## MILLINOCKET LAKE

T7R9, T8R9 WELS, Piscataquis Co. U.S.G.S. Millinocket Lake West, Me. (7.5') U.S.G.S. Millinocket Lake East, Me. (7.5')

## Fishes

Landlocked salmon
Brook trout
Splake
Rainbow smelt
Yellow perch
Minnows
Lake chub
<b>Common shiner</b>
Creek chub

Minnows (cont'd) Fallfish (chub) White sucker Hornpout (bullhead) Burbot (cusk) Threespine stickleback Redbreast sunfish American eel

**Physical Characteristics** 

Area – 2701acres		<b>Temperatures:</b>
		Surface - 70°F
Maximum depth -	- 54 feet	43 feet - 55°F

Principal fishery: Landlocked salmon, splake, brook trout

Millinocket Lake has been altered considerably by construction of a wooden dam at the outlet used to store water for hydropower. The shoreline is mostly forested with little private camp development. A set of sporting camps is located near the outlet.

Water quality conditions are considered marginal for coldwater sport fish since the deep, cold water in both

basins becomes low in dissolved oxygen during critical periods.

The lake is managed for landlocked salmon and splake, a lake trout and brook trout hybrid. Salmon have been stocked to supplement wild production. Annual stocking of splake maintains this fishery. Wild brook trout contribute to the sport fishery depending on year class strength. A fishway in the dam allows fish to utilize the outlet for spawning and nursery purposes.

Large shallow areas in the lake created by the dam are conducive to thriving populations of yellow perch, fallfish and suckers. These species are serious competitors for food and space with the coldwater sport fish populations.

Vehicle access is over private gravel roads built and maintained by industrial landowners for forest management purposes. An unimproved boat landing is available near the dam. The last mile requires travel over a 4-wheel drive road to reach the landing.

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