

CLIFFORD POND
T2 R11, Piscataquis Co.
U. S. G. S. Harrington Lake, Me.

Fishes

Brook trout (squaretail)

Minnows

Blacknose dace

Physical Characteristics

Area - 17 acres

Temperatures

Surface - 73° F.

Maximum depth - 24 feet

24 feet - 45° F.

Clifford Pond is a small pond located about a half mile north-east of Rainbow Lake in a small valley, a portion of which was burned over in the Rainbow fire of 1924. The north side of the pond still has dense stands of spruce and fir. On this side of the pond there are some steep ledges which drop straight into the pond.

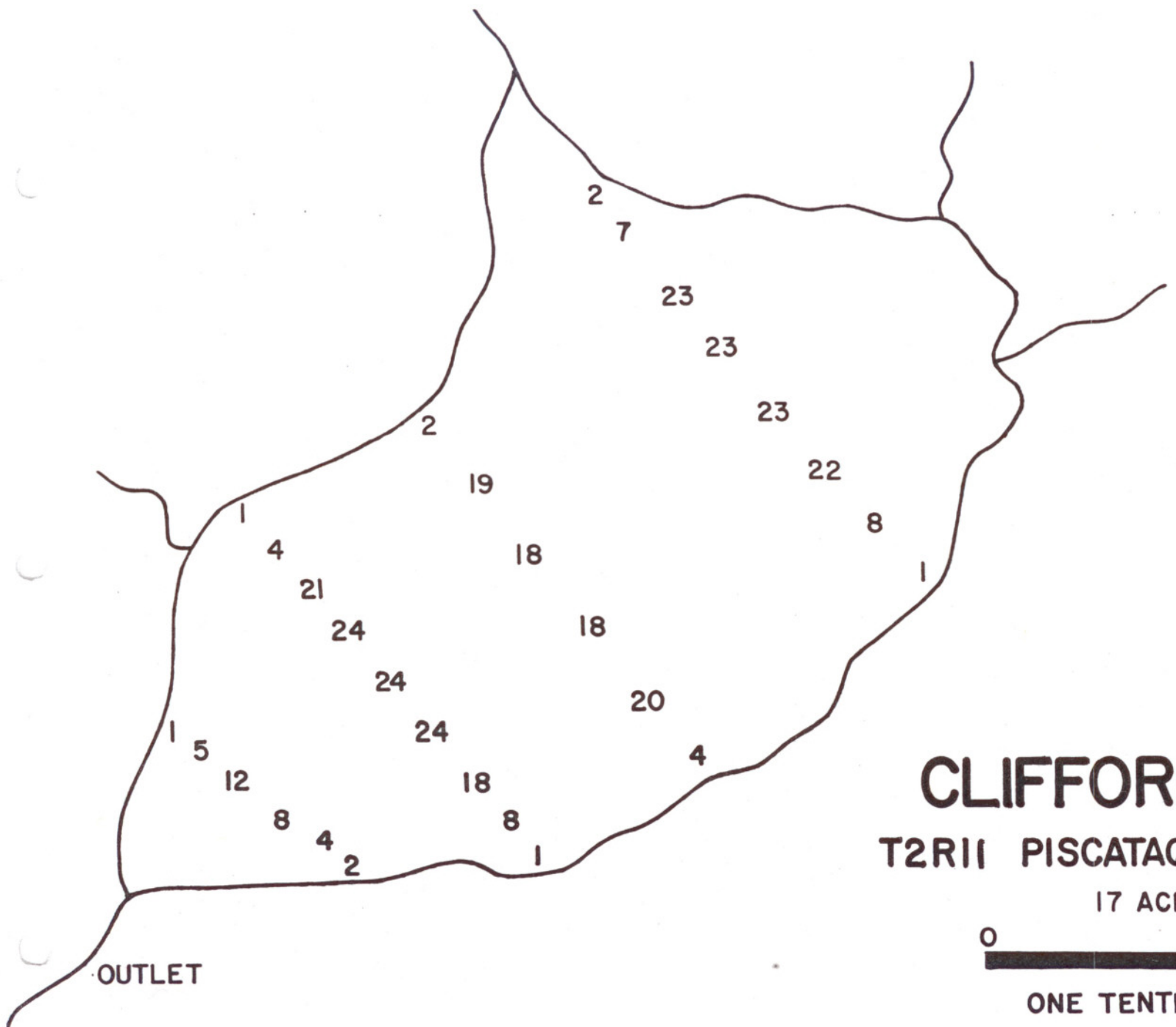
The water quality of Clifford Pond is suitable for brook trout, with sufficient oxygen and cool temperatures throughout the entire year. Oxygen may be a problem in some years in the relatively small areas below 20 feet.

Aside from three small springs at the northeastern end, the pond has no major inlet. These tributaries and the outlet, the thoroughfare to Woodman Pond, have no spawning facilities for trout.

Brook trout experience very little competition in Clifford Pond; only one species of minnow was taken in the survey. No trout were taken in the survey, and fishermen have not reported catching trout in this pond. Fingerling trout were stocked in the fall of 1965 and should provide some good fishing in 1966.

The present regulation prohibiting the use or possession of live fish as bait will aid in preventing the establishment of additional species. A new introduction could seriously reduce the trout fishery. A 5-fish limit would help to spread the catch among a greater number of fishermen.

Clifford Pond is just a short walk via the Blue Trail from Rainbow Lake, or may be reached by the same trail from the Sourdnahunk Deadwater.



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