

SALMON POND
T 30 MD, Washington Co.
U.S.G.S. Tug Mountain, Me.

Fishes

Brook trout (squaretail)

Physical Characteristics

Area - 11 acres

Temperatures

Surface - 72° F.

Maximum depth - 22 feet

22 feet - 53° F.

Principal Fishery: Brook trout

Salmon Pond, one of the most popular small trout ponds in eastern Maine, is located on the Machias River CCC Road about 1 mile north of Route 9 (The Airline). A fair launching site is available for small boats and canoes, with limited parking area nearby. Because of the absence of competing fish species and because of reduced stocking rates, brook trout growth is above average. Stocked as 4-6 inch fall fingerlings, many trout reach lengths of 11-12 inches by the next fall, and some older fish reach lengths of 14-18 inches.

An interesting characteristic of Salmon Pond is its high acidity, with a pH of 4.8. This would be too acidic to permit successful natural reproduction of trout, however, no natural spawning area for trout exists in the pond. It is noteworthy that a good trout fishery can be sustained in such acid waters through stocking. Favorable growth of trout in these conditions indicates a brighter future for acidic ponds, as long as hatchery trout are available.

Currently, the following special regulations are in effect at Salmon Pond:

1. Closed to ice fishing.
2. No live fish as bait.
3. Daily limit 5 trout.

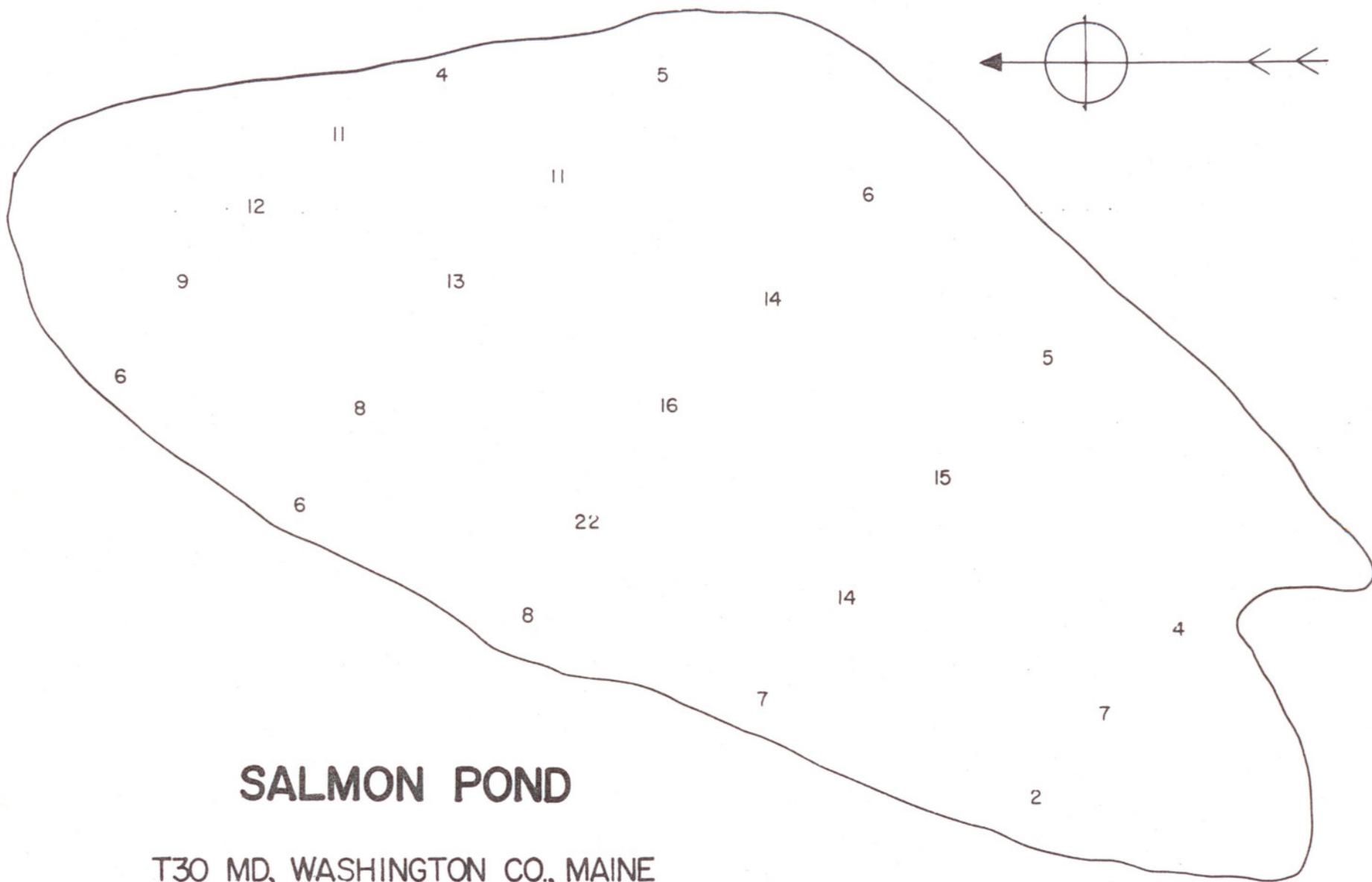
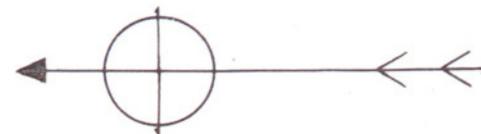
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