## TS R6 and Hobbstown Twps., Somerset Co. U. S. G. S. Spencer, Me.

## Fishes

Brook trout (squaretail) White sucker

Minnows Blacknose dace

## Physical Characteristics

Area - 32 acres

Temperatures

Surface - 66° F.

Maximum depth - 9 feet

8 feet -66° F.

Iron Pond is a good trout pond. Although neither the tributary streams nor the shoreline offer ideal spawning areas, the trout are successful enough in spawning to stock the pond adequately.

Suckers and one species of minnow share the water with the brook trout. While it cannot be denied that they take up space and eat food that could be used by trout, they do not pose a serious problem. The trout fishery would suffer if additional species of "rough" fish were introduced. This has happened many times in Maine trout ponds. To protect against such introductions it is recommended that a no-live-fish-as-bait law be established on Iron Pond if the fly-fishing-only law now in effect is removed.

