

GREAT POND

Franklin Twp., Hancock Co
U.S.G.S. Hancock, Maine (7½')

Fishes

Largemouth bass	Fallfish(chub)
White perch	White sucker
Yellow perch	Banded killifish
Chain pickerel	Pumpkinseed sunfish
Minnnows	American eel
Golden shiner	Alewife

Physical Characteristics

Area - 262 acres	Temperatures
	Surface - 74 °F
Maximum depth - 24 feet	23 feet - 66 °F

Principal fishery: Chain pickerel, white perch, largemouth bass

Great Pond is located west of Route 200 in Franklin. Access is via a gravel road heading north from Route 182. Boats can be launched at a site along the eastern shore.

This warm, relatively shallow water supports a typical assemblage of warmwater sportfish. Pickerel provide a very good fishery; some individuals attain weights of 4 pounds plus. White perch also provide an attractive fishery. Knowledgeable anglers make good catches of this sportfish with a good proportion of a typical catch comprised of 10-11 in fish. Every year, anglers catch some large 13-15 in perch.

Because the pond appeared to offer ideal habitat for largemouth bass, Department

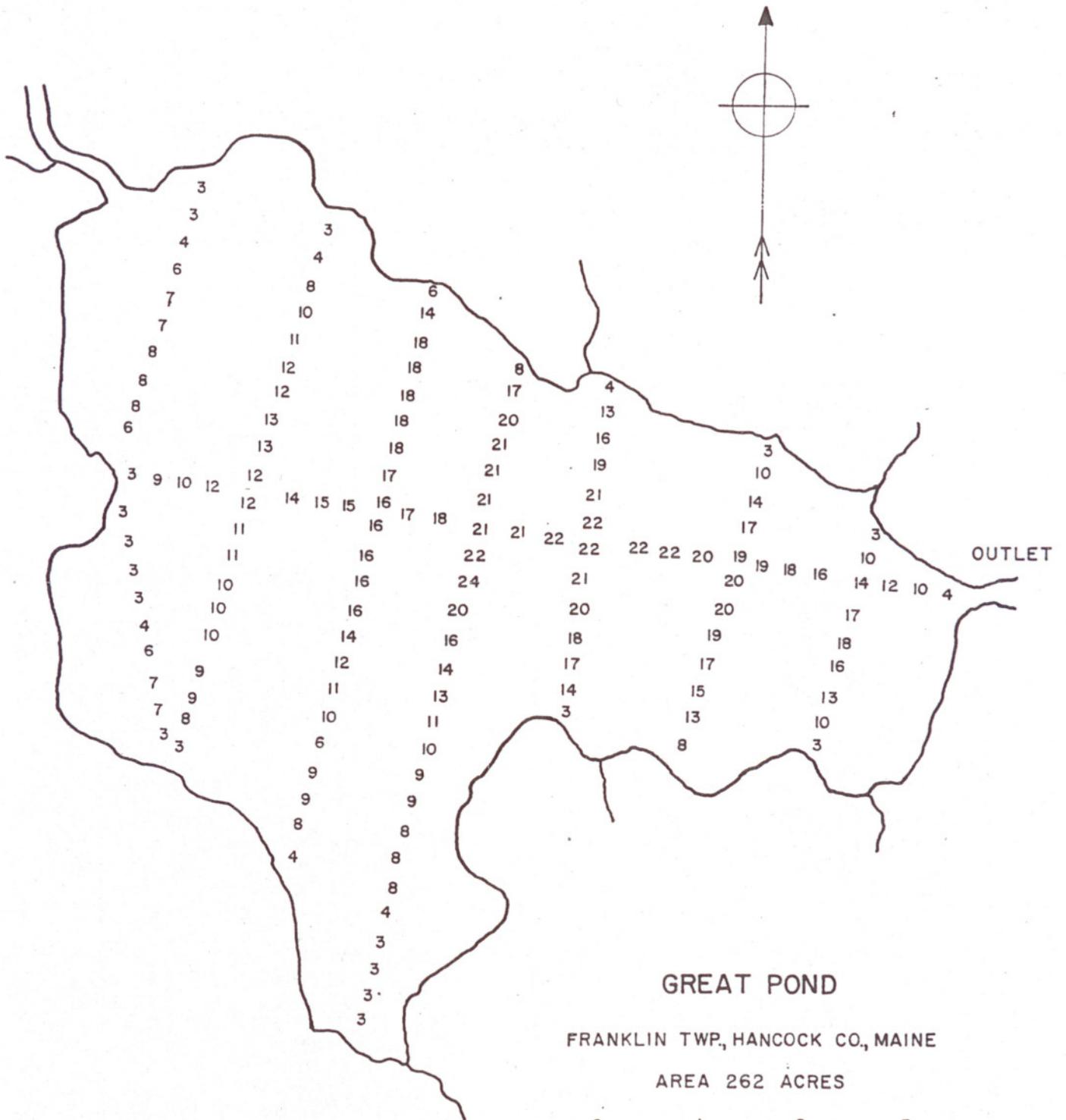
biologists introduced this species in 1994, and followed up with a second transfer of bass in 1996. Reports from the past several years are positive as some largemouths up to 14-15 in have been caught. It's likely that some of these fish have successfully spawned by now, and the chances are favorable that a good fishery for largemouths will develop in the future.

Brook trout are reportedly caught way up in the headwaters of the long tributary Old Meadow Brook. Because the lower reaches of this brook are warm, weedy, and choked with beaver dams, it's unlikely that any trout are caught in the pond.

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