

## ROUND POND

T10SD and T7SD, Hancock Co.  
U.S.G.S. Tunk Lake, Maine (7½')

### Fishes

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| Brook trout     | Fallfish(chub)         |
| Rainbow smelt   | White sucker           |
| Smallmouth bass | Banded killifish       |
| Minnows         | Threespine stickleback |
| Golden shiner   | Ninespine stickleback  |
| Common shiner   | Pumpkinseed sunfish    |
|                 | American eel           |

### Physical Characteristics

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| Area - 205 acres        | Temperatures    |
|                         | Surface - 76 °F |
| Maximum depth - 26 feet | 25 feet - 72 °F |

Principal fishery: Smallmouth bass, brook trout

This pond is located south of Route 182 in central Hancock County. As is the case with all waters in the Tunk Stream drainage, water clarity is excellent. Public access is severely restricted, although it is possible to reach the western shore by driving over a Bureau of Public Lands dirt road and then walking a short distance.

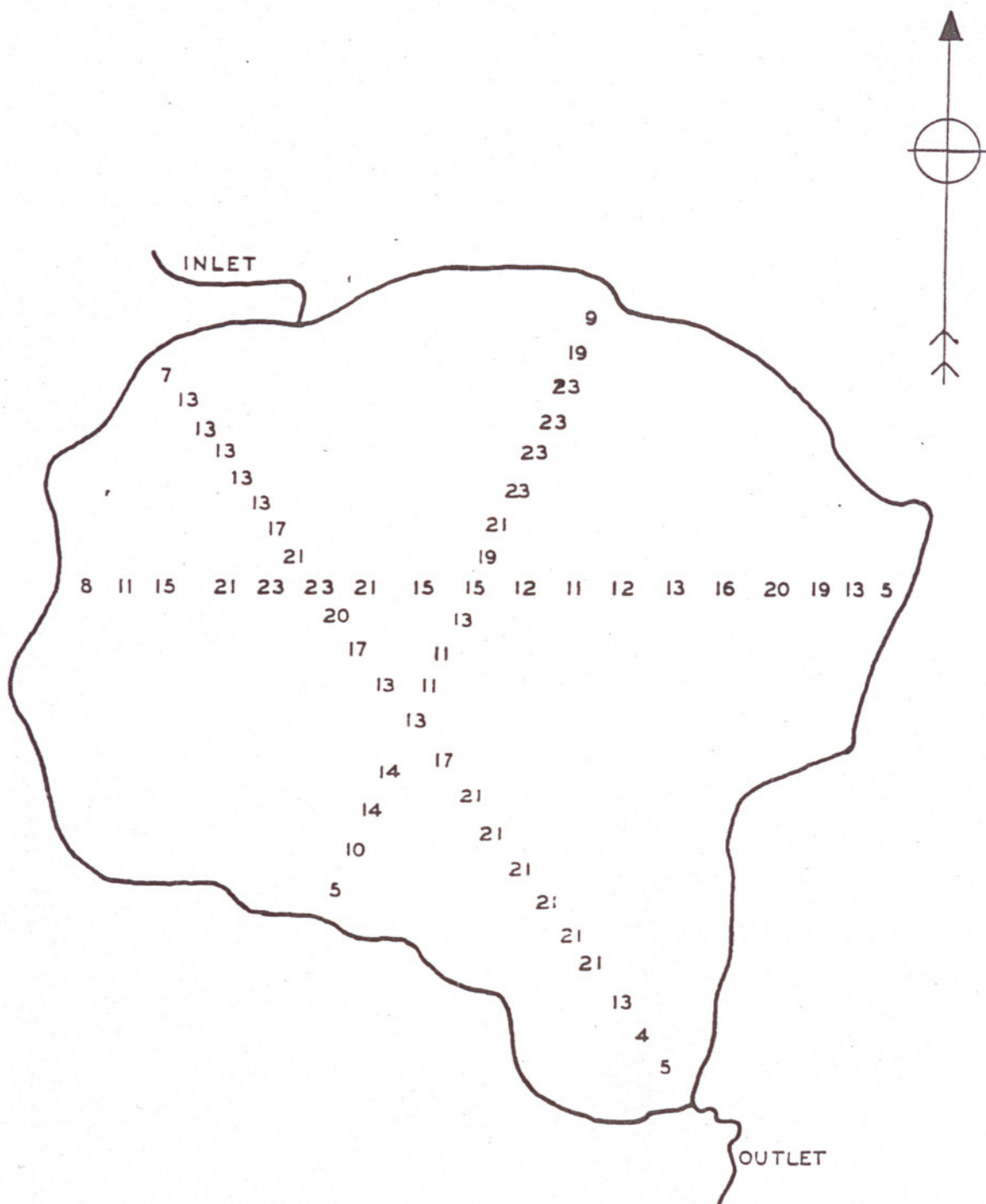
A very small population of wild brook trout continues to persist despite the intense competition from numerous species. The trout reproduce in several gravelly, springy areas around the shoreline. Biologists captured five trout during a trap net survey in 1998. Ice anglers occasionally catch a large 2-4 lb trout.

Restrictive harvest regulations are in effect in an effort to help maintain this valuable population.

Smallmouth bass were illegally introduced during the early 1990's. This ill-advised action is especially tragic because it represents the first incursion of any bass, pickerel, or perch into the formerly pristine Tunk Stream drainage. It's a real shame that this salmon and trout drainage now has an established population of a warmwater sportfish. Sadly, nothing can be done to eradicate the bass, although a liberalized "no size or bag limit on bass" regulation has been adopted to allow those anglers who want to kill all the bass they catch to do so. Because of a large beaver dam on the outlet and the small size of the outlet, there is some hope that the bass will remain confined to just this one water in the drainage.

Commercial bait dealers utilize this water as a good source of live bait. It appears as if the continuing harvests of substantial quantities of bait have given the beleaguered trout population a "little breathing room."

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