T1 R8, Franklin Co. U. S. G. S. Skinner, Me.

## Fishes

Brook trout (squaretail) White sucker Minnows

Common shiner

Minnows (cont'd) Creek chub Lake chub Cusk

## Physical Characteristics

Area - 75 acres

Maximum depth - 14 feet

Temperatures Surface -  $67^{\circ}$  F. 12 feet -  $65^{\circ}$  F.

Indian Pond, a shallow pond with a firm mud bottom, is surrounded by a gradual slope on the west side and flat hardwood ground on the east side. Water quality is suitable for brook trout, with adequate temperatures and oxygen content.

The outlet has a limited amount of spawning gravel, but beaver dams below the pond make it unavailable to trout. A small inlet in a spruce-cedar swamp on the south end provides no spawning facilities.

Competition from the more aggressive suckers and chubs has probably kept the brook trout population at a minimum. Fall fingerling trout were stocked on a trial basis in the fall of 1965. If these trout provide a fishable population, regular stocking will be undertaken. The existing general law is sufficient at this time.

Indian Pond is primarily accessible by airplane, but also may be reached via a gravel road and trail from Skinner.

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