

BIG PLEASANT LAKE
T9 R11, T10 R11, Piscataquis Co.
U.S.G.S., Spider Lake, Maine

Fishes

Brook trout (squaresail)
Hornpout (bullhead)
Lake whitefish
Round whitefish
White sucker
Longnose sucker

Minnows
Fallfish (chub)
Common shiner
Lake chub
Blacknose dace
Threespine stickleback
Cusk

Physical Characteristics

Area - 979 acres

Maximum depth - 35 feet

Temperatures

Surface - 69° F.

35 feet - 63° F.

The main basin of Big Pleasant Lake has nearly equal water temperatures at all depths during the summer months. Trout and whitefish seek cold spring water when lake temperatures become warm. Water quality conditions are considered borderline for coldwater fishes. Lake trout (togue) were once reported for Big Pleasant but none have been taken for more than 20 years.

Remains of an old logging dam at the outlet are not obstructing fish migration and free trout migration is possible to and from the outlet stream. The trout fishery is maintained by natural reproduction and immigration from adjoining waters.

The trout fishery should be afforded adequate protection with the existing 5-trout daily limit.

The Churchill Dam Road, a gravel logging road, passes within a few hundred yards of the south side of the lake.

Surveyed - August, 1957

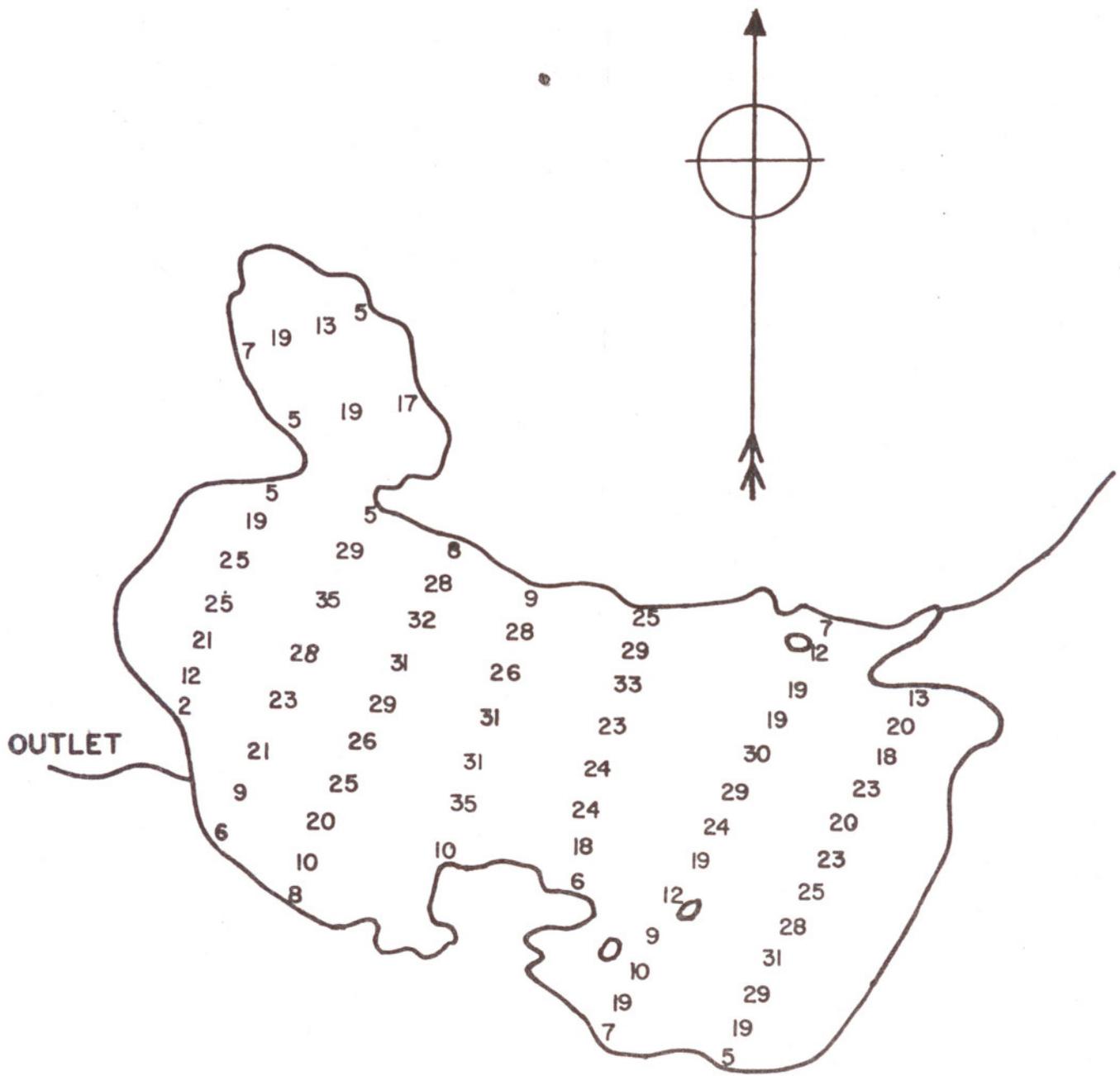
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