## **UPPER JO-MARY LAKE**

TA R10 and TB R10, Piacataquis and Penobscot Co. U.S.G.S. Ragged Mt., Me.

## FISHES

| Landlocked salmon | Minnows (cont't)         |
|-------------------|--------------------------|
| Lake trout        | Common shiner            |
| Brook trout       | Blacknose dace           |
| Lake Whitefish    | Creek chub               |
| Rainbow smelt     | Fallfish                 |
| White perch       | White sucker             |
| Yellow perch      | Hornpout (bullhead)      |
| Chain pickerel    | Burbot (cusk)            |
| Minnows           | Banded killifish         |
| Lake chub         | <b>Redbreast sunfish</b> |
| Golden shiner     | Slimy sculpin            |
|                   | American eel             |
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## Physical characteristics

| Area - 1873 acres       |  |
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| Maximum depth - 72 feet |  |

Temperatures Surface - 67°F 72 feet - 57°F

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Principal Fishery: Landlocked salmon,Brook trout, Lake trout, White perch

Upper Jo-Mary lake is surrounded by a vast softwood forest, and has very few camps. The shoreline has white sand beaches, as well as rugged rocky shoreline. There are two islands and some nice beaches with very shallow water. An unusual feature is a balanced rock found near the outlet on the northeast shore.

The water quality is excellent at all depths for coldwater game fish. It is unfortunate that warm water fish species are present and so abundant. Without all of these competitors, the lake could provide an excellent coldwater fishery. Regardless of the completion, a good fishery exists.

Several tributaries provide good spawning for smelts and limited spawning and nursery area for salmon and brook trout. There is limited spawning and nursery area in the outlet for trout and salmon. The lake trout population is native and has never been stocked. It appears to be a very small population, with only an occasional large individual angled. Smelts were introduced 1970 as forage for the salmon.

To provide a good coldwater fishery, salmon and brook trout are stocked each year. This is necessary due to the limited spawning areas and heavy competition from other fish species. The white perch population is very abundant and should be more heavily fished to better utilize the fishery

Access can be gained off Rt. 11 south of Millinocket. Turn on the Jo-Mary Lake road through the North Maine Woods gate. A gravel boat launch is located at the Jo-Mary Lake Campground.

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