MOUNTAIN CATCHER POND T6 R8, Penobscot Co. T6 R9, Piscataquis Co. U.S.G.S. Traveler Mountain, Me.

Fishes

Brook trout (squaretail) Yellow perch Eel White sucker Minnows Fallfish (chub) Blacknose shiner Common shiner Minnows (cont'd) Creek chub Fathead minnow Blacknose dace Finescale dace Banded killifish Ninespine stickleback

Physical Characteristics

Area - 90 acres

Maximum depth - 16 feet

Temperatures Surface - 69° F. 15 feet - 64° F.

Mountain Catcher Pond has good trout habitat. The sizable volume of cool, well-oxygenated water could support a good trout population.

The main factor limiting trout production in the pond is the abundant coarse fish population that competes with trout for food and space. Chemical reclamation should eventually be carried out to remove coarse fish, and brook trout should be reintroduced.

After reclamation, the following regulations should be established:

- 1. A 5-trout daily limit.
- 2. Use or possession of live fish as bait prohibited.
- 3. Closed to ice fishing.

A 4-foot natural falls located at the immediate pond outlet is an impassable barrier to upstream movement of fishes. It will serve to prevent re-establishment of undesirable species after reclamation.

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Fair facilities for natural reproduction of brook trout are available in the main inlet and along the extensive gravelly shores.

