HEALD POND Moose River Plt., Somerset Co. U. S. G. S. Long Pond, Me.

Fishes

Salmon Brook trout (squaretail) Smelt

Minnows Golden shiner Blacknose dace

Physical Characteristics

Area - 186 acres

Temperatures

Surface - 71° F.

Maximum depth - 42 feet

40 feet - 48° F.

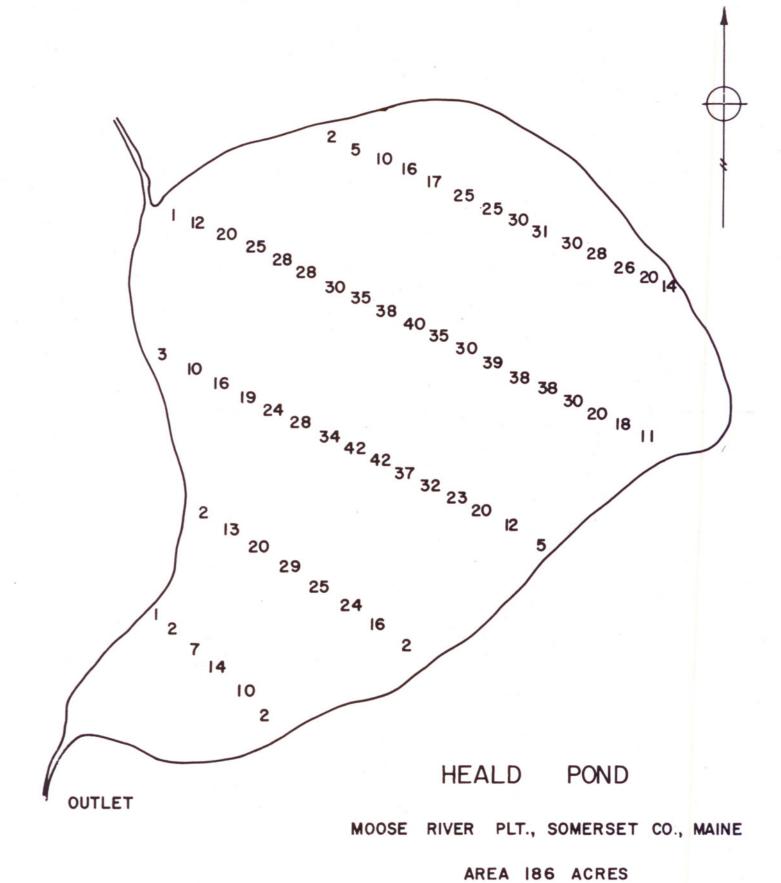
Suggested Management

Heald Pond has very good water quality for cold-water game fishes. A good population of brook trout is now present. The salmon are reproducing at a very slow rate. Some spawning areas are present in the inlet but the outlet has been blocked for many years by a fish screen.

Golden shiners, accidently introduced within the last few years, have become a serious competitor.

It is recommended that the fish screen at the outlet be removed to permit free access to the spawning areas below the pond and to permit the young fish to return to the pond.

The fly fishing only regulation should be abolished. A daily bag limit of five trout or salmon with the use or possession of live fish as bait prohibited would better distribute the catch and prevent further introduction of competing species.



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