

COLEBACK LAKE

Charlotte Twp., Washington Co.
U.S.G.S. Red Beach, Maine (7½')

Fishes

Brook trout
Splake
Rainbow smelt
White sucker
American eel

Physical Characteristics

Area - 25 acres

Temperatures

Maximum depth - 28 feet

Surface - 73 °F

27 feet - 57 °F

Principal fishery: Splake, brook trout

Coleback lake is a picturesque, small trout pond located about one mile north of Pennamaquan Lake. Anglers access the pond by walking 10-15 minutes over a gravel road. Most fish from shore or a canoe.

This water provides good trout habitat. Although stocked trout provided a satisfactory fishery in most years, a sizeable population of large (5-7in) smelt compromised trout growth. In 1995, management was switched to splake because this species attains larger size than brook trout, and could more effectively utilize the large smelt as forage. The lake was netted in 1996 to evaluate growth of the initial stocking. Seven nicely shaped age II+ splake ranging from 1 1/2-2 lb were captured. Several splake contained smelt in their stomachs. In addition to the splake, 15 wild brook trout from 8-13in

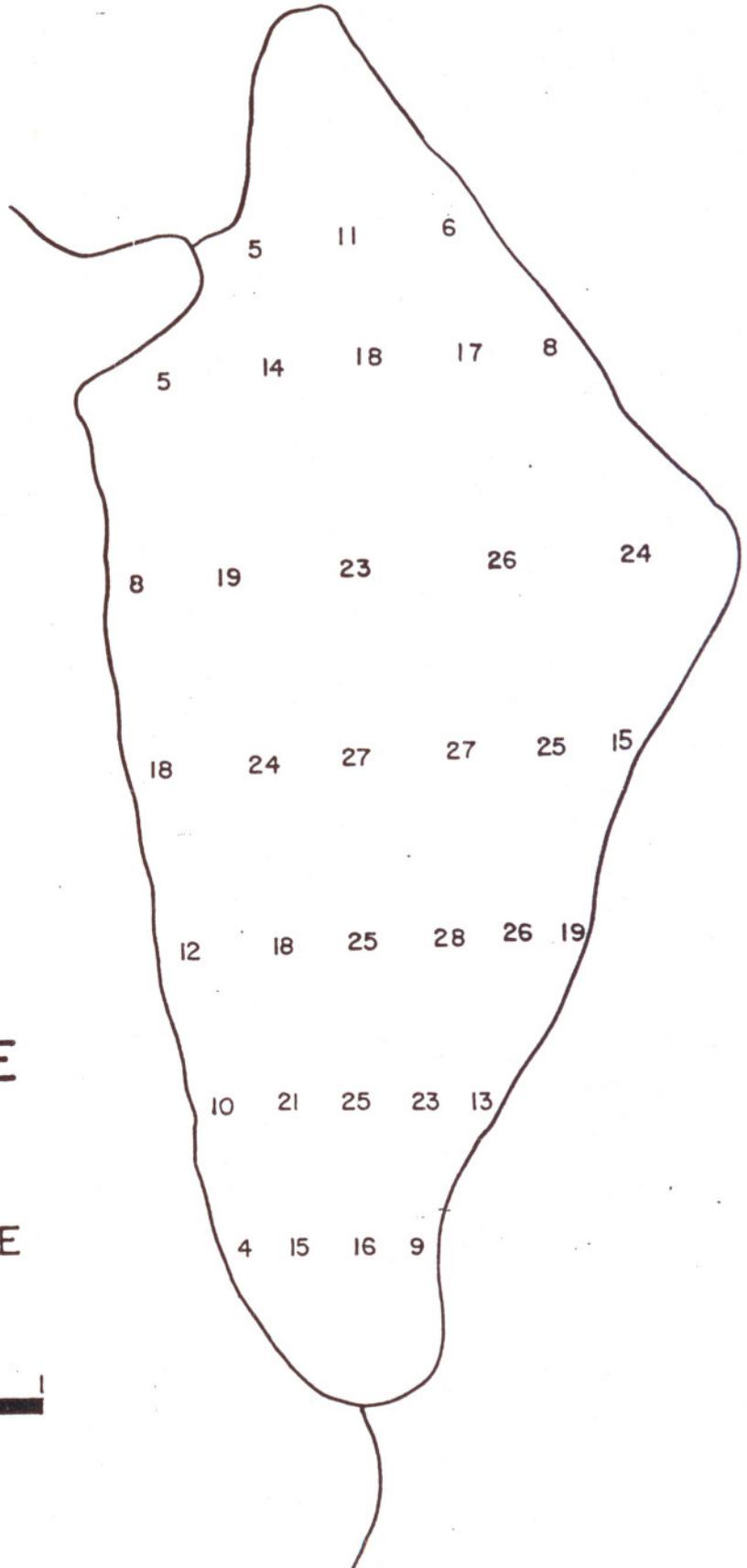
were sampled. This finding suggests that the wild brook trout will probably benefit from the 12in minimum length limit now in effect for splake and brook trout.

Modest numbers of juvenile brook trout are produced in the single cool tributary. A barrier dam on the outlet prevents access by any warmwater sportfish moving up from Pennamaquan Lake. Anglers should respect the special "No live fish as bait" regulation.

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