BRETTUN'S POND

Livermore Twp., Androscoggin Co. U.S.G.S. Livermore Falls, Me. (7.5')

Fishes

Brown trout

Minnows

Brook trout

Fallfish (chub)

Rainbow smelt

White sucker

Smallmouth bass

Hornpout (bullhead)

White perch

Pumpkinseed sunfish

Yellow perch Chain pickerel

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Physical Characteristics

Area - 165 acres

Temperatures:

Surface - 77°F

Maximum depth - 42 feet

42 feet - 54°F

Principal fisheries: Brown trout, brook trout, smallmouth bass, white perch, chain pickerel

Brettun's Pond is a headwater pond to Martin Stream, a major tributary to the Nezinscot River. The pond's shoreline is heavily developed with permanent and seasonal homes. Access to Brettun's Pond is via an unimproved boat launch located just off State Route 4 near the outlet.

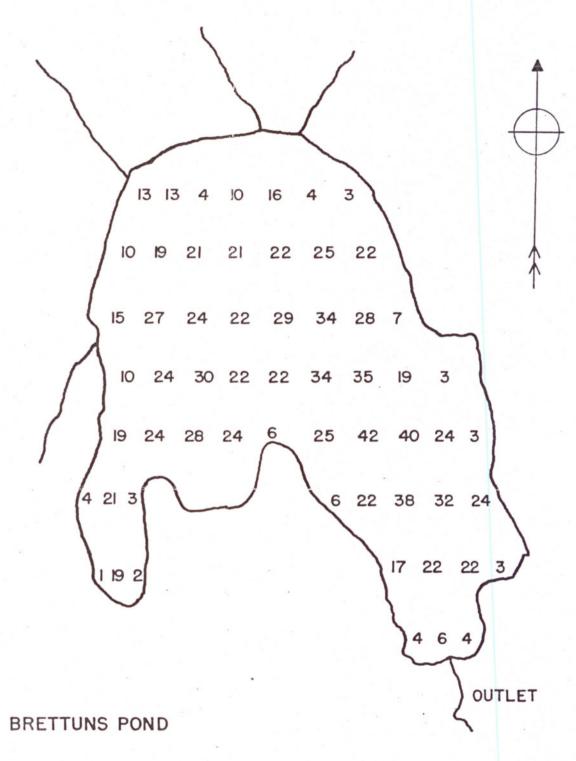
Brettun's Pond is managed for both coldwater and warmwater sportfish. Historically, management of brown trout was emphasized, but more recently with the expansion of the hatchery system, brook trout are now

stocked annually. Brown trout are better suited to compete with the warmwater species, and to survive with the water quality that exists at the pond. Brook trout are not expected to survive through the hot summer months, but annually stockings can provide a very attractive seasonal fishery.

Fisheries popular with the warmwater angler include smallmouth bass, white perch, and chain pickerel. In 1987, the Department received complaints regarding the declining population of smallmouth bass in Brettun's Pond. Subsequent surveys by Fishery Division biologists showed that habitat for young smallmouth bass is poor and consequently their survival may be quite low. Bass numbers in the pond probably declined as fishing pressure and removal of older bass increased. In 1990, 175 adult smallmouth bass were stocked into Brettun's Pond to bolster the population. Surveys the following two years revealed no significant increase in recruitment of young bass resulted from the stocking.

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