## **CARIBOU LAKE**

Washburn Twp., Aroostook County U.S.G.S. Caribou, Me. (7 1/2')

## **Fishes**

Brook trout

Minnows, cont.:

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Fallfish

Redbelly dace

Pearl dace

Finescale dace

White sucker

Fathead minnow

Banded killifish

Creek chub

Threespine stickleback

## **Physical Characteristics**

Area - 94 acres

Temperatures:

Surface - 75°F

Maximum depth - 3 feet

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Mean depth - 2 feet

Principal fisheries: Bait fish

Caribou Lake is a shallow pond with little potential for supporting a coldwater fishery for brook trout. The shoreline is mostly undeveloped with no tributaries, and the lake bottom is almost entirely deep, organic muck. These factors likely preclude the existence of brook trout except for on a very limited basis.

The lake has recently been a source of irrigation water for adjacent agricultural fields. In 1995, the lake was almost completely dry as a result of such water withdrawals. Provisions have been made to allow for continued limited water withdrawal without destroying the aquatic environment.

General law fisheries regulations apply at Caribou Lake.

Although a small launch site for small watercraft is present, no right of way currently exists.

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