

## LITTLE LOBSTER LAKE

T3R14, Piscataquis Co. U.S.G.S. Penobscot Farm, Pine Stream Flowage, Me (7 ½)

## **Fishes**

Landlocked salmon Brook trout Rainbow smelt White perch Yellow perch Minnows
Golden shiner
Common shiner
Blacknose dace
Creek chub
White sucker

**Physical Characteristics** 

Area - 230 acres

Temperatures:

Surface - 73°F

Maximum depth - 36 feet 28 feet - 52<sup>0</sup>F

Principal fishery: White perch

Little Lobster Lake is located north of Lobster Lake. It is accessible by a gravel road that crosses the outlet.

The 2-mile long outlet to Lobster Lake has no physical barriers to fish migration. Large populations of white perch, yellow perch, and suckers limit the ability of the pond to maintain a desirable brook trout fishery. By mid-summer, there is a deficiency in dissolved oxygen at depths below 20 feet.

In 1969, the Department constructed a barrier dam on the outlet and attempted to reclaim Little Lobster Lake using rotenone. Shortly after the reclamation the barrier dam washed out and all of the original species reestablished.

In the early 1980's, Little Lobster Lake was one of two waters chosen to test the potential of landlocked salmon treated to be sterile. The purpose of the trial was to produce above-average-size salmon. The treatment and the test failed and the project was discontinued.

A few wild salmon and wild brook trout will be produced each year. However, the principal management should continue to emphasize white perch.

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