## FIRST (BILLINGS) POND

Blue Hill Twp., Hancock Co. U.S.G.S. Blue Hill, Maine (7½')

## Fishes

Brook trout Minnows Golden shiner Redbelly dace White sucker Hornpout(bullhead) Pumpkinseed sunfish American eel

## Physical Characteristics

Area	-	93	acre	25		Temperatures						
								Su	rface	-	72	°F
Maxim	um	de	epth	-	37	feet		33	feet	-	52	°F

## Principal fishery: Brook trout

First Pond is the lowermost in a chain of four ponds in Blue Hill. The outlet flows into tidewater at Salt Pond.

This pond supports a fairly good fishery for wild brook trout which are produced in the tributary located along the northeastern shore. A small volume of suitably cool, well-oxygenated water exists in the summer. In an effort to encourage maximum reproduction of these valuable trout, the following special regulation is in effect: daily bag limit on trout: 2 fish; minimum length limit: 12 in, only one may exceed 14 in. The pond receives moderate pressure in the winter when some fish as large as 15-16 in are caught. Waters, like this one, which produce viable fisheries for wild brook trout are scarce in Hancock County. In the future, if trout harvest should increase, additional restrictive regulations should be adopted to preserve this valuable population.

White perch were collected during the original survey in 1942. They have since disappeared which is highly unusual. The reason for this demise remains unknown.

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