DEMO POND Rockwood Strip, Somerset Co. U.S.G.S. Brassua Lake, Me.

Fishes

Brook trout (squaretail) White sucker Minnows Creek chub

Physical Characteristics

Area - 192 acres

Temperatures

Surface - 66° F.

Maximum depth - 12 feet

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Principal Fishery: Brook trout

Demo Pond is shallow with similar water temperatures at all depths during the summer. Although much of the bottom area is covered with a thick layer of silt, the water quality is quite suitable for trout.

Although brook trout were once fairly abundant in Demo Pond, suckers, minnows, bullheads, and sunfish were reducing the capacity of the pond to grow trout. Brook trout will grow more rapidly and provide better fishing when populations of rough fish are reduced so that they do not compete with trout for food and space.

Therefore, Demo Pond was reclaimed in September, 1967 to reduce the numbers of competing species of fish and permit intensive management for trout.

There are no tributaries to the pond, and the outlet has been blocked by a dam to prevent the re-establishment of undesirable species of fish from downstream areas. Whereas there is little potential for natural reproduction, Demo Pond will be stocked annually with fall fingerling brook trout.

The following regulations have been established to help prevent the introduction of undesirable fish and to distribute the catch among a large number of fishermen:

- 1. The use or possession of live fish as bait is prohibited
- 2. A five-trout daily bag limit
- 3. Closure to ice fishing

Demo Pond is accessible to the public by a short trail from a good gravel road.

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