SIXTH ROACH POND TA R12, Piscataquis Co. U.S.G.S. Jo-Mary Mountain, Me.

Fishes

Brook trout (squaretail) Hornpout (bullhead) White sucker Minnows Blacknose dace Common shiner Minnows (cont'd) Creek chub Lake chub Cusk Freshwater sculpin

Physical Characteristics

Area - 48 acres

Temperatures Surface - 73° F. 4 feet - 65° F.

Maximum depth - 4 feet

Throughout most of the year, Sixth Roach Pond has only marginal habitat for brook trout. Trout mortalities sometimes occur during the summer when the water temperature becomes too high and during the winter when the water's oxygen content becomes too low. Tributaries, springs, and the outlet provide refuges for some fish during both seasons. The water is usually colored a turbid brown because the slightest wind disturbs this shallow pond's flocculent mud bottom.

Limited spawning sites and abundant nursery areas are present in both tributaries to the pond. The trout population also receives some migrants from Third Roach Pond.

Suckers, hornpout, and several species of minnows thrive in Sixth Roach Pond, and the trout do not benefit from the presence of these fish.

Good fishermen can occasionally make some good catches in this pond. The pond is accessible by a good trail leading from the southern tip of Third Roach Pond. The trout fishery is adequately protected by the general law fishing regulations.

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