

FOURTH CURRIER POND

T9R11, Piscataquis County
U.S.G.S. Chase Lake, Me. (7½')

Fishes

Brook trout

Minnows
Redbelly dace

Physical Characteristics

Area – 6 acres

Temperatures:
Surface - 68°F
13 feet - 54°F

Maximum depth – 18 feet

Mean depth – 6 feet

Principal fishery: Brook trout

Fourth Currier Pond is one of six small ponds located in a hilly region of northern Piscataquis County in T9R11. This pond is small with a silt-covered bottom, but is productive and lacks competitor species that would reduce brook trout production. The shoreline is dominated by evergreens of cedar, spruce, fir, and white pine; some sections of the shoreline consist entirely of large white pine trees.

The pond supports a good population of brook trout that forage mainly on insects and leeches. Trout also feed on a large amphipod, averaging about ¾ inch in length that is a species of *Gammarus*. Some aquatic vegetation growth exists in shallow areas of the pond especially near

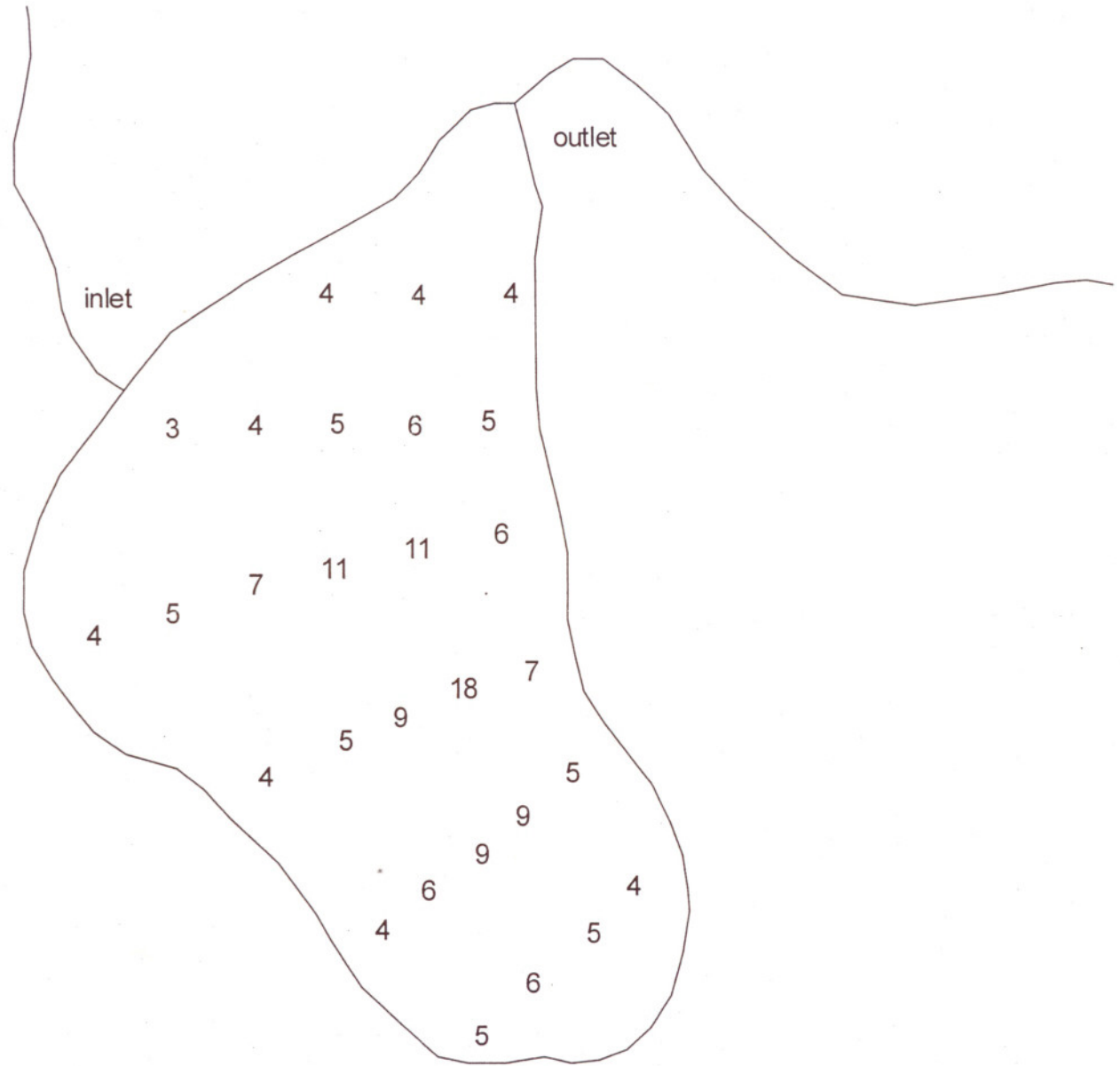
the inlet from Third Currier Pond. This tributary and small spring seeps along the shoreline provide limited habitat for brook trout spawning and juveniles. Some trout spawning likely occurs within the pond.

All of the Currier Ponds are managed with very conservative fishery regulations to provide a unique angling opportunity for large brook trout in a relatively remote setting. The pond can be accessed by gravel roads maintained by private landowners for land management purposes. A footpath exists on the Northwest corner of the pond from a gravel road.

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Fourth Currier Pond
T9 R11 WELS, Piscataquis Co.
Spider Lake Quadrangle
Area= 6 Acres

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0.1 Miles

