## LITTLE TUNK LAKE Sullivan Twp., Hancock Co. U.S.G.S. Tunk Lake, Me.

## Fishes

Brook trout (squaretail) Alewife Eel White sucker Minnows Fallfish (chub) Golden shiner Banded killifish Threespine stickleback Ninespine stickleback Pumpkinseed sunfish

## Physical Characteristics

Area - 141 acres

Temperatures Surface - 73°F. 24 feet - 59°F.

## Principal Fishery: Brook trout

Maximum depth - 24 feet

Little Tunk Pond is a scenic, clear-water pond accessible from 1 side road off Route 183. Boats or canoes can be launched for 1 nominal fee at the Four Seasons campground area. The poposite end of the pond can be reached via a foot trail off loute 183. Several sandy beaches provide good swimming poportunities.

The pond contains an adequate quantity of cool, wellxygenated water suitable for brook trout. The absence of any varmwater sportfish is another positive factor which makes the ond conducive to brook trout management. Although several mall "spring seeps" produce limited numbers of native trout, nnual stockings of fall fingerlings are carried out to maintain ne fishery. The stocking rate has been reduced in recent years ith good results thus far. Both the 1982 and 1983 spring sheries were very good, with many anglers making limit catches f 8-9 inch trout. Hold-over to older ages in this pond can also e quite good as indicated by some 14-18 inch trout caught by nglers each year. Sticklebacks and juvenile sunfish provide itable forage for the larger, piscivorous trout.

The regulation against the use of live fish as bait should be gidly followed by anglers, since any introduction of bass, wrch, or pickerel in this pond would almost certainly have a disastrous effect on the trout fishery. The pond should remain closed to ice fishing.

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