

BADGER POND
Willimantic Twp., Piscataquis Co.
U.S.G.S. Sebec Lake, Me.

Fishes

Yellow perch	White sucker
Chain pickerel	Minnows
Hornpout (bullhead)	Golden shiner
Sunfish	Dace

Physical Characteristics

Area - 15 acres	Temperatures
Maximum depth - 12 feet	Surface - 82° F.
	12 feet - 49° F.

Principal Fishery: Pickerel

Badger Pond is a small warm water pond. Much of the shallow shoreline area is covered with water lilies and other aquatic vegetation. Floating bog makes up most of the northern shore. Much of the pond bottom is soft, deep mud. Although there is cold water in the deep area of Badger Pond, the dissolved oxygen is very low.

The two main tributaries enter from the north. Both brooks, Badger Brook and Eighteen Pond Brook, are blocked by series of beaver dams. The amount of available spawning and nursery area for cold water species is extremely limited. However, young pickerel, yellow perch and sunfish are numerous. There is a noticeable lack of minnows in these inlets and in the shallows. The outlet of Badger Pond also has little suitable spawning and nursery area for cold water species. A ledge falls on the outlet making fish passage upstream into the pond unlikely.

From the highway, a road crosses a private field leading to Badger Pond. However, the road does cross private property and permission should be obtained from the landowner before using this access. Both pickerel and yellow perch seem to be present in large enough numbers and of such a size as to provide a good fishery. Some trout may be taken in the brooks early in the season.

Badger Pond should be managed for its present warm water species. Conditions of the surrounding shoreline and the inlets make reclamation impossible. High water temperatures and

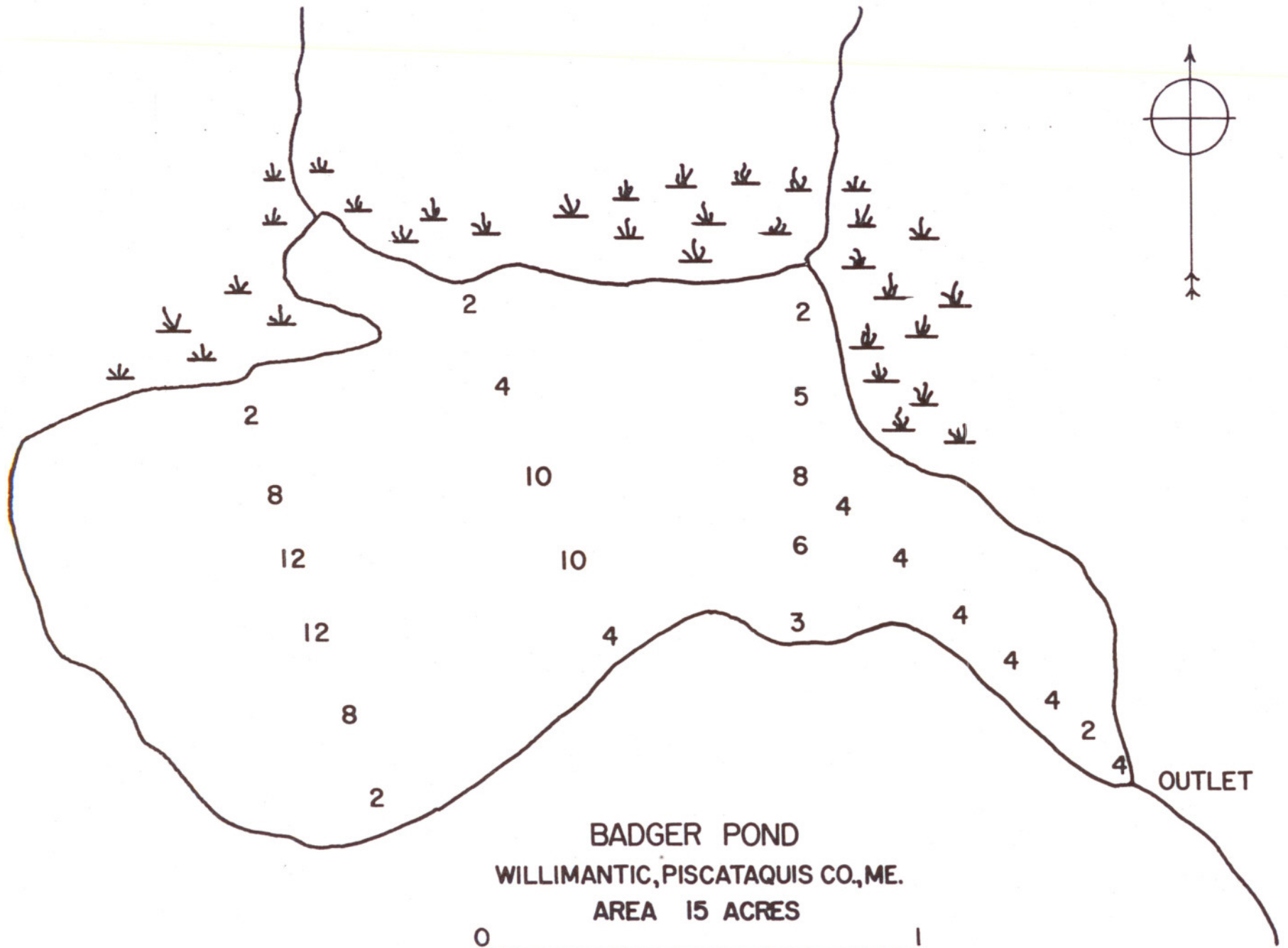
low dissolved oxygen make management for brook trout or any other cold water species impractical.

General law regulations are sufficient to protect Badger Pond under its present management.

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