Fish River Lake
(Fish Lake)
T13 R8, T14 R8, Aroostook County
U.S.G.S. Fish River Lake, Me. (7 1/2');
Carr Pond, Me. (7 1/2')

Fishes

Landlocked salmon
Lake trout (togue)
Brook trout
Lake whitefish
Round whitefish
Rainbow smelt
Yellow perch
Minnows
Lake chub

Longnose sucker
White sucker
Hornpout (bullhead)
Burbot (cusk)
Threespine stickleback
Ninespine stickleback
Slimy sculpin

Golden shiner Common shiner Redbelly dace Finescale dace Creek chub Fallfish (chub)

Physical Characteristics

Area - 2642 acres

Temperatures

Surface - 66° F

Maximum depth - 46 feet

45 feet - 48° F

Principal fishery: Landlocked salmon, lake trout, brook trout

Fish River Lake, western most lake in the Fish River Chain of Lakes, supports a brook trout, lake trout and landlocked salmon fishery of local significance. Fish River Lake does not have ideal water quality for cold water game fish, as much of the lake is shallow, and the deeper basin does not always stratify into warm and cold layers during the summer. Despite these water quality conditions, Fish River Lake should be managed for its salmonid fisheries.

Excellent spawning and nursery area for salmon is available in the outlet above Round Pond. Natural reproduction has been occasionally supplemented with hatchery salmon. Excellent brook trout spawning and nursery area is available in both Chase and Smith Brooks to sustain the wild population.

Smelts were introduced into Fish River Lake by this Department in 1979. They now provide the main forage base for landlocked

salmon, brook trout and lake trout.

Fish River Lake is located within the North Maine Woods boundary, which requires a user fee upon entry. The lake is considered lightly developed. It has two commercial sporting camps and several private camps. North Maine Woods maintains a multiple party campsite on the northwest shore of the lake.

An unimproved boat landing is also located on the northwest shore, not far from the campsite, which is suitable for launching small trailered crafts.

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