

### MCGRATH POND

Belgrade and Oakland Twps., Kennebec County  
U.S.G.S. Rome, Me.

#### Fishes

Brown trout	Minnows
Smallmouth bass	White sucker
Largemouth bass	Hornpout (bullhead)
Rainbow trout	Pumpkinseed sunfish
White perch	Black crappie
Yellow perch	American eel
Chain pickerel	

#### Physical Characteristics

Area - 486 acres	Temperatures
	Surface - 74° F
Maximum depth - 27 feet	25 feet - 73° F

Principal fishery: Brown trout, smallmouth bass,  
largemouth bass, chain pickerel, white perch

McGrath Pond is one of the lesser known waters of the Belgrade chain of lakes. It provides fisheries for coldwater and warmwater fishes. Summer access is available through a commercial launch site at the north end of the pond. Winter anglers access the pond via any one of the snowmobile trails that cross the pond. Several state roads from Waterville or Augusta pass near McGrath Pond.

Water quality in McGrath Pond has been impacted by excess nutrient loading caused by human cultural activity. The nature of the problem as well as steps necessary to improve water quality in the Salmon Lake/McGrath Pond watershed has been described in the 1987 report "The Restoration of Salmon Lake" by John Sowles of the Department of Environmental Protection. The most critical sources of nutrients have been identified and curtailed. It is hoped that McGrath Ponds' water quality will show an improvement in the future.

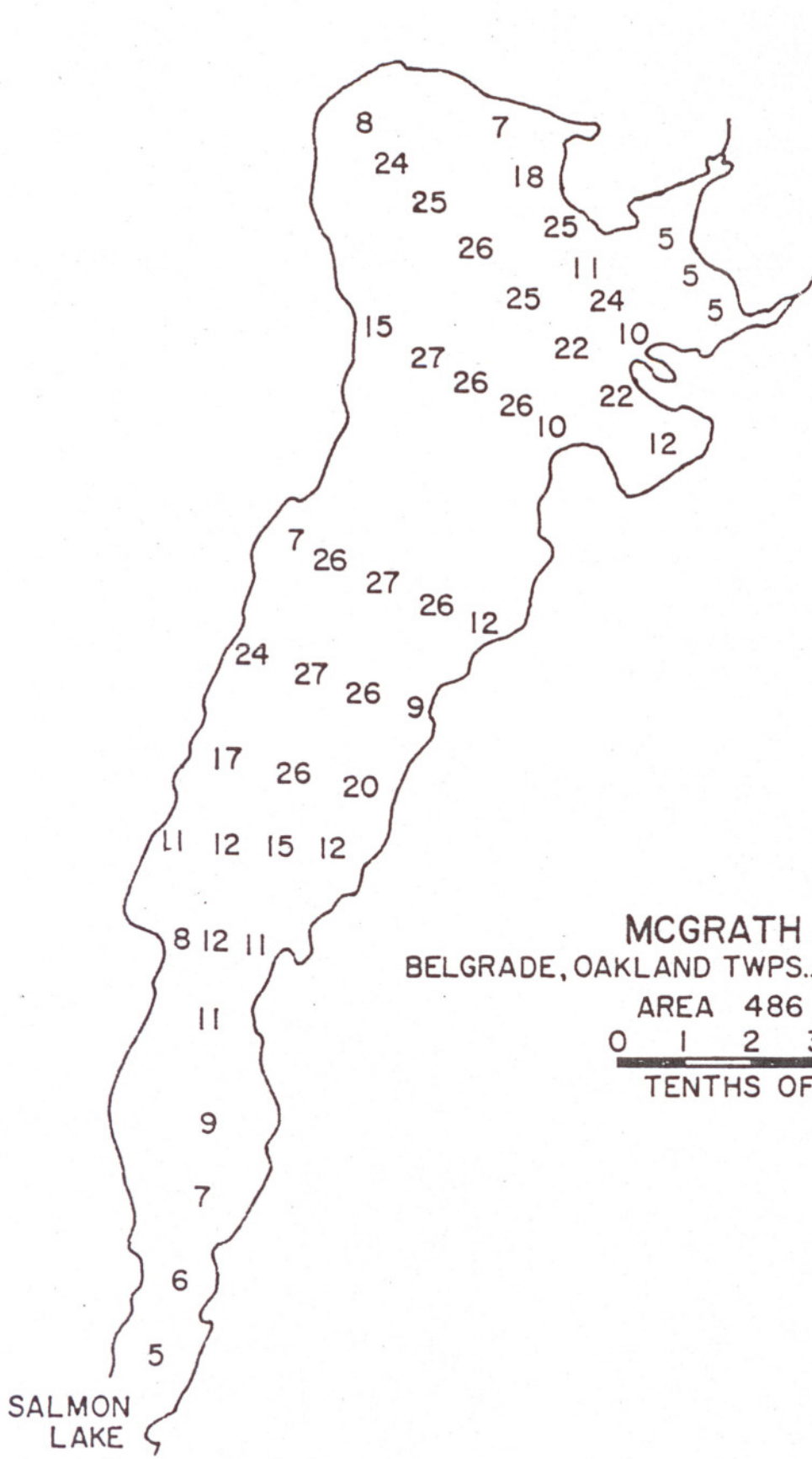
The coldwater fishery at McGrath Pond is based on annual stockings of fall yearling brown trout because the pond lacks sufficient spawning and nursery habitat to maintain a viable brown trout fishery through natural reproduction.

The warmwater fishery is comprised of largemouth and smallmouth bass, chain pickerel, white and yellow perch, hornpout, and a new addition, the black crappie. All are maintained through natural reproduction.

Anglers who fish McGrath Pond are urged to contribute information on their catches to fishery biologists at 8 Federal Street, Augusta, Maine 04333.

McGrath Pond is a pleasant water to fish, and will maintain its attractiveness for anglers because of the production from the natural warmwater fishes and the stocked brown trout.

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 AREA 486 ACRES  
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