

ROCK POND  
T5 R6, Somerset Co.  
U. S. G. S. Spencer, Me.

Fishes

Brook trout (squaretail)  
White sucker

Minnows  
Creek chub  
Blacknose dace

Physical Characteristics

Area - 124 acres

Temperatures

Maximum depth - 30 feet

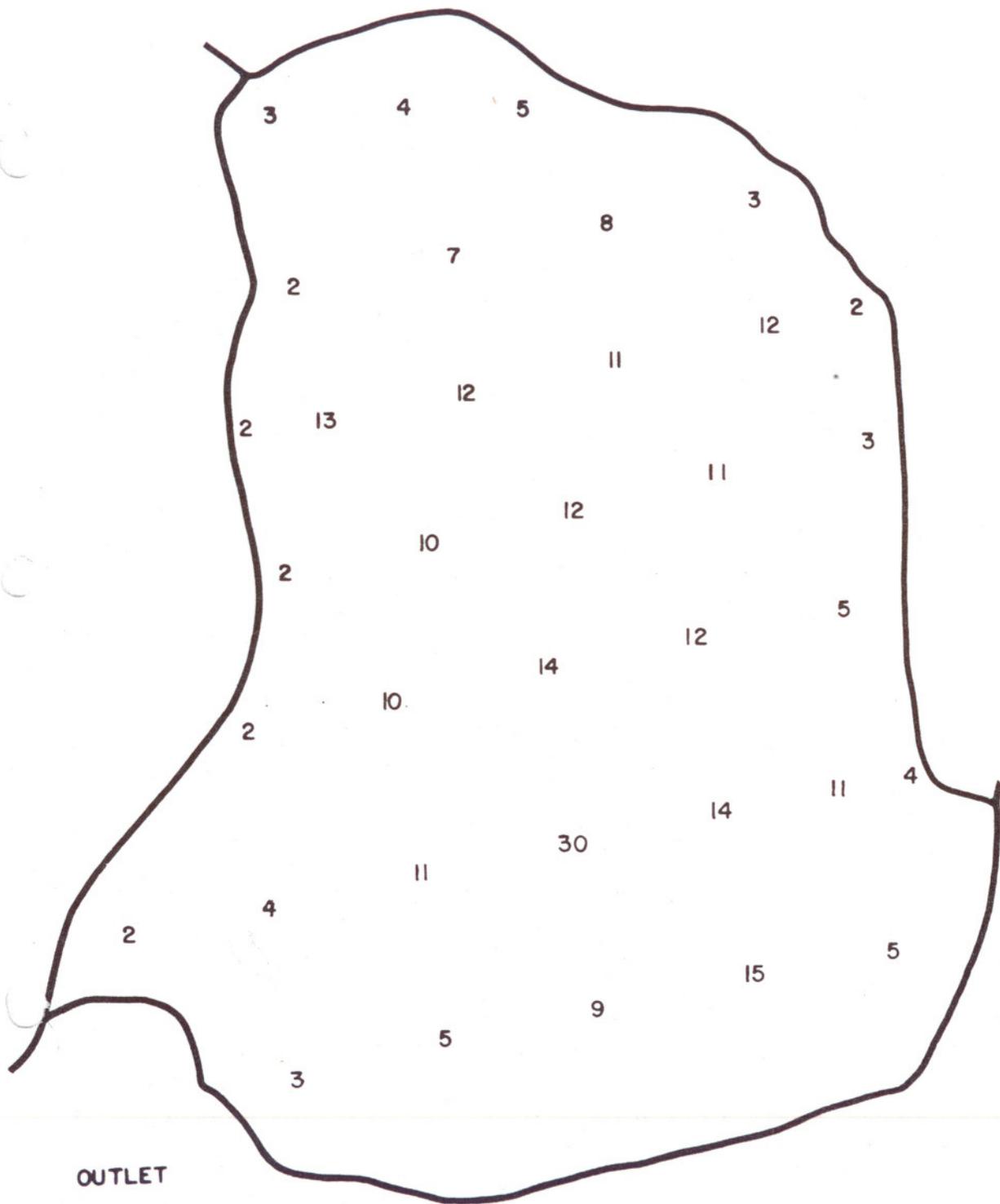
Surface - 66° F.  
30 feet - 66° F.

Rock Pond is an excellent trout pond. At the present time, natural spawning is solely responsible for the large trout population. The northwest inlet and Baker Stream are excellent spawning areas which provide the bulk of the trout although some spawning does occur along the shore of the pond. No stocking is needed under these conditions.

Trout in Rock Pond are growing well. This can be accounted for, in part, by favorable water temperatures and an ample oxygen supply throughout the pond. The suckers and minnows present do not seem to be seriously competing with the trout, although there is no doubt that these suckers and minnows occupy space and eat food that could be used by trout. The value of these "rough" fish as trout food is questionable since trout can grow to a large size without a fish diet. Further introductions cannot help trout, but only make it more difficult for them to spawn, grow, and survive. To protect against such introductions, it is recommended that a no-live-fish-as-bait law be established on Rock Pond if the fly-fishing-only law now in effect should be removed.

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AREA 124 ACRES



OUTLET