

BIG CARIBOU POND
T7 R10, Piscataquis County
U.S.G.S. Millinocket, Maine

Fishes

Brook trout (squaretail)
White sucker
Yellow perch
Banded killifish

Minnows
Common shiner
Golden shiner
Creek chub
Redbelly dace
Fallfish (chub)

Physical Characteristics

Area — 64 acres

Temperatures

Maximum depth — 26 feet

Surface — 61°F

24 feet — 46°F

Principal Fishery: Brook trout

Big Caribou is a scenic pond lying just north and west of Millinocket Lake. The shoreline is predominately cedars interspersed with occasional white pines. From the water one is afforded a nice view of Beetle Mountain silhouetted against the western skyline.

Water quality is a limiting factor in the number of trout the pond will grow. Brook trout seek out spring influences during the summer months as the cooler water below the ten foot level is oxygen deficient. Populations of coarse fish and minnows also compete heavily for food and available trout habitat, further reducing the trout fishery.

The inlet has a flat gradient flowing through a spruce and cedar bog. Much of the bottom is silt laden offering little spawning area. The outlet offers more potential for spawning and adult brook trout habitat.

The pond should be managed for its wild brook trout fishery. Limited water quality, low fishing pressure, and heavy competition from other species preclude the need for stocking. General law regulations should afford ample protection for the fishery.

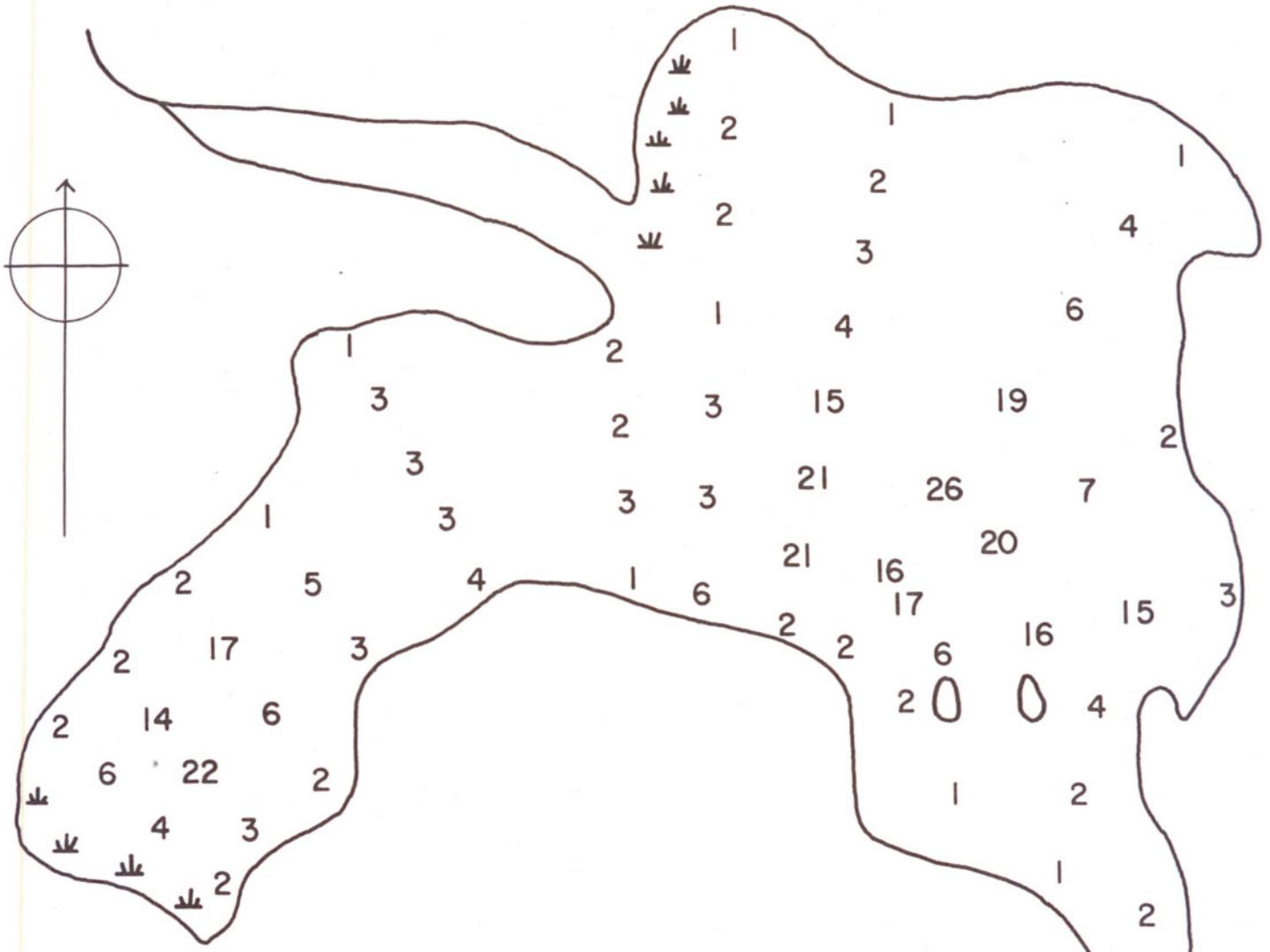
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