CLAYTON LAKE
T12 R8, Aroostook County
U.S.G.S. Big Machias Lake, Me. (7 1/2')

FISHES

Landlocked salmon  Redbelly dace
Brook trout      Blacknose dace
Round whitefish  Creek chub
Rainbow smelt    Fallfish (chub)
Yellow perch     Longnose sucker
Minnows          White sucker
Lake chub        Hornpout (bullhead)
Common shiner    Threespine stickleback
Blacknose shiner Slimy sculpin

Physical Characteristics

Area - 268 acres  Temperatures
Surface - 75°F
Maximum depth - 17 feet  17 feet - 64°F

Principal fishery: Landlocked salmon,
brook trout, rainbow smelt

The Department introduced smelt eggs
into Clayton Lake in 1981 and 1983. These
introductions were made in an attempt to
increase the forage base and provide a smelt
fishery. Smelts have become successfully
established in Clayton Lake.

Access is via private gravel roads
built and maintained by large landowners for
forest management purposes.

Clayton Lake is shallow with nearly
equal water temperatures at all depths
throughout the summer. Salmon and trout
seek the cool water of springs and inlet
tributaries when lake temperatures become
warm.

The brook trout population is
maintained through natural reproduction
in inlet tributaries and migration from
the outlet stream. The outlet provides
fair spawning area and abundant nursery
area for salmon. The lack of abundant
coldwater habitat limits the number of
adult salmon in the lake.

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