## TROUT POND Grand Falls Plt., Penobscot Co. U.S.G.S. Saponac, Me.

## Fishes

Brook trout (squaretail) Eel

Minnows Creek chub Golden shiner

## Physical Characteristics

Area - 15 acres

Temperatures Surface - 77° F. 7 feet - 69° F.

Maximum depth - 8 feet

## Suggested Management

Trout Pond is small, shallow, and turbid. Summer water temperatures may become very high, particularly in strata less than 5 feet deep. There are no tributaries and the outflow from the pond is in the form of diffuse seepage through rank growths of grass and brush.

Despite these apparent disadvantages, Trout Pond contains a healthy and abundant population of brook trout. Survey fish collections took 27 trout ranging in size from 2.7 to 12.9 inches and in age from young-of-the-year to three-year-olds. Most of the fingerlings and yearlings were taken in the shallows near shore where water temperatures ranged 75 to 77° F.

Golden shiners and eels are also abundant in this pond. The golden shiners attain lengths up to 6 or 7 inches, and it is reported that trout are difficult to catch here because of interference from the shiners taking the bait first.

Trout Pond could profitably be used as a source of golden shiners for bait, and it is possible that sufficiently heavy harvests would be of benefit to the trout population. Reclamation is not being considered because of the remoteness of the pond and the present healthy condition of the trout population. No stocking is recommended.

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