

## FIFTH MUSQUACOOK LAKE

T10 R11, Piscataguis Co. U.S.G.S. Fifth Musquacook Lake, Me (7.5')

## **Fishes**

Brook trout Minnows Common shiner Blacknose dace Creek chub Fallfish (chub) Pearl dace

White sucker Burbot (cusk) Threespine stickleback Slimy sculpin

## **Physical Characteristics**

Area - 431 acres Temperatures:

Surface - 79°F 35 feet - 78°F

Maximum depth - 5 feet

Principal fishery: Brook trout

Fifth Musquacook Lake is the shallowest of all the lakes in the Musquacook chain. The shoreline is forested with no camp development. Much of the lake is very shallow with a soft mud bottom and lake temperatures become quite warm during the summer months. Several inlets and springs provide a source of cool water during these periods.

Trout production is limited by the marginal water quality and also by the abundant populations of white suckers and minnow species that compete with the trout for food and space. The trout population is maintained by limited spawning in tributary streams and in spring areas within the lake.

Vehicle access is via private gravel roads built and maintained by industrial landowners for forest management purposes. It is necessary to travel on foot to the pond from one of the several logging roads around the lake.

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