# LOWER PUG LAKE Lakeville, Penobscot Co. U.S.G.S. Springfield, Me.

## Fishes

Brook trout (squaretail) Smelt White sucker Chain pickerel White perch Yellow perch Redbreast sunfish Pumpkinseed sunfish Minnows Fallfish (chub) Common shiner Golden shiner

### **Physical Characteristics**

#### Area – 70 acres

#### Maximum Depth - 32 feet

Surface  $-73^{\circ}$  F. 30 feet  $-50^{\circ}$  F.

Temperatures

### Principal fishery: White perch

Lower Pug Lake lies among low hills covered with mixed hardwood and soft wood forest. Large rocks and boulders make up the shoreline and extend into the lake forming rocky shoals in some places. The cove in the area of Upper Pug Stream is shallow and has a fine sandy bottom.

Brook trout are present in the pond but warmwater species of fish are dominant. Competition from large populations of yellow and white perch plus a lack of dissolved oxygen in deeper, cooler waters are detrimental to the survival of brook trout.

Upper Pug Stream, the only tributary to Lower Pug Lake, has a very good brook trout spawning and nursery area. The outlet passes through a cedar swamp and is of marginal value for trout.

Because of abundant perch, and marginal water quality, stocking of brook trout is not recommended. The pond should remain open to fishing under general law both summer and winter.

An old road starting from the Sysladobsis Lake road and passing through the local dump goes to within 100 feet of the sandy cove on Lower Pug Pond. The two mile long road is passable by two wheel drive vehicles. Surveyed — August, 1976 Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Published under Appropriation No. 4550. A Contribution of Dingell-Johnson Federal Aid Project F-28-P, Maine

