BLACK CAT POND T8R6, Penobscot Co. U.S.G.S. Oxbow, Me.

Fishes

Brook trout (squaretail)

Redbreast sunfish

Minnows

Pearl dace Redbelly dace Finescale dace

Physical Characteristics

Area - 27 acres

Temperature

Surface - 76° F.

Maximum depth - 4 feet

Principal Fishery: None

Black Cat Pond is a shallow, bog-type pond with a heath margin and soft, silty bottom. High water temperatures during summer months limit brook trout habitat. A few trout survive in areas of cool spring influence. Periodic winter-kills may occur through oxygen depletion under the ice.

Low flows and high temperatures in summer make the outlet unsuitable for brook trout though fair spawning gravel is present. Two small tributaries provide cool refuge for trout when pond temperatures are high but have little spawning value.

No stocking is recommended in view of the above conditions.

Access to Black Cat Pond is via 4-wheel drive vehicle and a one-quarter mile walk through the woods.

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