

BILLFISH POND
(Fillfish Pond)
T6 R8, Penobscot Co.
T6 R9, Piscataquis Co.
U. S. G. S. Traveler Mountain, Me.

Fishes

Brook trout (squaretail)

Minnows
Finescale dace

Physical Characteristics

Area - 70 acres

Temperatures
Surface - 69° F.
84 feet - 40° F.

Maximum depth - 84 feet

Billfish Pond is an exceptionally picturesque, clear-water pond situated high in the mountains of Baxter State Park. This pond has excellent water quality for brook trout with plenty of cold, well-oxygenated water during the critical summer months. Billfish Pond should be managed for trout.

Fish collections made during the survey revealed a healthy trout population with some individuals weighing as much as one pound. Apparently there is little or no competition from other kinds of fish except one small species of minnow. Fishermen should be reminded that accidental introductions of competing fish that eat the same food and take up the same living space as trout could seriously reduce the trout fishery in Billfish Pond. For this reason it is recommended that a regulation prohibiting the use of fish as bait be established on this pond.

The outlet, Billfish Brook, empties through a deep, precipitous, ledge gorge and has little spawning or nursery area for trout. Since there are no other tributaries, nearly all trout reproduction must take place in spring seepage areas within the pond.

Billfish Pond is accessible by a 3-mile trail from the Baxter State Park road.

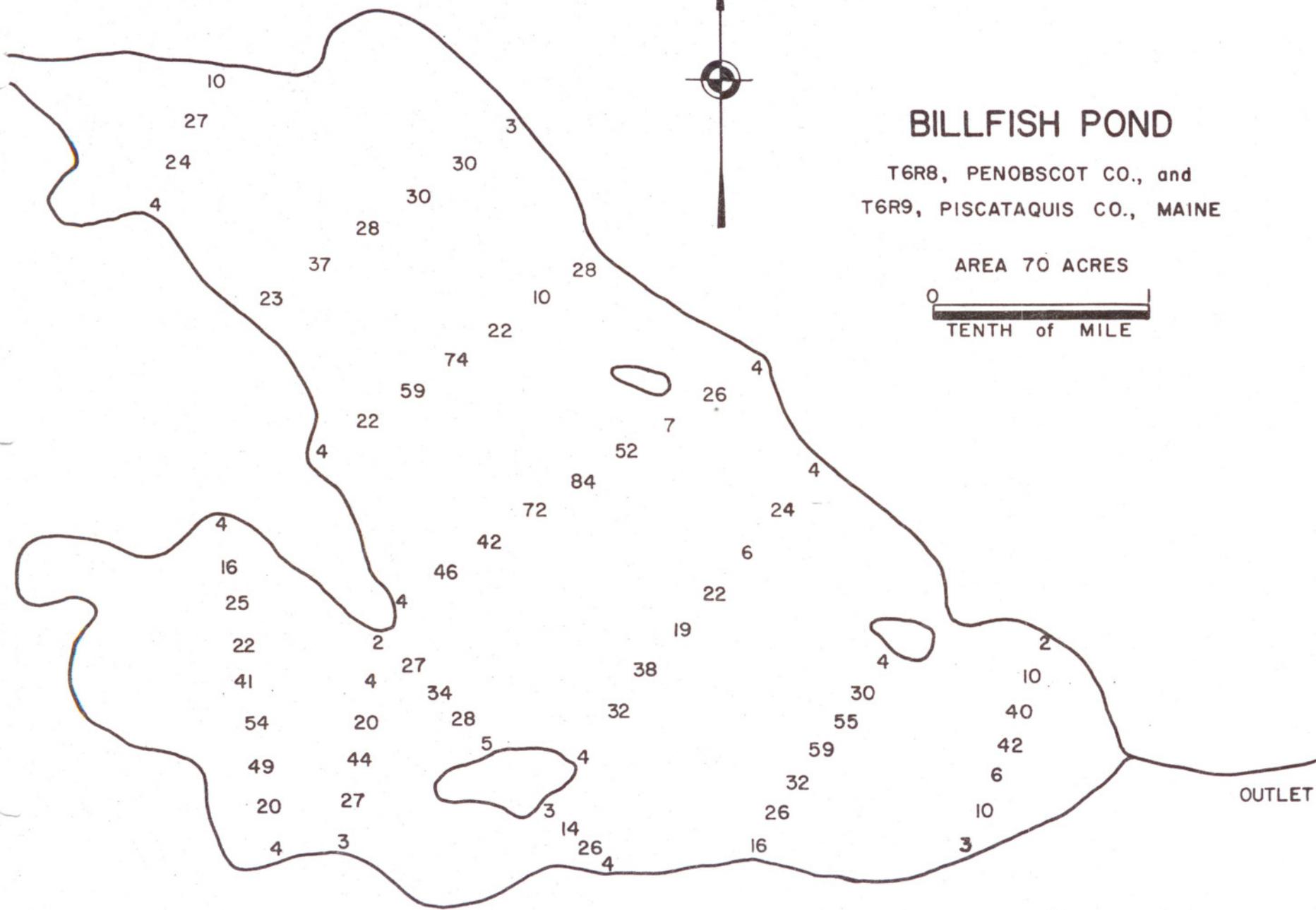
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