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Charr and Trout Lakes in the Egilsstaðir-area  
on the eastern part of Iceland.

Preliminary Report.

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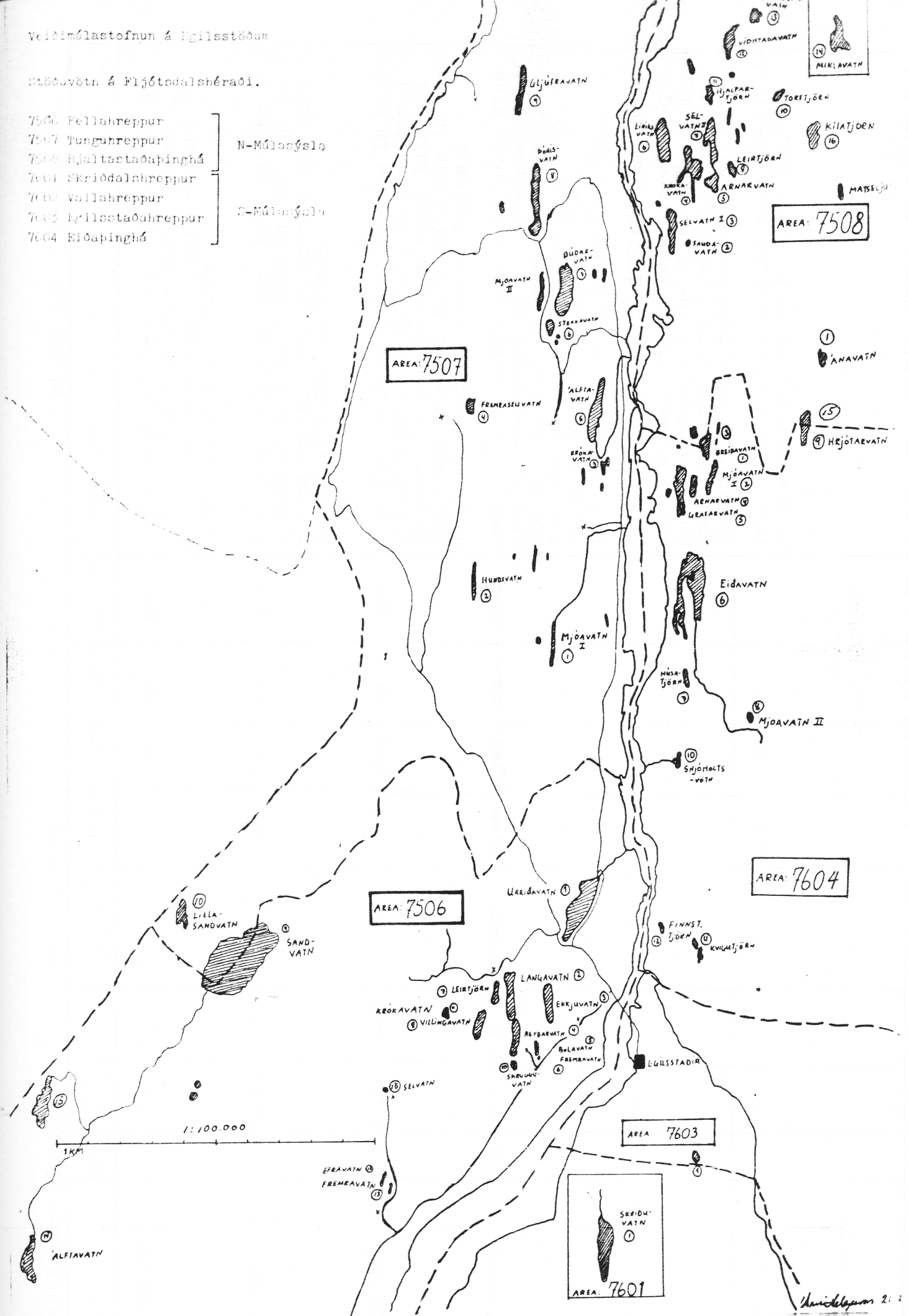
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Stöðuvötn á Fljótsdalshéraði.

- 7506 Fellahreppur
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County: Norður Múlasýsla

Area No.: 7506

Veidimálastofnun á Egilsstaðum

Lake	No.	Area in ha.	Depth in m.	M. above sealevel	Trout	Charr	Salmon	S. tuck	Commentary
Urriðavatn	1	110	10.5	38	yes	yes	no	yes	Predominantly Charr. Is 5 km from Egilsst. and the main road runs along one side. Was fished with nets summer 1982 and the catch mainly small charr.
Langavatn	2	ca 40	?	30-30	yes	yes	no	yes	Easily accessible by car. Lake is 10km from Egilsstaðir. Lake dammed in 1952 and level raised approx. 70cm. At present the lake is packed with 20-25cm Charr.
Ekkjuvatn	3	ca. 15	8-10	33	yes	yes	no	yes	1 km from road to lake. The lake is hardly fished today. The quality is considered to be poor. It used to be a trout lake but Charr was released in 1970(?) and is the dominant species. 10 km to Egilsst.
Reyðarvatn	4	ca. 10	8 m meas.	30-90	yes	yes	no	yes	Used to be a fairly good char lake. When netting re-started in 1981 the quality of the fish is cons. poorer than before. The lake is accessible from Langavatn as there is only 50 m between them. No road is directly to lake. 10 km from Egilsst.
Bolavatn	5	ca. 5	?	?	no	yes	no	?	No fish in lake until 1972(?) when Charr was released. After 2 years it yielded good food fish but the Charr is markedly smaller in the last 2 years of fishing. Is close to main road from Egilsst. (10km)
Fremra vatn	6	less 5	?	?	yes	yes	no	?	Trout possibly originating from Lagarfljótt otherwise the same as Bolavatn (No.6)

Lake	Area in ha.	Depth in m.	W. above sealevel	Trough	Charr	Salmon	S. catch	Commentary
Leirfjörn	7 less 5	?	?	?	?	?	?	Small pond close to Langavatn (No. 2)
Villingavatn	8							
Sandvatn	9							
Skrugguvatn	10	12	?	No	yes	No	Yes	Previous to 1971 no salmonid pop. 1971-75 500 fry (Charr) released ann. In 75 the approx. average fish was 500g two years later 700. 1981 and 1982 the catch was poor. Certain that Charr has spawned. 10km from Egilsst. 5 min walk from road to lake.

