

THANKSGIVING POND  
Blanchard Twp., Piscataquis Co.  
U. S. G. S. Kingsbury, Me.

Fishes

Brook trout (squaretail)

Minnows  
Golden shiner

Physical Characteristics

Area - 17 acres

Temperatures

Maximum depth - 24 feet

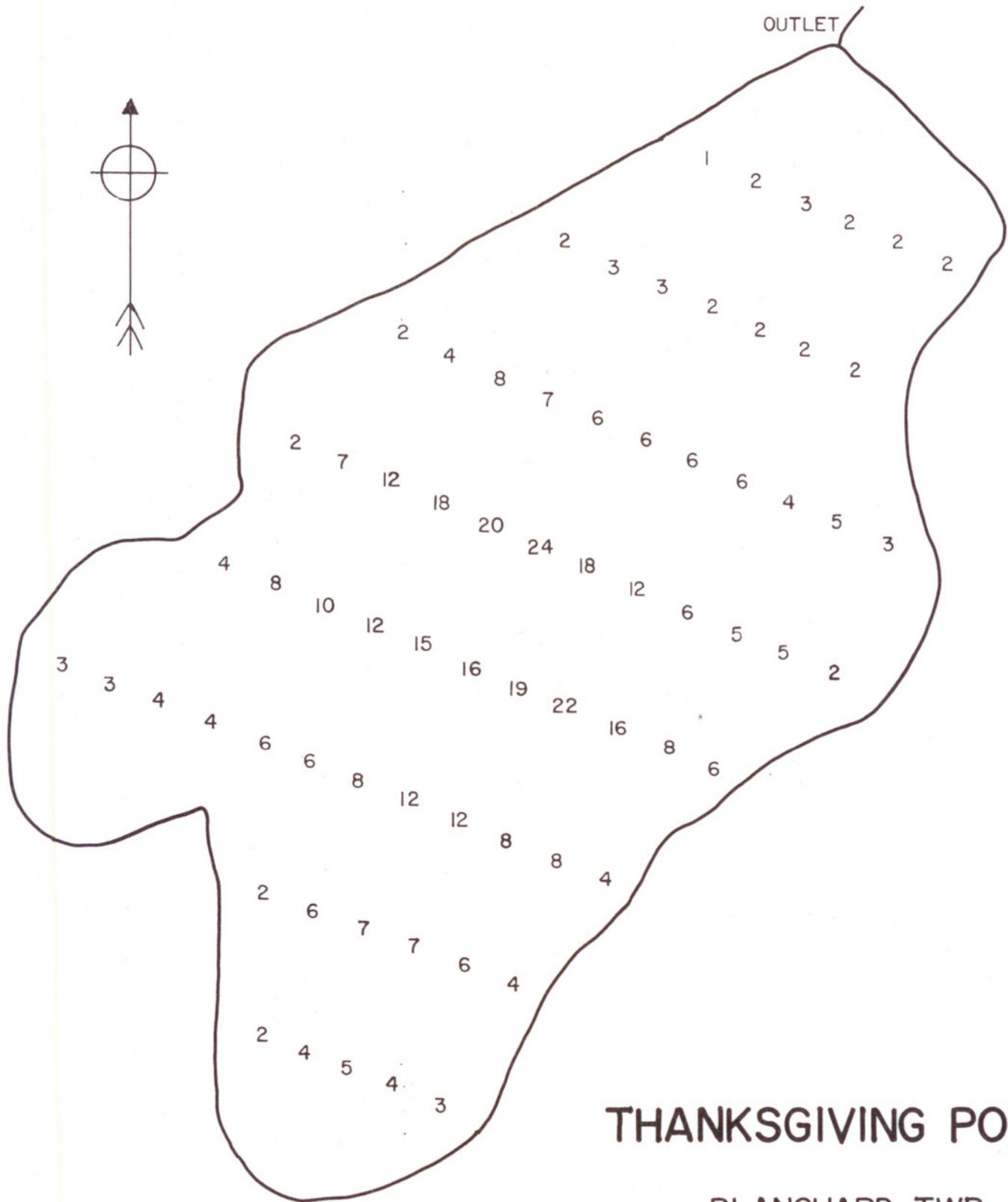
Surface - 74° F.  
22 feet - 52° F.

Thanksgiving is a small, relatively shallow, trout pond where a few good-sized brook trout are caught each year.

An oxygen deficiency exists below 15 feet, and surface temperatures may become quite warm, confining the trout to a narrow layer of water.

There are no tributaries, and the outlet does not contribute any reproduction to the pond. The few trout that are produced must be the result of spawning around spring seepage areas in the pond. The lack of adequate spawning facilities is probably the most important single factor limiting trout production in Thanksgiving Pond. It is recommended that a small, experimental stocking of brook trout be conducted for three years.

It is fortunate that there is only one species of fish to compete with the brook trout. Care should be taken to prevent the introduction of other fishes. This can best be accomplished by adopting the regulation prohibiting the use or possession of live fish as bait.



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PISCATAQUIS CO., MAINE

AREA 17 ACRES



TENTHS OF MILES