

OTTER POND  
T2 R1, SOMERSET Co.  
U.S.G.S. Brassua Lake, Me.

Fishes

Brook trout (squaretail)

Minnows  
Redbelly dace  
Pearl dace

Physical Characteristics

Area — 12 acres

Temperatures

Maximum depth — 15 feet

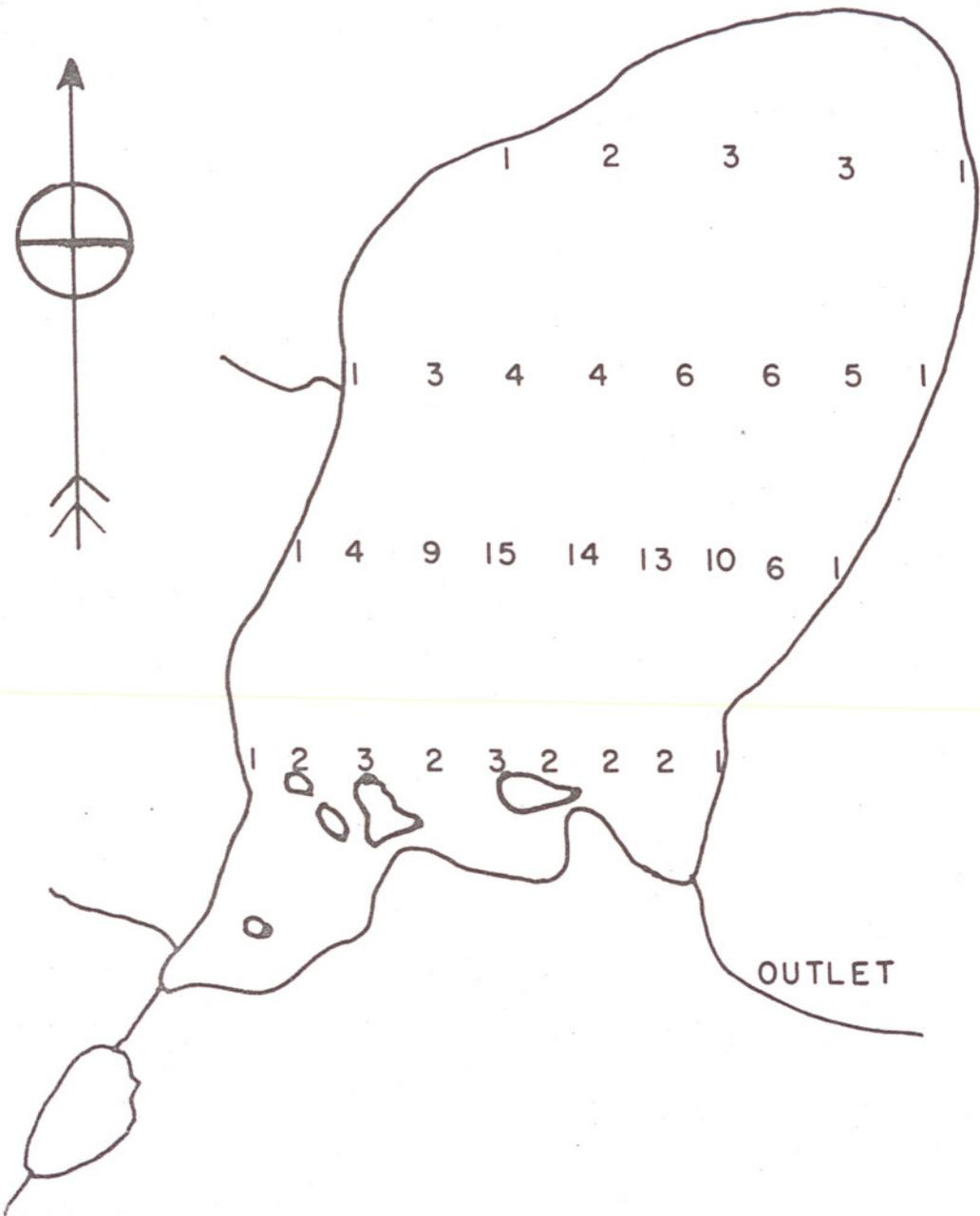
Surface — 71° F.  
13 feet — 48° F.

Otter Pond is a small, shallow, weedy pond surrounded by mixed growth of spruce, fir and pine. The water quality is marginal for brook trout. Although there is sufficient cool water in the center of the pond, there was little oxygen below 6 feet.

There are 2 cold springs coming into the pond on the east shore. The main tributary is a warm, deadwater area flowing through a spruce bog. The outlet and tributaries have no spawning area for brook trout. Several beaver dams on the outlet serve as a barrier to upstream migrants.

Otter Pond is of little interest to fishermen because of the small trout population. We will try an experimental stocking of fall fingerling trout in 1968. If the stocking is successful, a 5-fish limit and no-live-fish as bait law should be adopted to protect the fishery.

The pond is easily accessible via a gravel logging road, off Route 15, above Rockwood.



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