CLISH POND T5 R20, Somerset Co. U. S. G. S. Not Completed

Fishes

Brook trout (squaretail)

Minnows

Blacknose dace

Physical Characteristics

Area - 21 acres

Temperatures

Surface - 78° F.

Maximum depth - 14 feet

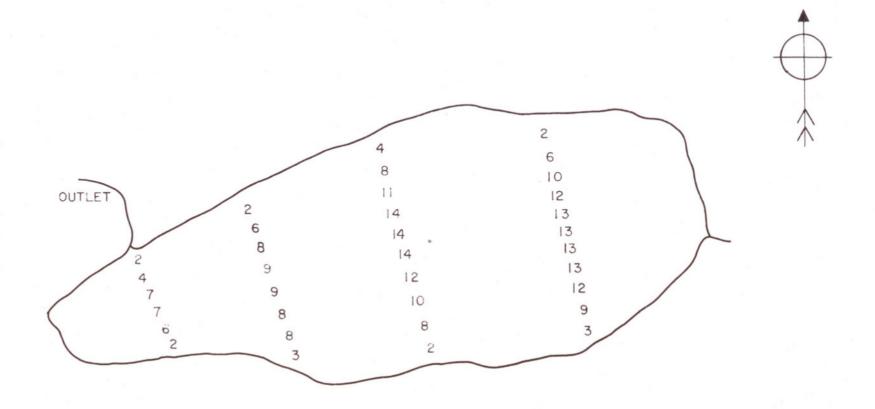
14 feet - 69° F.

Clish is a small, shallow, wilderness pond remote from any car road, and too small for planes to land upon.

The only fish inhabiting the pond are brook trout and a small minnow. There are no tributaries to the pond, and the outlet is unsuitable for spawning. The trout must spawn on springy areas and at the mouth of a small spring flowing in at one end of the pond. One side of the pond has a boggy, wet shoreline, but most of it is dry and forested.

The few fishing parties that fish Clish Pond make excellent catches, but a great increase in fishing pressure would undoubtedly remove trout faster than nature can produce them here.

Since the pond is so inaccessible, the present bag limit of 10 fish per person is not excessive. Any great increase in fishing pressure should be accompanied by a decrease in bag limit in order to maintain good fishing quality. A "no-live-fish-asbait" law should be added to prevent the introduction of species that might cause a reduction in the trout population. We know now that trout will prosper best in ponds that have few or no other species in them.



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