

HATCASE POND  
Dedham Twp., Hancock County  
Eddington Twp., Penobscot County  
U.S.G.S., Orland, Me.

Fishes

Brook trout (squaresail)  
Smallmouth bass  
Chain pickerel  
Rainbow smelt

Eel  
White sucker

Physical Characteristics

Area - 168 acres

Temperatures

Maximum depth - 77 feet

Surface - 70° F.  
70 feet - 42° F.

Principal Fishery: Brook trout

Hatcase Pond is accessible by private gravel road by permission only. The gravel road leaves Rt. 46 about one mile northeast of East Holden center. Boats and canoes can be launched by carrying them a short distance through the woods.

The pond is nestled between the many wooded hills of Dedham. Although there is a small inlet stream, Hatcase is largely spring-fed, and is the water supply pond for the city of Brewer. Fishing is prohibited within approximately 500 yards of the pumphouse, situated at the north end of the pond.

Hatcase Pond should be managed for wild brook trout. Its large volume of deep, cold, well-oxygenated water and its smelt population permit production of wild brook trout of attractive size. Ponds capable of producing 1-3 pound native trout are rare in Downeast Maine. To prevent over-fishing and ensure maintenance of this important brook trout population, the following restrictive regulations are in effect at Hatcase Pond:

1. Closed to ice fishing
2. 12 inch minimum length on trout
3. 2 trout daily bag limit

Smallmouth bass are abundant in the pond, but few grow to large size. Average size is 10-12 inches. Although bass and trout compete for food and habitat, bass inhabit warmer water during the summer, thus lessening competition and permitting both species to co-exist in what is referred to as a "two-story" fishery, with bass in the upper levels and trout in the deeper water.

Pickerel are caught only rarely, and at present predation by this species does not constitute a serious problem to the pond's trout population. Limited pickerel habitat will prevent increases in pickerel abundance.

Hatcase Pond is unusual because there are no sunfish, no perch, and apparently no minnows present. Introduction of perch or sunfish would increase competition and threaten this important trout fishery.

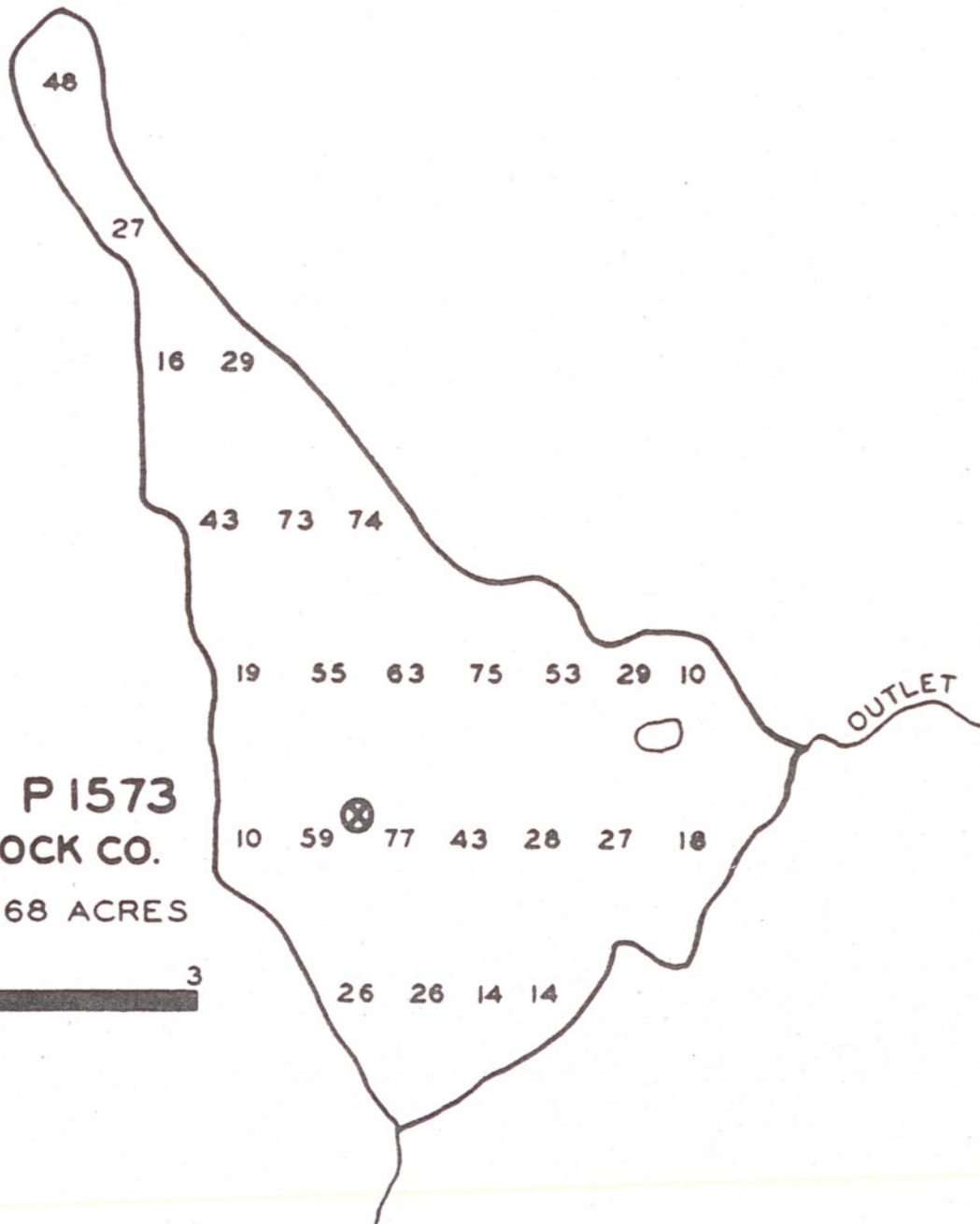
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