BRAYLEY POND

T7R10 WELS, Piscataquis Co. U.S.G.S. Webster Lake, ME (7 1/2')

FISHES

Brook trout White sucker Minnows Golden shiner Common shiner Redbelly dace

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

Area:	5	acres	Temperature:					
		1. 1			Surface		-	73°F.
					15	feet	-	46°F

Maximum depth: 16 feet

Principal Fishery: Brook trout

Brayley Pond is a unique pond located a few miles north of Baxter State Park. Formed many years ago by a beaver dam in an oxbow of Brayley Brook, the pond is surrounded by spruce and fir forest. The outlet flows into the Little East Branch of the Penobscot River.

At the time of the survey, water quality was limiting for the production of brook trout during the summer months. Although there is an abundance of cold water below 5 feet, insufficient oxygen forces trout into the springs around the margins of the pond.

The inlet provides brook trout spawning habitat, as well as some summer cold-water sanctuary. Only dace were observed in the stream during the survey, but the water was very low because of drought conditions throughout the state that summer. The 5-fish, 6-inch general law regulation presently in place is sufficient to protect the pond with the level fishing pressure expected. The trout observed in the initial survey were mostly small and slow growing.

Presently, Brayley Pond is zoned as a Remote Pond, and that status should remain unchanged. Access to the pond is by a logging road off the Huber Road, then a short walk from the gate by the outlet crossing.

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