## FOLEY POND T4 R18, Somerset Co. U. S. G. S. Not Completed

## Fishes

Brook trout (squaretail)

Maximum depth - 42 feet

Minnows Creek chub Pearl dace

## Physical Characteristics

Area - 124 acres

Temperatures Surface - 75° F. 40 feet - 50° F.

Foley is one of the many excellent trout ponds that Maine was originally endowed with. With a small amount of care and protection, this pond should produce good catches of trout for a large number of anglers indefinitely. We are spending thousands of dollars annually trying to return other ponds to the condition that this one is in at present.

The competition is limited to two small minnows, and the water quality is good all the way to the bottom. The shoreline is high and beautifully forested. The visible bottom along the shore is composed of fine gravel, small rocks, ledge areas, and, on one end of the pond only, soft mud. The water is very clear.

Facilities for trout reproduction are only fair in the inlet and outlet, but with practically no competition present in the pond, any reproduction that does take place is highly successful. A large gravelly area near the outlet can be used by spawning trout.

The road to the pond is not open to car travel, but it is only a short distance to walk. A regulation prohibiting the use or possession of live fish as bait should be established on the Foley Pond chain (4 ponds) in order to keep other species out of the area. The 10-fish limit may have to be reduced as the number of fishermen increases. The ponds should remain closed to ice fishing.

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