

FISHER POND  
T4 R5, Somerset County  
U.S.G.S. Sandy Bay, Maine

Fishes

Brook trout (squaresail)

Physical Characteristics

Area — 10 acres

Maximum depth — 3 feet

Temperatures

Surface — 66°F.

3 feet — 66°F.

Principal fishery: Brook trout

Fisher Pond is the larger of two small bodies of water located near the Canadian border. Bog vegetation surrounds the open water area of the pond. A bottom of soft organic muck is visible throughout the pond, and aquatic vegetation is present in many areas. Water temperatures are the same throughout this very shallow pond.

No fish were observed during the survey. Although there have been reports that brook trout are caught early in the season, because of habitat conditions it is unlikely that Fisher Pond can support a large trout population.

Several spring trickles combine to form an inlet at the west end of the pond. In the summer months very little water flows over the mud and silt bottom of this inlet. The outlet of Fisher Pond flows through several old beaver dams into a large open bog. There is no suitable brook trout spawning habitat in either the inlet or the outlet. A small area of gravel is found along the shoreline of the pond near the outlet. This appears to offer the only possibility for the natural reproduction of brook trout.

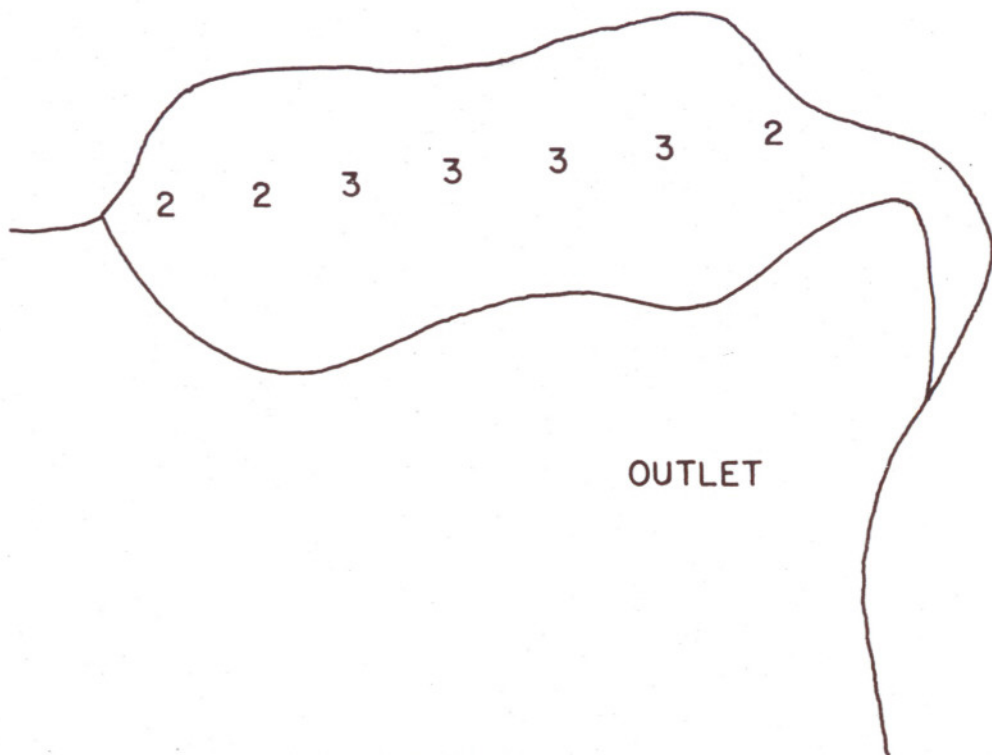
Fisher Pond will be managed for the trout that are produced there naturally. Timber harvesting operations in the vicinity of the pond have recently improved vehicular access to within a few hundred feet of its shore. Even with the improved access, use at the present time is very low. Therefore, general law bag limits are adequate to regulate the taking of trout. The use or possession of live fish as bait should be prohibited to prevent the introduction of new fish species in the pond and to the drainage.

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