DURGIN POND T2 R6, Somerset Co. U.S.G.S. Long Pond, Me.

Fishes

Brook trout (squaretail)

Minnows

Blacknose dace

Physical Characteristics

Area - 15 acres

Temperatures

Surface - 60° F.

Maximum depth - 9 feet

6 feet -59° F.

Durgin Pond is a small, shallow trout pond which forms the headwaters of the Chain Ponds that flow into Cold Stream. Durgin Pond can be reached by travelling 5 miles from U. S. 201 or 8 miles from State 15 on Scott Paper Company roads. There is an unimproved campsite located on the eastern shore of the pond.

Water quality is good for trout with adequate oxygen content and suitable temperature present throughout the pond. Springs provide sufficient cool water for trout during periods of extremely hot weather. The water becomes quite turbid when wind disturbs the pond's flocculent, muddy bottom.

Neither the tributaries nor the outlet are valuable to trout as spawning or nursery areas; however, gravel along the pond's eastern shore provides trout with adequate spawning sites.

Examinations of a number of trout stomachs showed the trout were feeding almost exclusively on immature aquatic insects. Only a few blacknose dace are present in the pond.

Durgin Pond has an excellent native brook trout population, and the present fly-fishing-only regulation should prevent introduction of additional species which would compete with the trout population.

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