

## THIRD MUSQUACOOK LAKE

T11 R11, Aroostook Co. U.S.G.S. Third Musquacook Lake, Me (7.5')

## **Fishes**

Lake trout (togue)
Brook trout
Lake whitefish
Round whitefish
Rainbow smelt
Minnows
Lake chub
Common shiner

Blacknose dace Creek chub Fallfish (chub) Longnose sucker White sucker Burbot (cusk) Threespine stickleback

Slimy coulnin

Slimy sculpin

## **Physical Characteristics**

Area - 390 acres Temperatures:

Surface - 70°F

Maximum depth - 64 feet

55 feet - 45°F

Principal fisheries: Lake trout, brook trout

Third Musquacook Lake is the smallest of the Musquacook Lakes. The shoreline remains mostly forested with little camp development.

The lake is considered good togue and brook trout habitat. A considerable volume of water below 20 feet is cold and contains adequate dissolved oxygen. In late summer, however, the deepest water does have a dissolved oxygen deficiency. Togue spawning areas may be limited as annual plantings of hatchery-reared fish are necessary to supplement the wild population. The inlet and outlet provide spawning and nursery areas for brook trout.

Conservative fishing regulations have been established to protect the wild trout population.

Vehicle access is via private gravel roads built and maintained by industrial landowners for forest management purposes. It is necessary to hand carry watercraft from the American Realty Road to the lake or attempt to go up the outlet from the road crossing.

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