## LITTLE MACHIAS LAKE

Nashville Plt., Aroostook County U.S.G.S. Little Machias Lake, Me. (7.5')

## **Fishes**

Landlocked salmon Brook trout Rainbow smelt Yellow perch Minnows

> Lake chub Golden shiner Common shiner

Minnows, cont.
Blacknose dace
Fallfish (chub)
Longnose sucker
White sucker
Brown bullhead

Pumpkinseed sunfish

## **Physical Characteristics**

Area - 275 acres

Temperatures: Surface - 69°F

18 feet - 62°F

Maximum depth – 19 feet Mean depth – 12 feet

Principal fisheries: Brook trout; Rainbow smelt;

Landlocked salmon

Little Machias Lake is marginal brook trout and salmon habitat. Water temperatures remain about equal at all depths in late summer, resulting in these sport fish seeking cold brooks and springs within the lake.

A large population of suckers and yellow perch thrive in this shallow-water lake. Competition from these

numerous non-game fish is a strong factor limiting the survival and growth of trout and salmon.

Inlet tributaries are considered good as trout spawning and nursery areas and also serve as important spawning areas for rainbow smelt. The lake supports a good smelt population. A hook and line fishery for smelt in the winter provides a popular source of live baitfish.

Access to Little Machias Lake is via private gravel roads used for forest management purposes. An unimproved boat launch exists in the northeast corner of the lake.

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