



MUD LAKE

T17R4 and T17R5, Aroostook County
U.S.G.S. St. Agatha Lake, Me (7 1/2')

Fishes

Landlocked salmon
Brook trout
Rainbow smelt
Yellow perch
Minnows
Lake chub
Creek chub

Fallfish (chub)
Longnose sucker
White sucker
Hornpout (bullhead)
Threespine stickleback
Ninespine stickleback

Physical Characteristics

Area - 1,006 acres
Mean depth - 11 feet
Maximum depth - 20 feet

Temperatures:
Surface - 64°F
18 feet - 63°F

Principal fisheries: Landlocked salmon, brook trout

Mud Lake is the smallest and shallowest lake in the Fish River Chain of lakes. Wind mixing causes water temperatures to remain about equal at all depths throughout the summer. Mud Lake is therefore marginal habitat supporting coldwater sportfish seasonally. Because of these habitat conditions, hornpout, suckers, and yellow perch have become abundant and limit sport fish production.

Mud Lake should be managed for salmon and trout in conjunction with adjacent Cross and Long Lakes that have much better habitat and support sport fisheries. Movement of young and adult salmon and trout is common among the lakes by use of the connecting thoroughfares. These waterways contain excellent spawning and juvenile habitat and are critical in maintaining the wild stock of brook trout and the natural component of the salmon population.

No public access is available at Mud Lake at this time. Many seasonal camps and permanent homes occur on the North shore off Route 162.

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