PINGREE POND Parkman Twp., Piscataquis Co. U.S.G.S., Guilford, Me.

Fishes

Brook trout (squaretail) White sucker Minnows Golden shiner Common shiner Minnows (Con't.) Creek chub Redbelly dace Finescale dace Ninespine stickleback

Physical Characteristics

Area - 34 acres

Temperatures Surface - 76° F. 12 feet - 61° F.

Principal Fishery: Brook trout

Maximum depth - 13 feet

Pingree Pond is formed by an old concrete dam on Pingree Center Stream. It is located along Route 150 in the town of Parkman. The deepest water in the pond lies nearest to the dam. The rest of the flowage is quite shallow and weedy, with stumps of trees still present throughout the pond.

Pingree Pond supports a few wild brook trout, but the quality of the water and competition from other species limits trout production in the pond. Most of the pond becomes quite warm during the summer, and an oxygen deficiency occurs in the small area of deep, cool water near the dam.

Both tributaries, Pingree Center Stream and an unnamed stream, provide cooler water that can support trout through the summer, and areas suitable for trout spawning. It is likely that these will continue to maintain some trout for the pond. The dam on the outlet is impassible to fish movement. This prevents the introduction of any other species to the pond, and eliminates the outlet as a spawning area that can produce trout for the pond.

Pingree Pond will be managed for its existing fish species. The presence of a number of minnow species make this pond a good choice for a source of bait fish. In the past the pond has been stocked with yearling brook trout to provide a short-term spring fishery. As there are other opportunities for trout fishing in the area, this type of management should not continue. A fingerling stocking program cannot be justified because of the water quality conditions. It is likely that the pond will continue to provide a few wild trout for those who know where and when to fish it. A 5 fish daily limit should be established to distribute the catch among anglers.

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