## THIRD LAKE (Third Matagamon Lake) T7 R10, Piscataquis Co. U.S.G.S. Spider Lake and Telos Lake, Me.

## Fishes

Brook trout (squaretail)	Minnows (cont'd)
Yellow perch	Redbelly dace
Eel	Fallfish (chub)
White sucker	Lake chub
Minnows	Blacknose shiner
Creek chub	Cusk
Blacknose dace	Banded killifish

## Physical Characteristics

Area – 474 acres

Maximum depth -37 feet

Temperatures Surface – 71°F. 35 feet – 56°F.

## Principal Fishery: Brook trout, yellow perch.

Third Lake stratifies into warm and cold layers during the summer, and oxygen is abundant at all depths. Although the presence of cold water and plenty of oxygen meet two of their requirements, other factors tend to limit reproduction, survival, and growth of brook trout in Third Lake. Abundant yellow perch, suckers, minnows, and other species compete with trout for food and space. Good spawning and nursery areas are absent; the two inlet tributaries and the outlet are considered only fair to poor for trout reproduction because of high temperatures and competition from other species. It is not practical to reclaim Third Lake because of its remoteness and the necessity of treating several miles of tributaries.

Salmon have been re-established in First and Second Lakes through stocking and it is possible that salmon may migrate up the outlet of Third Lake and become established.

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