DUNHAM POND Guilford, Piscataquis Co. U.S.G.S. Guilford, Me.

Fishes

Chain pickerel

Physical Characteristics

Area - 48 acres

Temperatures

Surface - 75° F.

Maximum depth - 7 feet

5 feet - 74° F.

Dunham Pond is a shallow pond almost entirely surrounded by mixed hardwoods and conifers. The western end of the pond is surrounded by a small, floating mat of bulrushes and cattails, and some portions of the pond itself have dense growths of aquatic vegetation. The high temperatures and shallow depths make the pond unsuitable for coldwater fish. The oxygen content is sufficient to support the pickerel, but the apparent lack of forage fish may cause some growth problems.

The pond has no tributaries, and the outlet is fairly small. An old beaver dam on the outlet was leaking badly, but would probably prevent upstream movement of the fish in Dunham Brook. There are brook trout present in the outlet, and an occasional one may be caught in the pond.

The pond is easily accessible via a short trail from a good gravel road.

The pond should be managed for its existing warmwater fishery. At the present time the general law regulations are sufficient to protect the fishery.

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