## HAY POND T6 R8, Penobscot Co. U.S.G.S. Traveler Mountain, Shin Pond, Me.

## Fishes

Brook trout (squaretail)
Yellow perch
Eel
White sucker
Minnows
Fallfish (chub)
Creek chub
Common shiner

Minnows (cont'd)
Blacknose dace
Pearl dace
Redbelly dace
Blacknose shiner
Threespine stickleback
Yellowbelly sunfish

## Physical Characteristics

Area - 134 acres

**Temperatures** 

Surface - 70° F.

Maximum depth - 24 feet

22 feet - 59° F.

Hay Pond is a picturesque pond in full view of Mt. Katahdin. Trout fishing, reported good in years past, has declined in recent years.

Great numbers of yellow perch and other species are in serious competition with trout for food and space. The small amount of cold water present is deficient in oxygen. Severe competition and marginal water quality are largely responsible for poor trout survival in Hay Pond.

Spawning and nursery facilities for trout in the outlet are lacking, and water temperatures may become unfavorably high. When trout were more abundant, spawning probably occurred in spring seepage areas within the pond.

A makeshift dam exists at the outlet, but its removal would serve no useful purpose.

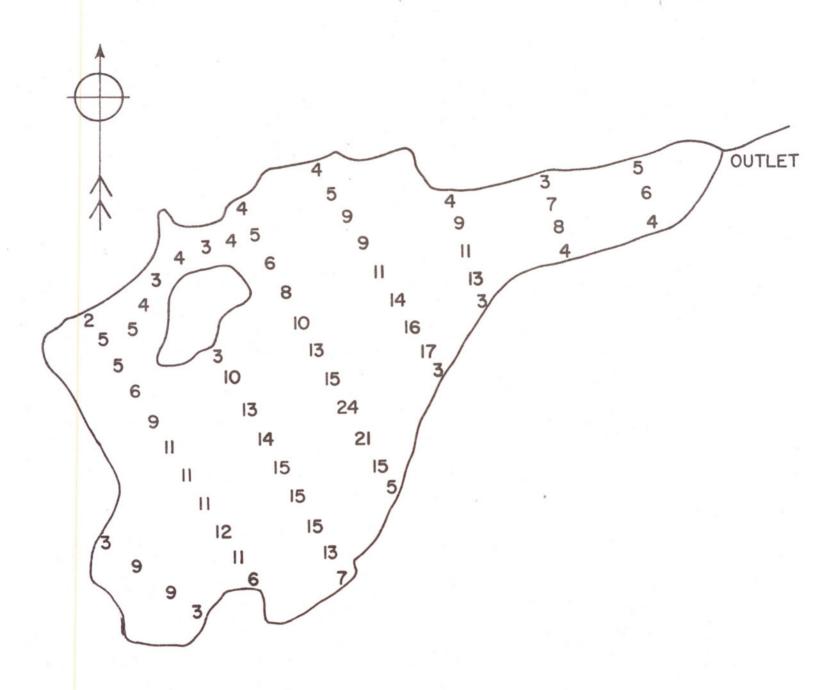
This pond should be considered for reclamation and subsequent restocking with trout. Public access to the pond would have to be ensured, and a barrier dam would have to be built to prevent reintroduction of undesirable fish. A good opportunity for a barrier dam exists at the present dam site.

In the event Hay Pond is reclaimed, the following regulations should be established:

- 1. A 5-trout daily limit.
- 2. Use or possession of live fish as bait prohibited.
- 3. Closed to ice fishing.

Hay Pond is accessible by airplane and jeep road.

Surveyed - August, 1962 Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Game



## HAY POND T6 R8, PENOBSCOT CO., MAINE

