

## Flat Pond -- WBNERR's Tranquil Salt Pond

See other side.



Plate 1



Plate 2

Of the few water bodies in the Waquoit Bay estuarine system that are not accessible by boat, Flat Pond is the largest. This, and its relative remoteness - not withstanding the fact that a golf course lies along part of its shore, help to keep it a tranquil place for water fowl and sea birds. Deer, muskrat, turtles and other animals also find safe haven in the variety of habitats available there.

Plate 1 shows the broad expanse of wetlands and undeveloped uplands in the background. The narrow barrier beach is backed by a portion of an exclusive, highly manicured golf course (Plate 2). Golf course owners struggle against forces of nature to keep the beach in its present location, rather than allow it to follow its natural course and roll landward onto the fertilized grass. In winter (Plate 3), since Flat Pond is not very salty, it freezes early and freezes hard.



Plate 3