Lake	Nr.	Area in ha.	Elevation in m. above sea level	Trout	Charr	Salmon	Stack	Commentary
Ánavatn	1	ca. 10	?	?	?	No	?	Not accessible by car. Distance from Egilsst. approx. 45km.
Laudaavatn	2	less 5ha.	?	No	no	no	nc	
Selvatn I	3	ca. 15	?	Yes	Yes			30km from Egilsst. Used to yield good fish but it appears to have disappeared now (?)
Krókavatn	4	ca. 40	?	Yes	No	No	?	The catch is mainly large (40-60cm), old trout. Quality as food poor. No road leads to K. (2km by foot). Distance from Egilsst. is ca. 30km.
Arnarvatn	5	ca. 20h	?	No	No	No	No	Considered to be without a fish population (?) 30km from Egilsst.
Eiríkuvatn	6	38ha.	?	No	yes (?)	No	Yes	Had no salmonid population but release of Charr in ?. After that some fishing which has declined since. 30km from Egilsst.
Selvatn II	7	ca. 25	?	Yes	No	No	No	30km from Egilsst. No road to lake. Good quality trout is netted in spring.
Leirtjörn	8	ca. 8	?	No	No	No	No	30km from Egilsstaðir. No road leads to lake.
Matseljútjörn	9	ca. 5	?	No	No	No	No	30km from Egilsstaðir. Charr released round turn of the century apparently without success. Is close to road.
Torftjörn	10	ca. 5	?	Yes	Yes	No	No	Good runs of Sea-Trout until 1968 when the flow of water was changed by farmers. Charr released since and catch is acceptable (?) 30km from Egilsst. 300m walk from road.
Hjálpartjörn	11	ca. 10	?	Yes	No	No	No	30km distance from Egilsstaðir. No road to lake.
Ístaðavatn	12	?	?	?	?	?	?	

County: N Múlasýsla

Area No.: 7508 Hjaltaastaðabinghá

Veidimálastofnun á Egilsstöðum

Lake	Nr.	Area in ha.	Depth in m.	M. above sealevel	Trout	Charr	Salmon	S. back	Commentary
Asgrímsst. vatn	13	15	?	10	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	35km from Egilsst. Road leads to lake. Lake Drained in 1968 and dammed again 1976. No details of fish in lake at present avail.
Miklavatn	14	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	
Veijótarvatn	15	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	
Flatjörn	16	ca. 20	?	6	Yes	Yes	No	?	Netted regularly from 2 farm. Catch cons. to give good quality food fish. No details of total catch. Road from Egilsstaðir 35Km.

County: Suður Múlasýsla

Area No.: 7601

Veðimálastofnun á Egilsstaðum

Lake	Nr.	Area in ha.	Depth in m.	M. above sealevel	Trout	Charr	Salmon	S. back	Commentary
Skríðuvatn	1	60	3m	150	Yes	Yes	No	?	35 km from Egilsstaðir with main road along side eastern shore. At present there is great number of small trout and in recent years charr has appeared which apparently was not present earlier. Lake is fished to some extent with rod.
Haugatjarnir	2	5	?	150	Yes	No	No	?	30 km from Egilsstaðir. Several small ponds with large number of small trout. Some rod fishing. Ponds appear to be productive and heavy growth of macrophytes is during the summer.

County: Suður Múlasýsla

Area No.: 7604 Eiðabinghá

Veidimálastofnun á Egilsstöðum

Lake	Area in ha.	Depth in m.	M. above sealevel	Trout	Charr	Salmon	S. back	Commentary
Ereiðavatn	1 c.15	?	35	?	?	No	?	
Mjóavatn	8	?	35	Yes	Yes	No	?	10 km to Egilsst.
Finnstaðatjörn	4	?	40	?	?	?	?	
Grifarvatn	16	?	35	Yes	Yes	No	?	10 km to Egilsst. Lake little fished. Yields mostly good size Charr (30cm plus)
Grafarvatn	28	More 5	36	Yes	Yes	No	?	Same as above (no. 4)
Eiðavatn	100	15-20	30	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Salmon fry released in 1980. At present there is some rod-fishing in conn. w./nearby Hotel and summer camp. Fish cons. of good quality but small. 15 km to Egilsst. Road to lake.
Húsatjörn	5	?	30	?	Yes	No	?	Some netting by farmers. 15km to Egilsst.
Mjóavatn II	5	?	60	?	?	?	?	
Grifarvatn	5	?	?	?	?	No	?	Not accessible by car.



Staður: Múlasýsla

Area No.: 7604

Teimastofnun á Múlasýslum

Area No.	Area	Year	Days	Spawns	Trout	Charr	Salmon	C. back	Comments
10	5	6-8	30	?	Yes	No	?	Fished by rod to some ext. 15km from Egilsst.	
11	5	?	50	No	Yes	No	?	Charr released in early eighties. Is fished by netting. 5km to Egilsst.	