MITCHELL POND Dedham Twp., Hancock County U.S.G.S., Orland, Me.

Fishes

Minnows
Golden shiner
Pearl dace
Banded killifish

Physical Characteristics

Area - 13 acres

Temperatures
Surface - 59° F.

Maximum depth - 23 feet

20 feet - 42° F.

Principal Fishery: Live bait

Mitchell Pond is a scenic pond situated between Bald Mountain and Peaked Mountain in Dedham. Access is via a short grassy road off the Bald Mountain Road. The shoreline is densely matted with many types of aquatic vegetation. About half of the pond is less than four feet deep and almost completely covered with lily pads and other aquatic vegetation. Golden shiners and pearl dace are particularly abundant. Some unusually large golden shiners up to 6 inches were obtained in this survey.

The remainder of the pond is deeper and contains much cooler water, with much aquatic vegetation on bottom. Although water temperatures are suitable for brook trout, dissolved oxygen levels below 15 feet are indequate for trout. No trout were captured during this survey, but a few anglers have reported catching an occasional trout in past years. Brook trout have been found in the outlet's lower end, within 1/2 mile of its mouth at Phillips Lake, but the precipitous and rocky stream bottom just below Mitchell Pond prevents upstream migration into the pond.

Mitchell Pond is best suited as a live bait pond and has been utilized as such for several years. Its weedy, shallow habitat will continue to grow large numbers of shiners and dace in the future.

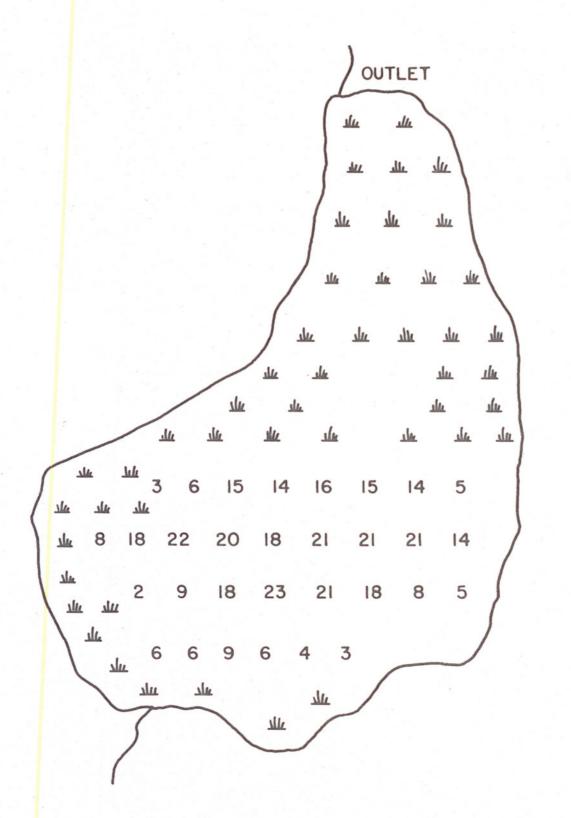
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