



## **Instructions for Completing the 2017 Remote Pond Survey Form**

**WATERBODY NAME** – Use most common name (from ME Gazetteer). If unnamed, provide local name if known. (See list of ponds at <<http://tomaine.org/brooktrout.htm>>).

**MIDAS Code or WATCODE** – Unique 4 number code that identifies water. If unknown, leave blank. (See list of ponds at <<http://tomaine.org/brooktrout.htm>>).

**TOWNSHIP** – Enter town that pond is located in.

**COUNTY** – Enter county that pond is located in.

**ANGLER CONTACT INFORMATION** – Please provide your contact information for follow-up with project staff. (This information will never be shared with the public.)

**DATE SAMPLED** – Date (month/day/year) that water was visited. **Complete separate sheet for each additional trip.**

**POND COORDINATES** – If possible, enter GPS coordinates and datum type (UTM, NAD83, etc.).

**TOTAL # VOLUNTEER HOURS**— Total amount of time spent on the survey, including: driving to/from location, navigating to pond, measuring depth, taking photographs, fishing, and completing survey form.

**Please sign your name in the space provided.**

**INLET** – *any* stream, regardless of size, that has water flowing into the pond. Is there spawning gravel present?

**OUTLET** – a stream flowing out of a pond. (Usually only one outlet is present.) Is there spawning gravel present?

### **FISH INFORMATION**

a) Use military time, 0000 to 2400, when entering the time you started and stopped fishing. (e.g. 2:00pm = 14:00 hours)

b) If you see fish rising mark with “Y” (YES).

c) Fill out the table for all fish species caught or observed while on the pond. If you are uncertain of a species, note size and if possible take a photograph (more appropriate for caught fish).

**SIGNS OF ANGLER USE** - Check all that apply: Are there stored boats on shoreline?; Are there flagged or obvious trails to the water?; Do you see any fishing gear in trees or on the ground?; Also make note of any other signs that angling has occurred.

**MAXIMUM WATER DEPTH** – We require you to measure depth this year as accurately as you can – please only record the deepest measurement on the data sheet. To achieve this, take several depth readings throughout the pond by using the handle of your paddle or a weighted line marked at every foot.

**ANGLER COMMENTS** – Include detailed directions on how to access pond on the back of this form. Describe where you parked and the route you took to the water as if you were telling someone who has never been to the pond. We need to make it easy for IFW biologists to return and survey next year. Also, please provide any further observations about your visit, including habitat characteristics, shoreline vegetation, bottom substrate, and water temperature.

**PHOTOGRAPHS** - We request pictures of where you parked, trail to pond, inlets and outlet, shoreline vegetation, and fish you caught. Please only send your best shot of each of these.

**Please email completed surveys to Leah Bevins at [lbevins@maineaudubon.org](mailto:lbevins@maineaudubon.org)  
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