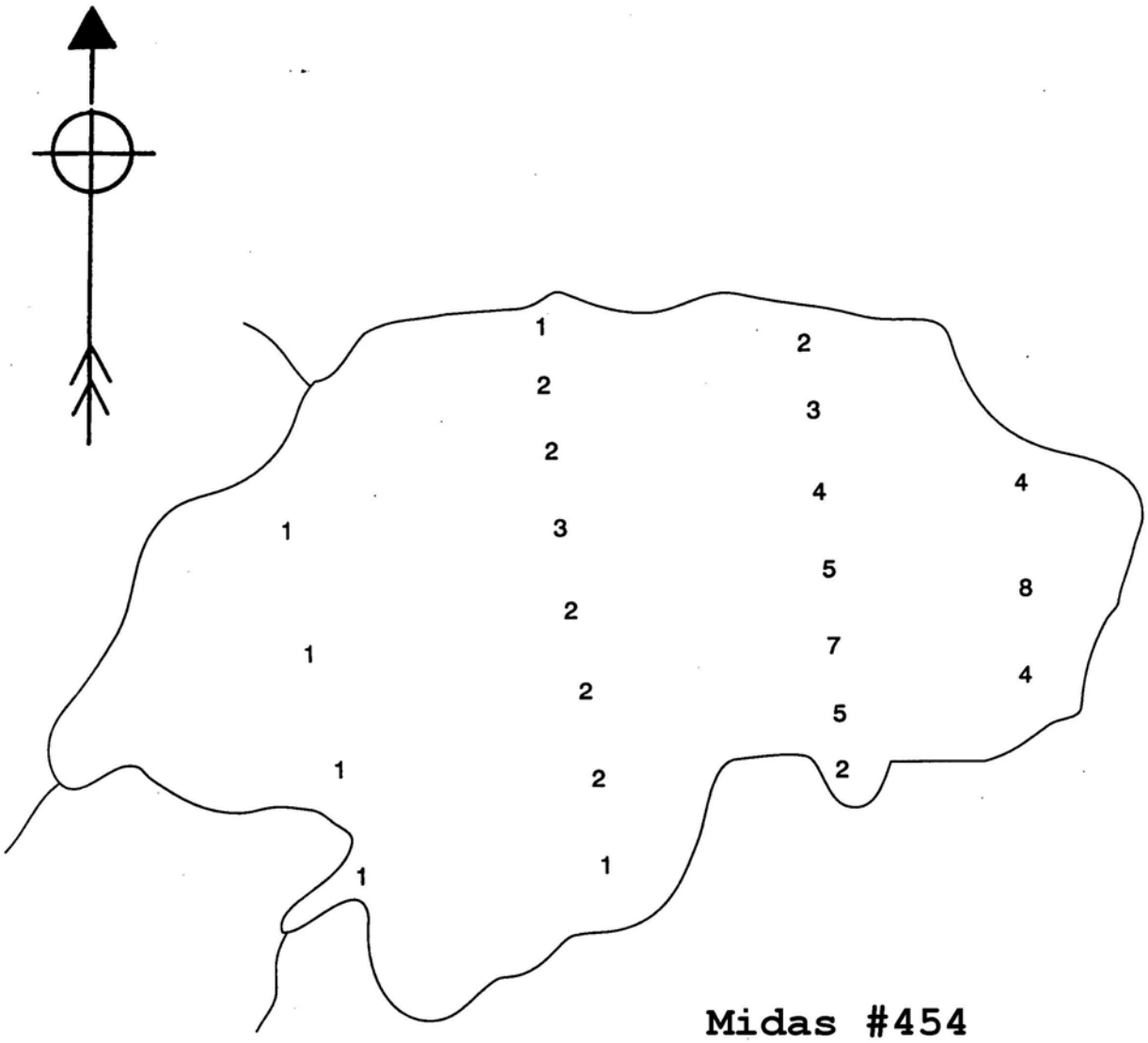

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Black Pond

T1 R12 WELS Piscatquis Co., Maine

Area 127 acres

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1/10 mile

BLACK POND

T1 R12 WELS, Piscataquis Co.
U.S.G.S. Farrar Mountain, Me (7 1/2')

Fishes

Brook trout
Minnows
  Finescale dace
  Creek chub
White sucker
Hornpout (bullhead)

Physical Characteristics

Area - 127 acres

Maximum depth - 8 feet

Temperatures:
Surface - 68°F
8 feet - 66°F

Principal fisheries: Brook trout

Black Pond is located on the western edge of the Bureau of Public Lands' Nahmakanta Unit. The surrounding forest is predominantly softwood. Most of the pond is quite shallow and a thick layer of organic debris covers the bottom. Rocks and boulders are present along the shoreline and near the outlet. Large patches of aquatic vegetation are scattered throughout the pond.

Access to Black Pond has traditionally been over a timber management road heading east from the Sias Hill Road. However, at the time of the survey the Bureau of Public Lands was considering alternative access routes from within the Nahmakanta Unit.

The inlet to Black Pond has no brook trout spawning habitat. The channel is filled with blowdowns and has become quite diffuse. The substrate on the inlet bottom is organic debris. The outlet does have small areas of gravel that could be utilized as brook trout spawning habitat. Beaver dams and blowdowns could restrict access to the outlet.

Because most of the pond is less than 5 feet deep, summer water temperatures limit the potential of wild brook trout in Black Pond. No cool spring areas were found during the survey.

Due to habitat conditions and competition from other species, brook trout are not very abundant in Black Pond. The few trout sampled during the survey exhibited average growth. The trout in Black Pond will continue to provide some fishing opportunity to a small number of anglers. Additional use and harvest would be detrimental to the population.

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