

LITTLE OTTER POND  
T2 R1, Somerset Co.  
U. S. G. S. Brassua Lake, Me.

Fishes

Brook trout (squaretail)

Minnows  
Redbelly dace

Physical Characteristics

Area - 9 acres

Temperatures  
Surface - 71° F.  
8 feet - 70° F.

Maximum depth - 9 feet

Recent construction of a good gravel road within 50 yards of Little Otter Pond has resulted in some fishing on the pond, but fishermen reported that they could not catch any kind of fish there. Our survey revealed only one species of fish; a minnow too small to be caught with hook and line.

Little Otter Pond is very shallow and has a thick layer of silt on the bottom. An old beaver dam on the outlet adds a foot of water to the natural level of the pond. The water quality is borderline for trout. There is sufficient oxygen while the pond is free of ice, but the oxygen content of the water may be sharply reduced during the winter. The temperature of the water was 70°F. near the bottom at the time of the survey, and it is possible that the temperature may become too high for trout during unusually warm periods.

Most of the shoreline of the pond is boggy, and there are few gravelly areas where trout could spawn successfully. The outlet is only a trickle during dry weather, and many small beaver dams are present between the pond and Route 15.

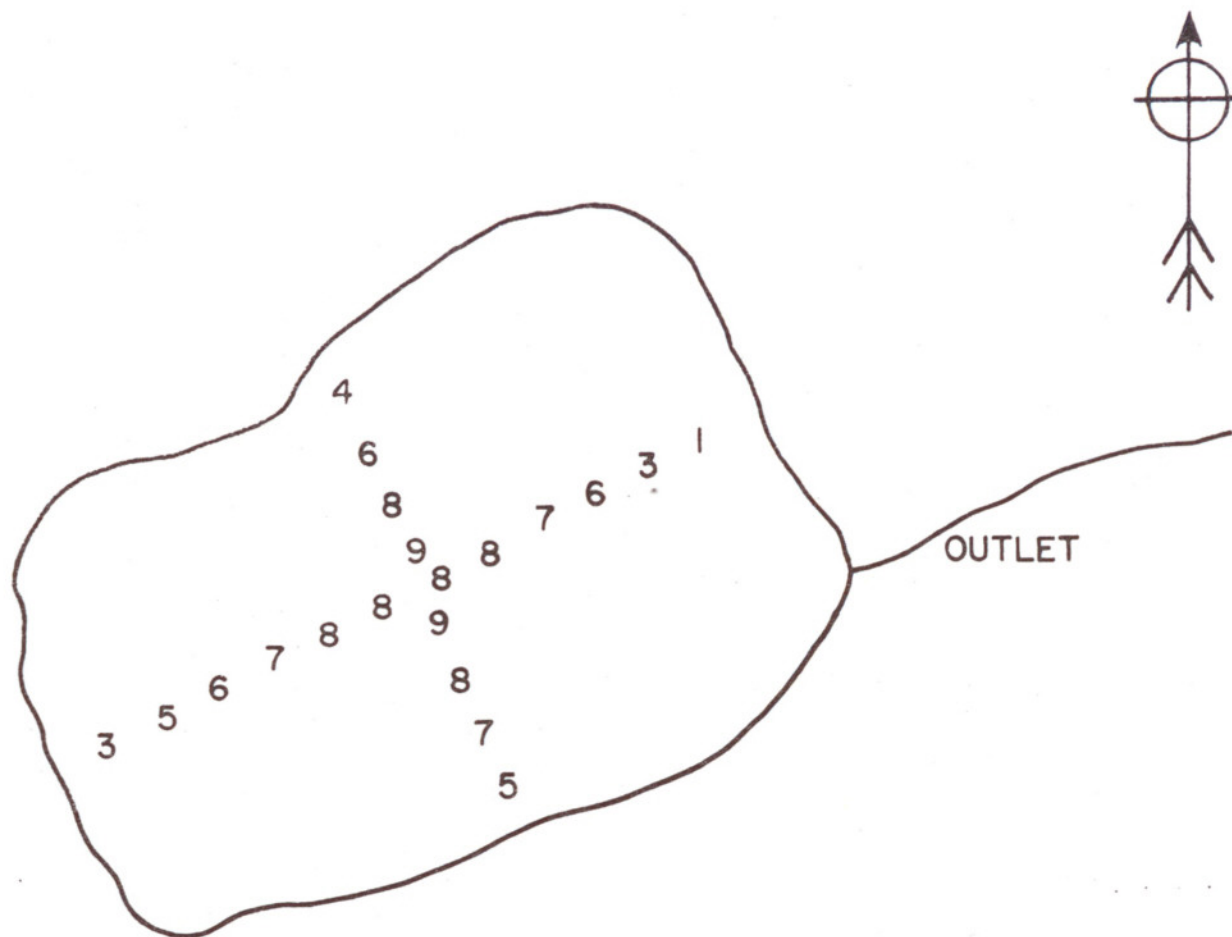
We stocked trout fingerlings in Little Otter Pond in the fall of 1963 on a trial basis. If the stocking is successful and provides good fishing, we can add fingerlings each fall to maintain a trout population.

Regulations should include a five-trout bag limit, and the use or possession of live fish as bait should be prohibited.

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