FISH POND
(Big Fish Pond)
Holeb Twp., Somerset Co.
U.S.G.S. Attean, Me.

Fishes

Brook trout (squaretail)  Minnows
                                    Creek chub
                                    Blacknose dace

Physical Characteristics

Area - 64 acres  Temperatures
Maximum depth - 6 feet
                                               Surface - 72° F.

Fish Pond is most easily accessible by airplane. The pond lies in a small depression on the side of a hill. The land above the pond is covered with large hardwoods, while the vegetation near the shoreline is almost exclusively spruce, fir, and cedar. Fish Pond is shallow with a very thick layer of bottom silt.

Most trout probably spawn on a large gravel patch located at the mouth of a small spring brook which flows into the eastern end of the pond. Both the outlet and a nearby inlet are shallow deadwater areas. Neither would add appreciable spawning area even if the beaver dams or an old man-made dam on the outlet were removed. Spring seepage along the south shore may be of some value.

Fish Pond is growing large trout. The summer water temperatures were 72°F. as early as July. Trout generally grow faster as water temperatures increase - to a point. If temperatures become higher than about 75°F. for several days, the trout population may be lost.

This remote pond receives light fishing pressure, and is capable of producing and supporting a healthy population of trout. Brook trout have been stocked annually since 1945. We recommend that stocking be discontinued.

The trout are protected by a 5-fish bag limit and the fly-fishing-only regulation.

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