

UPPER MIDDLE BRANCH POND  
Aurora Twp., Hancock County  
U.S.G.S. Lead Mountain, Maine

Fishes

Brown trout	Minnows
Salmon	Blacknose dace
Brook trout (squaresail)	Fallfish (chub)
White perch	Banded killifish
White sucker	Ninespine stickleback
Smelt	Pumpkinseed sunfish

Physical Characteristics

Area - 467 acres	Temperatures
Maximum depth - 55 feet	Surface - 67° F.
	50 feet - 53° F.

Principal Fishery: Salmon, white perch

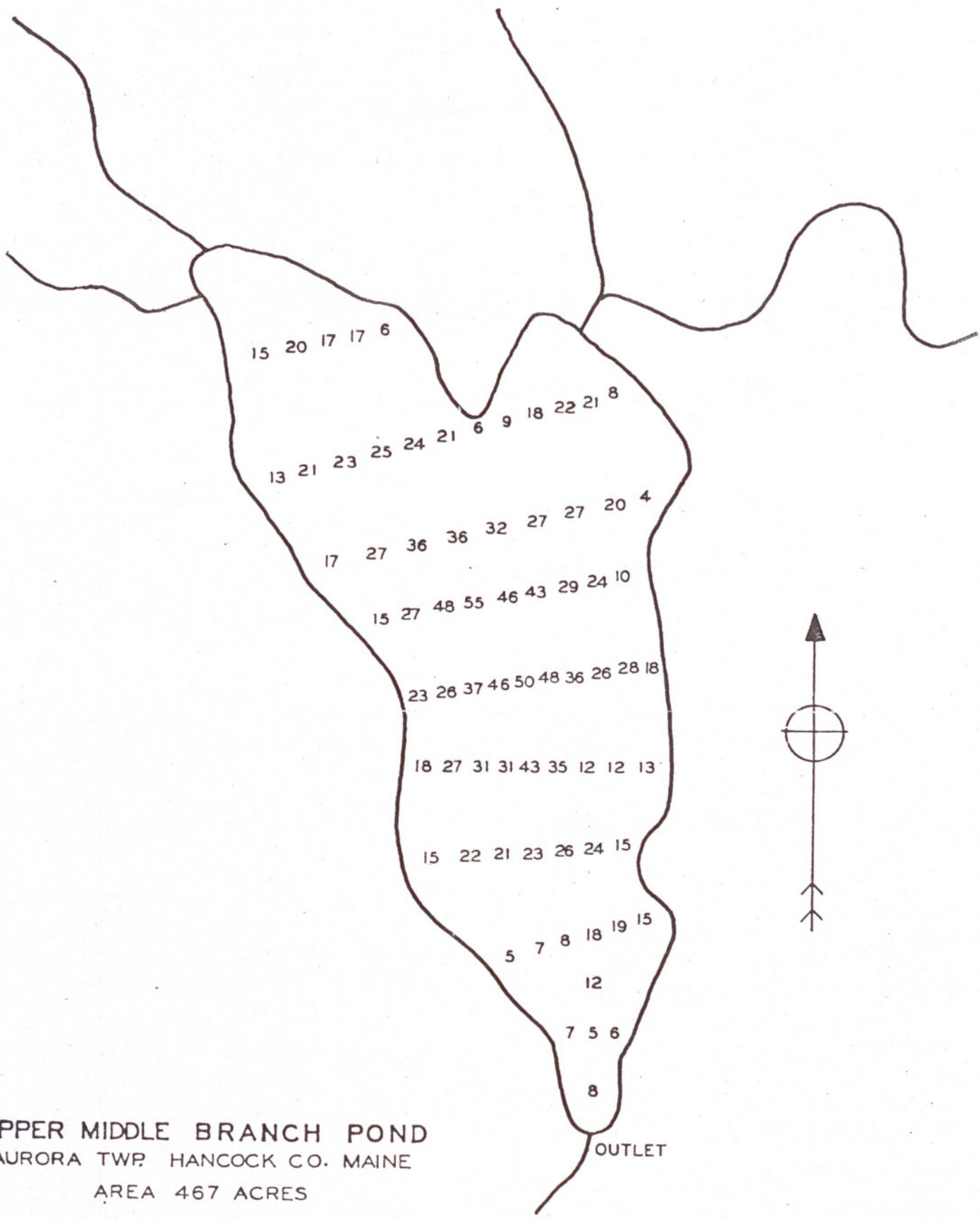
Suggested Management

Upper Middle Branch Pond is the headwater lake for the Middle Branch of the Union River. White perch are well established in the pond. No additional warmwater gamefish should be introduced.

The pond supports a limited fishery for native salmon, produced in its short outlet. Until the 1980's growth of salmon was slow due to the absence of smelts in the pond. Smelt eggs were transferred to Upper Middle Branch Pond four times during the mid-1980's. By 1986 there was evidence of adult smelts and smelt reproduction. Salmon growth is expected to improve. Once smelts are well established the pond should have the potential for expansion of its salmon fishery through periodic stockings of hatchery-reared salmon. Brown trout are rare in this pond, but occasionally move upstream from the Middle Branch of Union River.

The outlet and the tributaries should be maintained free of obstructions.

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