

ANASAGUNTICOOK LAKE  
(Canton Lake)  
Canton and Hartford Twps., Oxford Co.  
U. S. G. S., Buckfield, Me.

Fishes

Salmon	Hornpout (bullhead)
Brook trout (squaretail)	Smelt
Brown trout	White sucker
White perch	Minnows
Yellow perch	Fallfish (chub)
Chain pickerel	Pumpkinseed sunfish

Physical Characteristics

Area - 568 acres

Temperatures

Maximum depth - 54 feet

Surface - 79° F.

50 feet - 48° F.

Principal Fishery: Brown trout, smallmouth bass, white perch, pickerel.

Although Anasagunticook Lake has a large volume of cold water suitable for salmon, competing populations of perch, bass, and pickerel have kept the salmon population small. A small number of adult salmon spawn in Thompson Brook, and the young of these fish return to the lake. This natural reproduction provides some fishing for salmon.

Due to the poor returns of stocked hatchery salmon and the large numbers of warmwater fishes present, salmon stocking in Anasagunticook Lake has been discontinued.

Experimental stockings of brown trout were initiated in 1968. Department biologists will evaluate the results of these stockings.

The fish screen at the outlet should be maintained because of pollution in the stream below.

Surveyed - June-October, 1937

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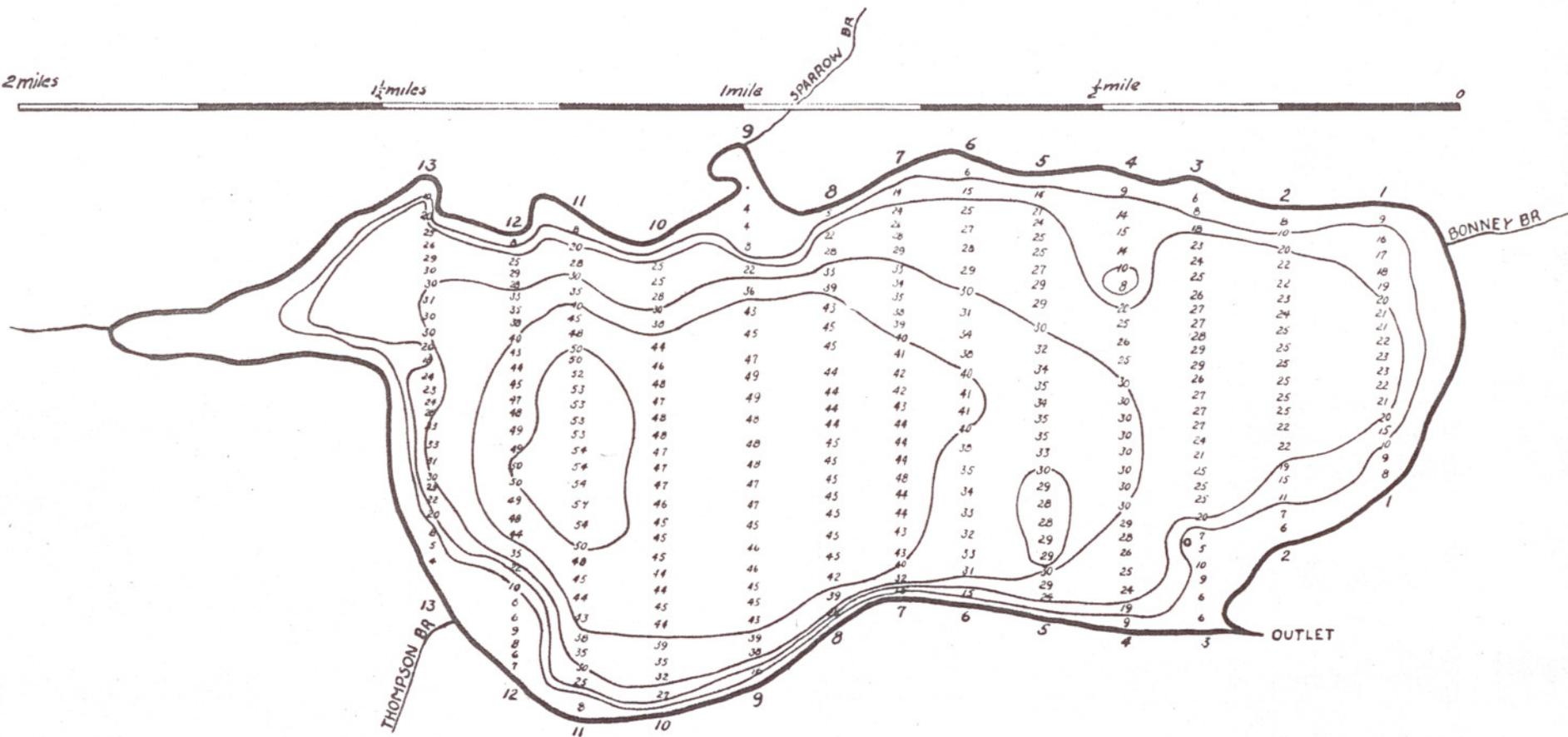
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