LONG BOG TA R12, Piscataquis Co. U.S.G.S. First Roach Pond, Me.

Fishes

Brook trout (squaretail)

Minnows Redbelly dace Creek chub Lake chub

Physical Characteristics

Area - 10 acres	Temperatures
	Surface - 69° F.
Maximum depth - 5 feet	4 feet - 66° .

Principal Fishery: Brook trout

Long Bog is a small, shallow pond with a very muddy bottom. It is formed by a series of beaver dams on an inlet to Second Roach Pond. All but the east shore is quite boggy, with large areas of marsh at the southern end of the pond, and by the outlet. The surrounding forest consists mainly of spruce and fir.

In spite of the wet weather during the summer survey, the stream bed below the beaver dams on the outlet was dry all the way down to Second Roach Pond, a distance of about $\frac{1}{2}$ mile. Thus the outlet is of little consequence to any natural reproduction of trout in the pond.

At the time of survey the water quality conditions of the pond were good for trout, and there was a large number of leeches available as food for trout. However, the lack of good spawning areas is a limiting factor in the production of trout in this pond.

Long Bog should be stocked experimentally with brook trout in order to increase the fishing potential of the pond. If the stocking is successful, Long Bog will provide an ideal spot to fish when fishing begins to slow down in some of the larger lakes. Regulations prohibiting the use of live fish as bait and limiting the catch to five fish should be considered. These regulations would prevent the introduction of undesirable species of fish and distribute the catch more evenly among fishermen.

As the east shore of Long Bog has recently been cut over, a good gravel logging road now leads from the Yoke Pond road to within 100 feet of the pond. There is a trail from this road to the edge of the pond.

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