

SOUTH POND
Monson, Piscataquis Co.
U.S.G.S. Monson East, Me. (7 1/2')

Fishes

Brook trout
Minnows
Lake Chub
Golden shiner
Finescale Dace

Physical Characteristics

Area - 18 acres	Temperature
	Surface - 72°F
Maximum depth -26 feet	26 feet - 43°F

Principal fisheries: Brook trout

South Pond is located in a cluster of small trout ponds in the town of Monson. The shoreline on the south and east shore of the pond is forested with cedar, spruce, and pine. The north and west shores are low and covered with shrubs. The pond bottom is generally solid with rocks and boulders. Emergent vegetation is not very abundant in the pond due to large areas of deep water.

Access to South Pond is via a 4 wheel drive road from the Elliotsville Road.

No obvious inlets were found on the pond, however, several spring seep areas were located along the west shore. The outlet was a meandering channel choked with beaver dams. Although the entire outlet was not surveyed, the lack of suckers and other minnow species present in the drainage below the pond suggests there is an impasse at some location.

This relatively small pond has a considerable amount of deep water. Sufficient oxygen was found to a depth of 10 feet. Water temperatures at this depth were adequate to maintain trout.

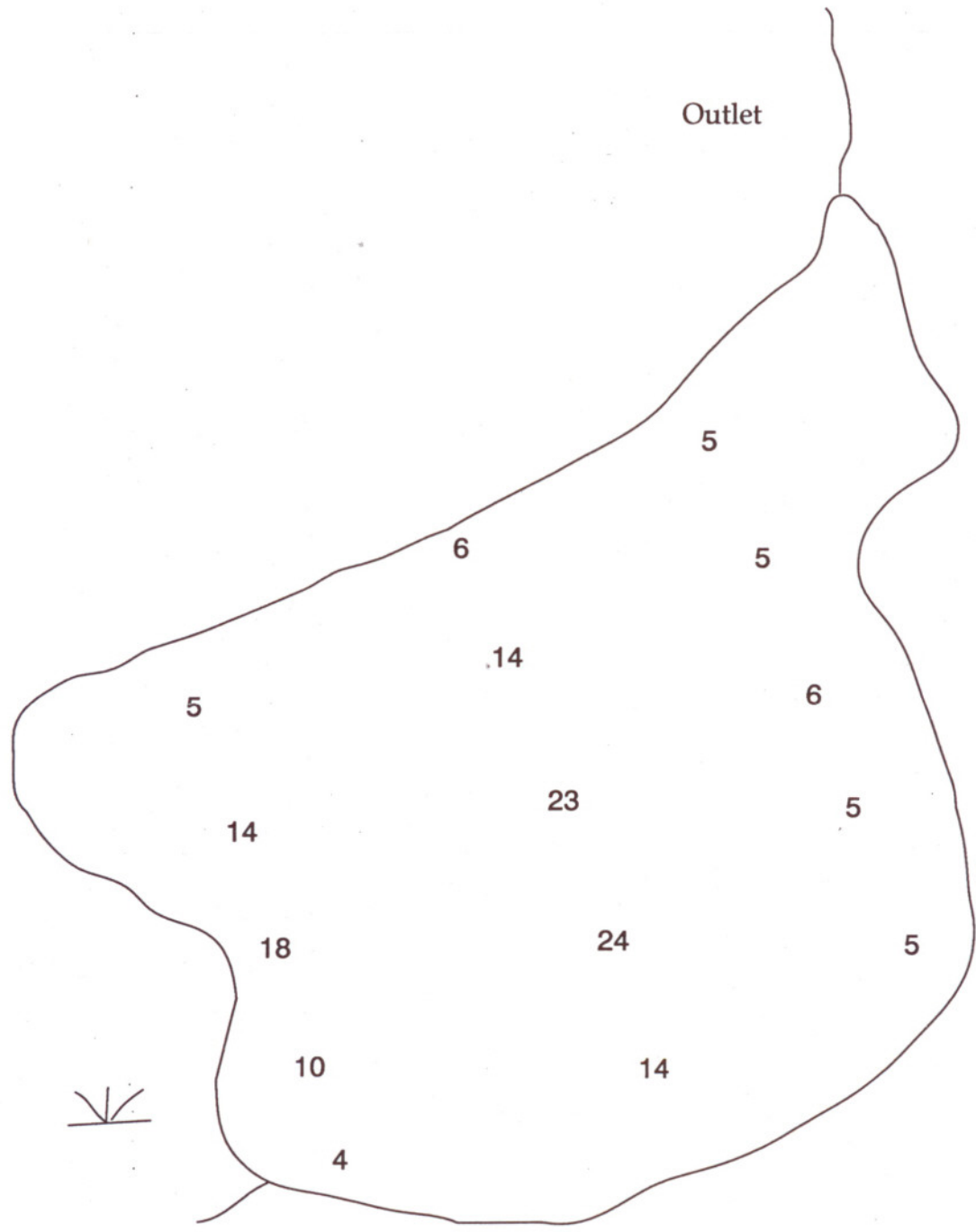
Currently, use is relatively low at South Pond. Given the small size of the pond, the

limited amount of spawning habitat and its close proximity to the towns of Monson and Guilford, South Pond could be susceptible to over-exploitation in the future. More conservative length and bag limits may be required. No live fish as bait should be implemented to reduce the risk of introducing any other species.

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One Tenth mile
(2.1" = .1 mile)