HOLEB POND Attean and Holeb Twps., Somerset Co. U. S. G. S. Attean, Me.

Fishes

Brook trout (squaretail) White sucker Longnose sucker Minnows Blacknose dace Common shiner Creek chub Fallfish (chub) Minnows (Cont'd) Golden shiner Lake chub Pearl dace Northern redbelly dace Cusk Threespine stickleback Pumpkinseed sunfish Freshwater sculpin

Physical Characteristics

Area - 1,055 acres

Maximum depth - 52 feet

Temperatures Surface - 70° F. 52 feet - 50° F.

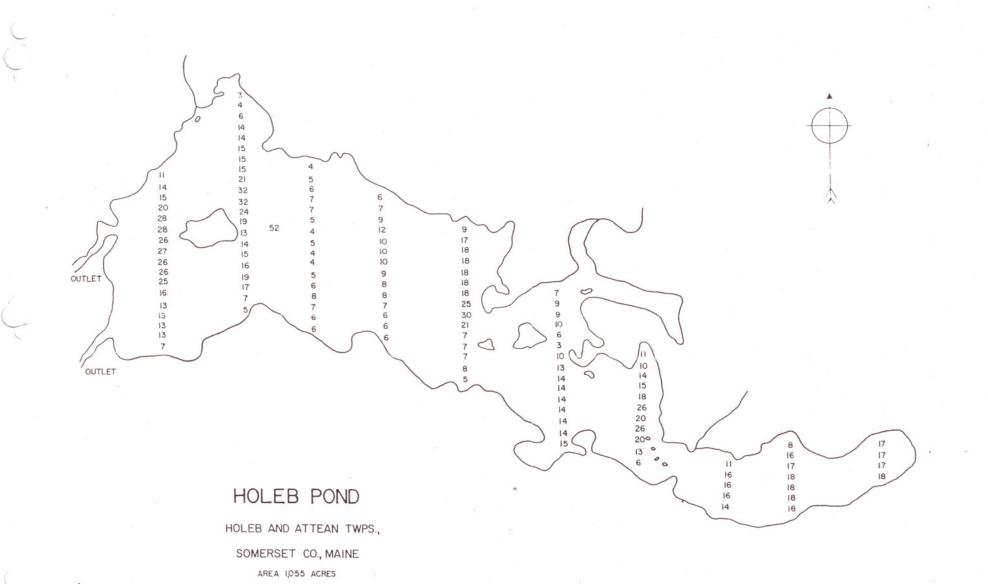
Holeb is a large, shallow, productive lake which has maintained a reputation as a good brook trout lake for over half a century.

The small area of deep water is deficient in dissolved oxygen content below 25 feet. Large numbers of suckers and chubs are competing with the trout for the available food supply. Care must be taken to prevent the introduction of warmwater fishes because this large shallow pond would soon be completely dominated by them.

Holeb is somewhat isolated because there is no road to the lake. Fishermen must come in by railroad, or they must portage from Attean Pond. Fishing pressure is light, consisting mainly of local fishermen in the early spring, and canoeing enthusiasts who make the "Oxbow Trip" from Attean to Holeb, then down the Moose River to Attean again. A sporting camp recently closed after operating on Holeb Pond for many years. Turner Brook and the outlet are the only suitable spawning and nursery areas for brook trout. These facilities should be adequate to maintain the trout population at the present low level of fishing pressure. However, if a substantial increase in fishing pressure occurs it will be necessary to stock the pond to maintain a good quality trout fishery.

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