

BAKER POND
T1 R2, Somerset Co.
U.S.G.S. Brassua Lake, Me.

Fishes

Brook trout (squeartail)
White sucker

Minnows
Creek chub

Physical Characteristics

Area - 74 acres

Temperatures

Maximum depth - 6 feet

Surface - 70° F.
4 feet - 65° F.

Baker Pond is very shallow with a thick bottom layer of soft mud that is easily agitated by wind action. Much of the shoreline is a floating mat of bog plants, but some sections are firm. A few gravel areas are present. Nature's process of filling-in and changing lakes to bogs and eventually to solid ground is very evident here.

Cars can be driven within $\frac{1}{4}$ mile of the pond on an old logging road. From that point two different trails may be used. One strikes the east and the other the west shore of the pond.

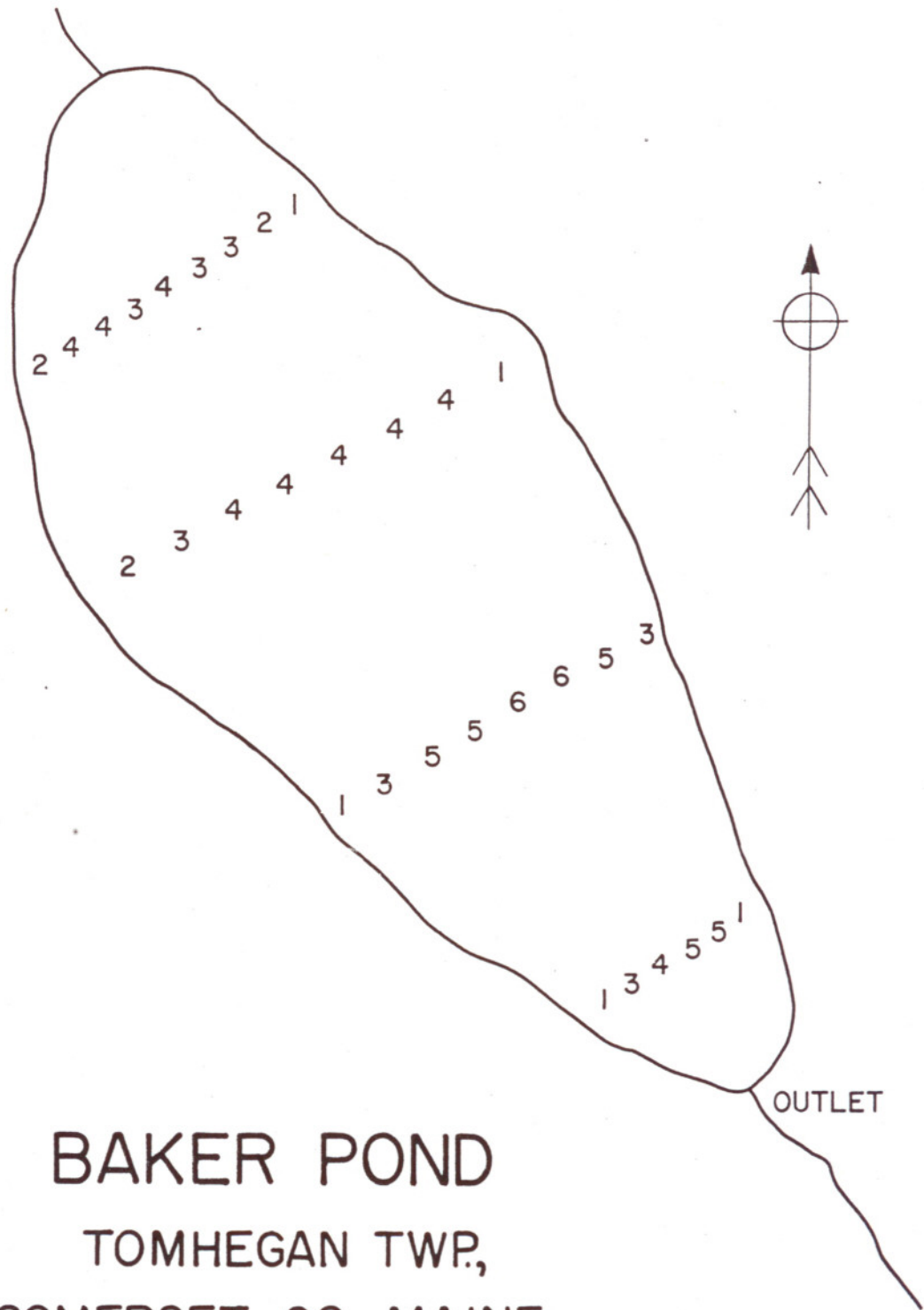
The temperature of the water changes with the air temperature at Baker Pond, but the inflow of cool water from the surrounding bog maintains a layer of cool water that can support trout. We were surprised to find a good population of trout in this shallow, muddy pond.

A small brook enters the pond through the bog at the northwest end. This brook is cold, but it has no good gravel or riffles for spawning or nursery areas. Many trout lie in the cool water of this brook during the hot weather.

The outlet meanders through an alder thicket, and beaver are maintaining a series of dams on this stream. The only areas that could be used for spawning are gravelly areas near the outlet and along the east shore.

The present fly-fishing-only and 5-trout bag limit regulations are adequate to protect this small trout pond.

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