HIGH POND T6 R9, Piscataquis Co. U. S. G. S. Traveler Mountain, Me.

Fishes

Brook trout (squaretail)

Minnows
Blacknose dace
Redbelly dace
Finescale dace

Physical Characteristics

Area - 17 acres

Temperatures Surface - 71° F.

Maximum depth - 15 feet

14 feet - 70° F.

High Pond is one of a group of four ponds situated high in the mountains in Baxter State Park. Fish collections made during the survey revealed a healthy trout population, with some individuals weighing as much as one pound.

High Pond has good water quality for brook trout and should be managed for this fish. This pond does not stratify into warm and cold layers during the summer, but, at this high altitude, water temperatures probably never get warm enough to be critical for trout. Oxygen is good at all depths and trout can range freely for food.

Competition from other fish for food and space is slight, since only small minnows are present. Fishermen should be mindful that any introduction of new species such as suckers and large minnows could seriously reduce the trout fishery. For this reason, it is recommended that a regulation prohibiting the use of live fish as bait be established on this pond.

A narrow, low horseback separates High Pond from Long Pond a few yards away. A small outlet connects the two ponds only during high water, usually in the spring. Since there are no tributaries, successful reproduction of trout must take place in spring seepage areas within the pond.

High Pond is accessible by a two-mile trail from the Baxter State Park road.

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