SPENCER POND

T4R18 TWP., Somerset Co., Me. U.S.G.S. Foley Pond (7 1/2')

Fishes

Brook trout Minnows Finescale dace

Physical Characteristics

Area - 13 acres Temperatures

Surface - 63°F

Maximum depth - 2 feet 5 feet - 63°F

Principal Fishery: No fishery

Suggested Management

Spencer Pond is accessible over a well-worn foot trail from a gravel logging road. The shoreline is predominantly boggy with stands of spruce and larch. There is an abundance of aquatic vegetation throughout the pond. The bottom is mostly organic muck.

There were no obvious signs of fishing activity on the trail or pond. Paint and aluminum on the rocks suggest some recent use, possibly moose watching. The pond is too shallow to net. Finescale dace were taken in minnow traps and observed along the shore and at the outlet. No brook trout were observed.

Old beaver dams on the outlet hamper fish passage into the pond under low flow conditions. If there are brook trout present downstream, then Spencer Pond may temporarily hold a few when beaver dams maintain higher water levels

and higher flows permit upstream passage. At the present water level, Spencer Pond is not a candidate for stocking brook trout. Spencer Pond should be managed for the limited seasonal fishery for wild trout that now exists.

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