HOT BROOK LAKE, LOWER

Danforth and T8 R4 NBPP, Washington Co.

Bancroft, Aroostook Co.

U.S.G.S. Jimmy Mountain, ME (7½')

Fishes

Smallmouth bass Minnows
White perch Blacknose dace
Yellow perch Fallfish
Chain pickerel White sucker

Bullhead (hornpout) Banded killifish

Physical characteristics

Area – 713 Temperatures:

Surface - 74°F.

Maximum depth - 13 feet 75 feet - 71°F.

Principal fisheries: Smallmouth bass

White perch Chain pickerel

Lower Hot Brook Lake is separated from Upper Hot Brook Lake by a short (1/8 mile) non-navigable connecting stream. The lake is surrounded by spruce fir forest with some wetlands on the north and east sides. The shoreline is mostly rocky with some areas of sand and mud but the lake bottom is mostly muddy. There are no camps on this lake.

Lower Hot Brook Lake is a typical warm- water lake with excellent spawning and adult habitat for bass, perch, and pickerel. The lake is shallow and does not stratify during summer months.

The major tributary is the inlet from the upper lake and although this stream is rocky and hard bottomed it does not contain any suitable habitat for coldwater fish. The outlet of this lake flows into Baskahegan Stream.

The lake is being managed for a larger than average size bass fishery and has special regulations in the fishing law books. There is a special 25 fish bag limit on white perch and the lake remains open to fishing until November 30.

The only access to Lower Hot Brook Lake is through the inlet stream from the upper lake. It is not possible to operate a boat through this stream and a boat operator must be prepared to paddle, pole, or walk a boat through parts of the waterway. There is an unimproved boat launch site at the south end of Upper Hot Brook Lake that is accessible from Rt.# 169.

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