to lower the numbers of fish creeled. The law was approved and will be in effect by the 1961 fishing season.

Lake chubs are the only species of fish present beside the trout. Introduction of any other species of fish would be harmful to the trout fishery by aggravating the already slow growth now shown by the trout. If the fly-fishing-only law should again be removed, future legislation should include prohibiting the use of live fish as bait.

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