## PUG POND Alton, Penobscot Co. U.S.G.S. Boyd Lake

Fishes

Chain pickerel Hornpout (bullhead)

Maximum depth - 10 feet

Minnows Golden shiner

## **Physical Characteristics**

Area - 12 acres

Temperatures Surface - 75° F. 9 feet - 57° F.

Pug Pond is a shallow, weedy pond with a soft, silty bottom. The pond is surrounded by a narrow margin of bog plants backed by mixed hardwoods and conifers. Nearly half the pond is encompassed by a low-lying boggy area with many springs.

Areas of cool, well-oxygenated water may be sufficient to support brook trout, but, at the time of the survey, a deficiency of oxygen was found below the 7-foot level.

There are no tributaries, and the outlet immediately below the pond is small with poor spawning and nursery facilities for trout. Brook trout are reportedly caught in the outlet a mile or more below the pond.

The apparent scarcity of pickerel and other competitive species is an important factor in considering an introduction of brook trout. The pond will be stocked with brook trout on a trial basis in 1967. If the stocking is successful and provides good fishing, we can maintain the population by stocking.

The present general law regulations are sufficient to protect the fishery at this time.

Access may be gained via a 1-mile trail from a good gravel road. A 4-wheel drive vehicle may be used when the trail is dry.

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