

GRINDSTONE POND  
Willimantic Twp., Piscataquis Co.  
U.S.G.S. Sebec Lake, Me.

Fishes

Brook trout (squaretail)  
Minnows  
Golden shiner

Minnows (cont'd)  
Fathead minnow  
Pearl dace

Physical Characteristics

Area - 26 acres

Temperatures

Maximum depth - 32 feet

Surface - 69° F.  
28 feet - 42° F.

Grindstone Pond is a small trout pond of moderate depth. The surrounding timber is mostly fir, with some hardwood and hemlock also present. The shores are lined with bushes and there are no beaches, although a few rocky areas and several ledges rise above the surface of the pond. Most of the bottom is covered with a layer of silt.

The pond has no tributary streams, and its very small outlet contains several beaver dams. There are apparently no areas that furnish suitable trout spawning sites. Water quality is good to a depth of approximately 20 feet, where oxygen becomes a limiting factor.

Grindstone Pond was stocked with trout from 1939 to 1953, and also in 1960. Anglers have made good catches of brook trout for the past several years. This body of water should continue to be stocked as long as the following conditions prevail:

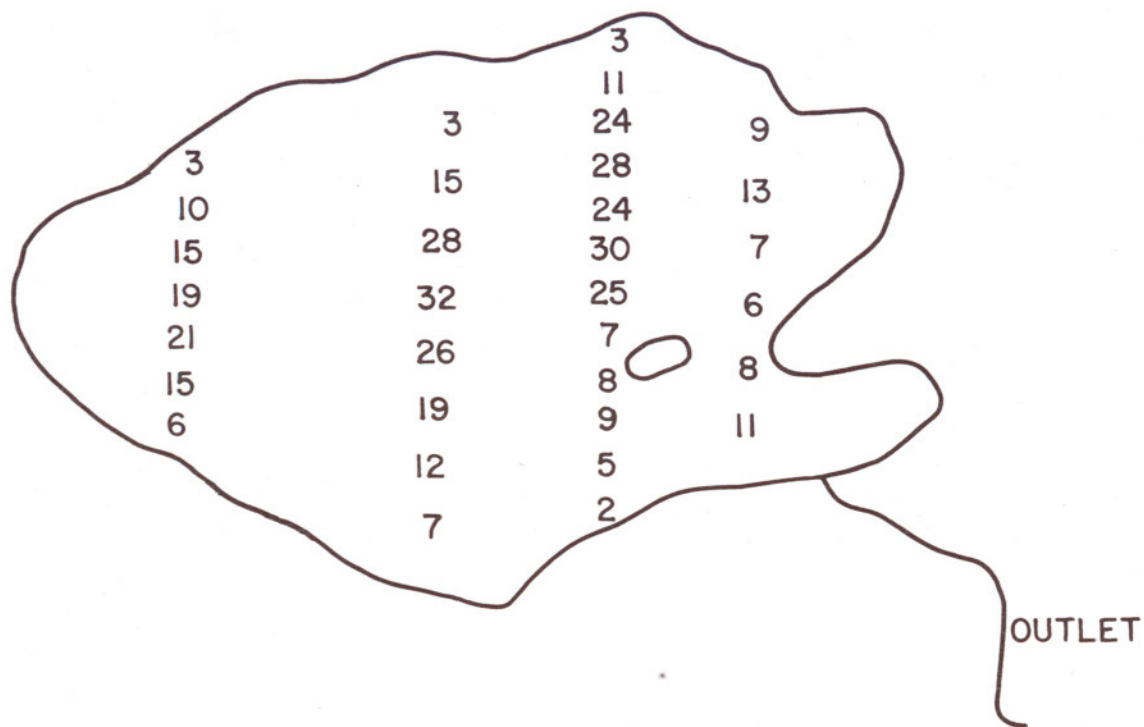
1. Fishermen continue to fish the pond with good success.
2. Competitor species stay at the present low population level.
3. The road remains open to the public.

If competition increases, the best management would probably be to reclaim the pond. Under the present management

policy, there should be a 5-fish bag limit, and the use or possession of live fish as bait should be prohibited.

Fishermen may reach the pond by jeep on a good jeep trail, or by walking about 1 mile from the main road.

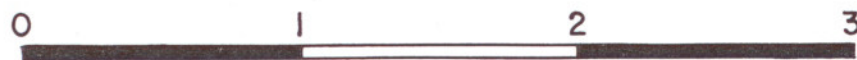
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