## MISERY POND T2 R7, Somerset Co. U.S.G.S. Brassua Lake, Me.

## Fishes

Brook trout (squaretail) White sucker Minnows Creek chub Lake chub Redbelly dace

## **Physical Characteristics**

Area - 36 acres

Temperatures Surface - 62° F. 19 feet - 59° F.

Maximum depth - 22 feet

Misery Pond is a small, scenic trout pond located at the base of Little Chase Stream Mountain. A new Scott Paper Company road, which runs along the side of the mountain, dips down past the southern tip of the pond. An unimproved campsite is located near this end of the pond.

The pond's water temperature and oxygen content were good at all depths during the survey. However, the water may separate into warm and cool layers during periods of warm weather which often results in oxygen deficiencies in deeper areas of the pond. The brown colored water is caused partially by wind action disturbing the silty shoreline of the pond.

Misery Pond should be managed for brook trout. A fair but slowly growing population is sharing living area and food with large numbers of suckers, chubs, and dace.

Some spawning and nursery facilities are located in the tributary from Upper Misery Pond, but many of these sites are obstructed by old beaver dams near Misery Pond. An old log-driving dam located on the outlet is holding about a 3-foot head of water on the pond. This inoperative dam should be removed to allow trout free access between the pond and the excellent spawning and nursery areas in the stream below the dam.

General law fishing regulations are adequate for the Misery Pond trout fishery.

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