FOURTH ST. JOHN POND
T5 R17, Somerset Co.
U. S. G. S. St. John Pond, Me.

Fishes

Brook trout (squaretail)  Minnows
Yellow perch          Common shiner
Lake whitefish         Creek chub
White sucker           Fallfish (chub)

Physical Characteristics

Area - 198 acres         Temperatures
Maximum depth - 22 feet  Surface - 68° F.
                       21 feet - 66° F.

Fourth St. John Pond is quite shallow, with nearly equal
temperatures from the surface to the bottom during summer
months. Tremendous numbers of suckers, perch, and chubs
compete with brook trout for food and space.

Fishing pressure is extremely light because few fishermen
venture into this slightly travelled section. Most of the fisher­
men are Great Northern Paper Company employees and their
guests. Excellent stream fishing for trout can occasionally be
had along Baker Branch. A small spring brook at the south­
eastern end of the pond also has many legal trout.

Baker Branch, both above and below Fourth St. John, has
very good spawning and nursery areas for brook trout. Beaver
dams in the inlet stream should be removed to allow trout to
migrate to spawning areas. The driving dam at the outlet is
falling into a state of disrepair. Fish are now able to migrate
through this structure, but the dam will eventually crumble and
become a barrier to fish movements. The dam should be re­
moved before it becomes an obstruction.

No stocking of hatchery fish is recommended.

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AREA 198 ACRES

OUTLET

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TENTHS of MILE