## INDIAN POND T7 R12, Piscataquis Co. U.S.G.S. Churchill Lake and Chesuncook, Me.

## Fishes

Brook trout (squaretail) Lake trout (togue) Lake whitefish Round whitefish White sucker Minnows Fallfish (chub) Common shiner Blacknose dace Threespine stickleback

## Physical Characteristics

## Area - 1,222 acres

Temperatures Surface - 71° F. 52 feet - 56° F.

Maximum depth - 52 feet

Indian Pond is one of the many lakes in the upper reaches of the Allagash drainage that affords excellent brook trout and togue fishing. Indian Pond has good habitat for brook trout and togue and should be managed for these species. Water below the 30 foot level is cold during the summer and well oxygenated at all depths.

Spawning and nursery areas for brook trout in the two inlet tributaries are fair to poor. Limited spawning occurs in Bog Brook. The outlet has adequate gravel and riffle area, but production and survival of young trout are limited by low water, high temperatures, and abundant young suckers and minnows. Suckers and minnows are serious competitors with trout for food and space.

The outlet drains into nearby Eagle Lake which has excellent spawning tributaries. Trout can move freely between the lakes.

Rocky shoals along much of the shoreline provide adequate spawning areas for togue.

Indian Pond also has a large population of whitefish, a coldwater fish closely related to trout and salmon. Young whitefish provide an important food item for togue. The lake whitefish is especially abundant and reaches a size of two pounds or more. Fishermen should be encouraged to try their luck on this attractive fish. It is an excellent food fish, and can be caught readily with the right bait and method of fishing. Whitefish are shy feeders but a patient fisherman can take them on dry flies when they are surface feeding in the spring. Like trout, they will move into deeper water as warm weather approaches. Because they have small, tender mouths, the hook and bait must be small.

Indian Pond is most easily accessible by plane or jeep road from Chamberlain Lake.

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