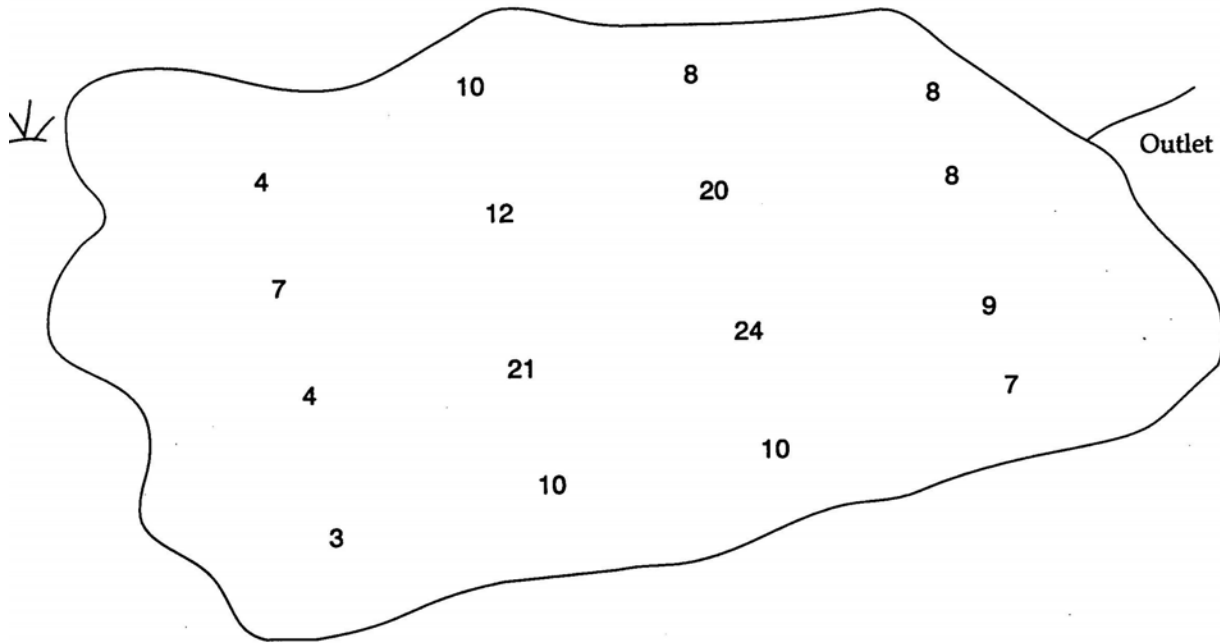


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Salmon Pond

T4 R13 WELS, Piscataquis Co., ME
Area 107 acres



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One Tenth mile

SALMON POND

T4 R13 WELS, Piscataquis Co.
U.S.G.S Pine Stream Flowage, Me (7 1/2')

Fishes

Minnows
Redbelly dace

Physical Characteristics

Area - 107 acres

Maximum depth - 26 ft

Principal fishery: None

Temperatures:

Surface - 70°F

26 feet - 61°F

Salmon Pond is located just west of Caribou Lake in an area that was relatively inaccessible. Recently, however, new logging roads have been established. There is now a winter road that comes within 200 feet of the pond that is passable with a 4-wheel-drive vehicle.

The shoreline is surrounded by softwood forest including a cedar/spruce bog on the west end. The remains of an old camp are located just north of the outlet. The pond has a small vegetated island on the east end and a large rock/boulder pile on the west end. Also, there are several ledge outcrops on the north shore.

The west end of the pond has many springs, but no spawning habitat was observed. The area in front of the outlet contains a small amount of gravel that could be suitable spawning habitat. The outlet is blocked with old beaver dams and dri-ki. The outlet stream flows into an alder swamp with small pockets of gravel. There is an impasse approximately 1 mile below the pond that prohibits the upstream movement of suckers, yellow perch, and other species from Pine Stream Flowage. No brook trout were observed in the outlet. The shoreline of the pond is gravel and rocks which could provide suitable spawning habitat if there is a sufficient flow of ground water.

The water quality at Salmon Pond is suitable to maintain brook trout. The pond did not stratify but temperatures and oxygen were sufficient at most depths.

Salmon Pond is a large pond that could provide additional fishing opportunity for brook trout. In 1997, the pond was stocked with wild strain trout to create a self-sustaining population. If natural reproduction does not occur then maintenance stocking will be required. Regulation changes may be appropriate after evaluation of the stocking program.

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