TURNER POND
T7 R16, Somerset Co.
U. S. G. S. Baker Lake, Me.

Fishes

Brook trout (squaretail)  Minnows (cont'd)
Yellow perch          Common shiner
White sucker          Creek chub
Minnows               Fallfish
    Blacknose dace     Freshwater sculpin

Physical Characteristics

Area - 104 acres
Maximum depth - 40 feet

The brook trout is the only game species present in Turner Pond, and anglers occasionally catch large trout during the spring and late summer. The inlet to Turner Pond provides excellent gravel spawning areas for trout. When the young trout hatch, they feed and grow on abundant supplies of aquatic insects. Rocks, undercut banks, and low, overhanging alders protect the young trout from predators in this excellent nursery area. The outlet provides limited spawning and nursery facilities for trout. Water temperatures and oxygen content in Turner Pond are well within the brook trout's tolerance limits.

Large numbers of perch, suckers, and minnows inhabit areas suitable for trout, and they eat food which might otherwise be available to trout. The large yellow perch also prey on young trout. The perch, suckers, and minnows thus limit the number of trout which Turner Pond can produce.

Roads entering the large wilderness area surrounding Turner Pond are chained, and fishermen must receive permission from the Great Northern Paper Company to enter this area from the United States, or from the International Paper Company to enter from Canada. A 3½-mile side road leaves the main road just east of Turner Brook and leads to a lumber camp on the shore of Turner Pond.

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