## LITTLE PICKEREL POND Brookton Twp., Washington Co. U. S. G. S. Forest and Danforth, Me.

## Fishes

Smallmouth bass Chain pickerel Yellow perch Hornpout (bullhead) White sucker Minnows Fallfish

## Physical Characteristics

Area - 27 acres

Temperatures Surface - 64° F.

Maximum depth - 23 feet

23 feet - 53° F.

Little Pickerel Pond is located just northeast of Rte. 1 a short distance east of the village of Brookton. You can almost see the pond from the main highway. There is a chance to land your boat, but the landing isn't a publicly operated one. The pond is within the Mattawamkeag River drainage.

We believe that Little Pickerel Pond can become a fine trout pond if the existing fish population is eradicated and the pond then stocked with trout. Temperatures and water chemistry are excellent for trout, and the pond seems rich in food. Eradication of existing fish can be accomplished quite cheaply with the chemical, rotenone. Trout would thrive in the absence of the several competing species now well established in the pond.

Before Little Pickerel Pond is reclaimed, a small barrier dam will be required at the outlet to prevent re-entry of fish from downstream waters. In addition a public right-of-way must be established. Most reclaimed ponds in Maine are closed to ice fishing, have a five-fish limit, and a "live bait law" which prohibits use or possession of live fish as bait. These regulations help insure maximum fishing benefits from trout pond reclamation, an intensive type of fish management.

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