

CLEARWATER POND
Attean Twp., Somerset Co.
U.S.G.S. Attean, Me.

Fishes

Brook trout (squaretail)	Minnows (cont'd)
Hornpout (bullhead)	Redbelly dace
White sucker	Blacknose dace
Minnows	Cusk
Golden shiner	Pumpkinseed sunfish

Physical Characteristics

Area - 34 acres

Temperatures

Maximum depth - 35 feet

Surface - 71° F.

30 feet - 44° F.

Clearwater Pond is nestled among low hills that are heavily forested with pines, spruce, fir, and cedar. The pond can be reached by a 1½-mile walk from Attean.

Clearwater is not very deep, but the average depth is high because the bottom drops sharply everywhere except in the shallow water area at the southwestern end.

The water is clear and cold, but the oxygen is low below 25 feet. Trout would not be present in the deepest water in late summer.

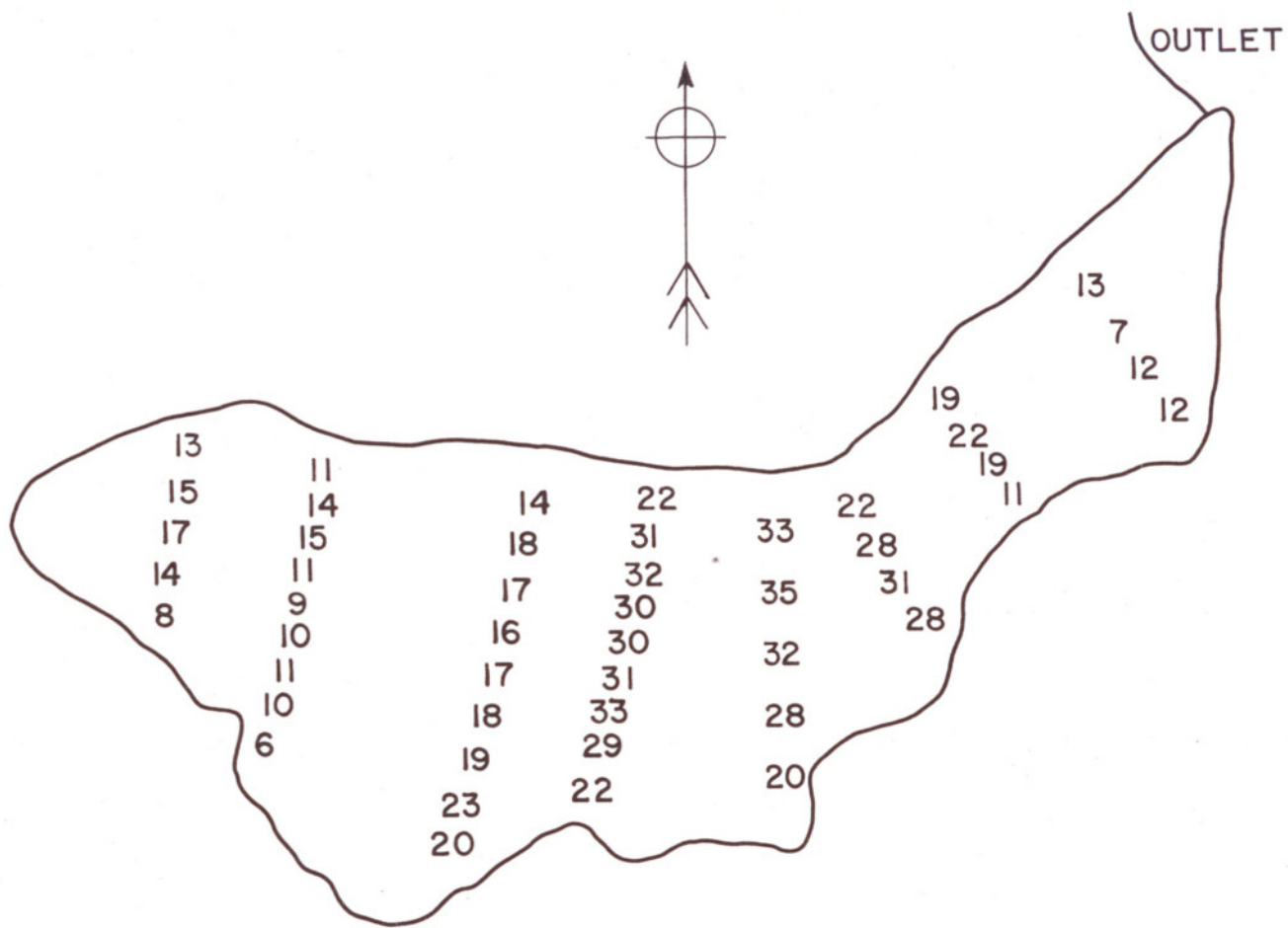
If stocking of hatchery trout were the answer to our fishery problems, it would be evident in Clearwater. The pond has been stocked every year since 1949; there is little fishing pressure, but 45 hours of gillnetting yielded only one trout. Large numbers of suckers, sunfish, and shiners dominate this pond, and trout rarely produce good fishing when placed in this environment.

The only solution is to remove all the fish and then stock hatchery trout. Before this can be done, a small dam would have to be built on the outlet to prevent fish from entering the pond again. The Fish and Game Department will con-

sider reclaiming this pond if interested sportsmen are willing to build the dam. The work would be directed by the Regional Fishery Biologist.

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