

Portsville Pond

14.5 acres

Bethel

Although largemouth bass are present in moderate numbers in this small pond, few larger fish (> 15 inches) are available. A high number of stock-size (8 to 12 inch) bass was present. Average weights were within normal ranges.

Total panfish numbers were low and consisted of bluegill, black crappie, and pumpkinseed sunfish. Bluegill numbers are low but weights were above average. Chain pickerel are fairly abundant in the dense rooted plant community preferred by this species. Non-game fish included golden shiner, American eel, creek chubsucker, and brown bullhead.

VEGETATION

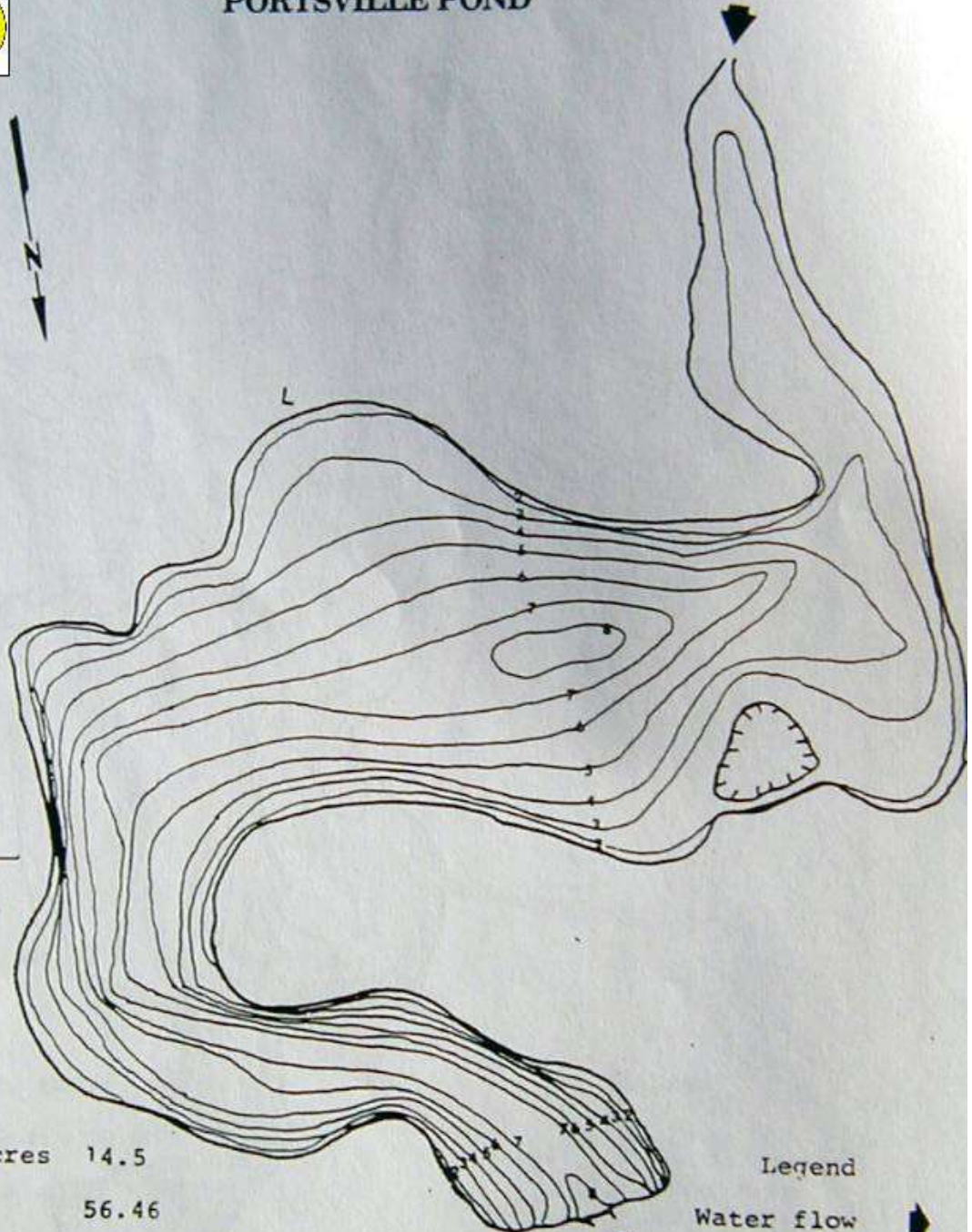
Historically this pond has had a mixed community of rooted aquatic plants including bladderworts, milfoils, and musk-grass. However, in the late 1990s, hydrilla and fanwort became established and have come to dominate the plant community in the main body of the pond. These two non-native species can grow very densely and make it difficult for fish-eating fish like the bass and chain pickerel to catch their prey. The very clear water is due to these plant species and impacts angling techniques.

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

The relatively small size of this pond makes it most suitable for a canoe or non-motorized boat. Although a launch ramp is available for larger boats, the huge old tree stumps and fallen logs impede navigation. Luckily the clear water provides excellent visibility.



PORTSVILLE POND



Surface acres	14.5
Acre-feet	56.46
Maximum depth	8.0'
Mean depth	3.9'

Legend	
Water flow	
Island	
Ramp	L