

BEAR POND

Bowerbank Twp., Piscataquis Co.
U.S.G.S. Sebec Lake, Me.

Fishes

Brook trout (squarescale)	White sucker
Smallmouth bass	Redbreast sunfish
White perch	

Physical Characteristics

Area – 42 acres	Temperatures
Maximum depth – 48 feet	Surface – 72° F.
	43 feet – 41° F.

Principal Fishery: Smallmouth bass, white perch.

Bear Pond is a picturesque body of water nestled between low hills about 300 yards north of Sebec Lake.

Although water quality is suitable for salmonids the presence of two serious competitors – smallmouth bass and white perch – precludes establishment of a brook trout fishery.

Reclamation would remove these competitors; however, several factors must be considered if reclamation is to be successful and the costs justified. Among these factors are:

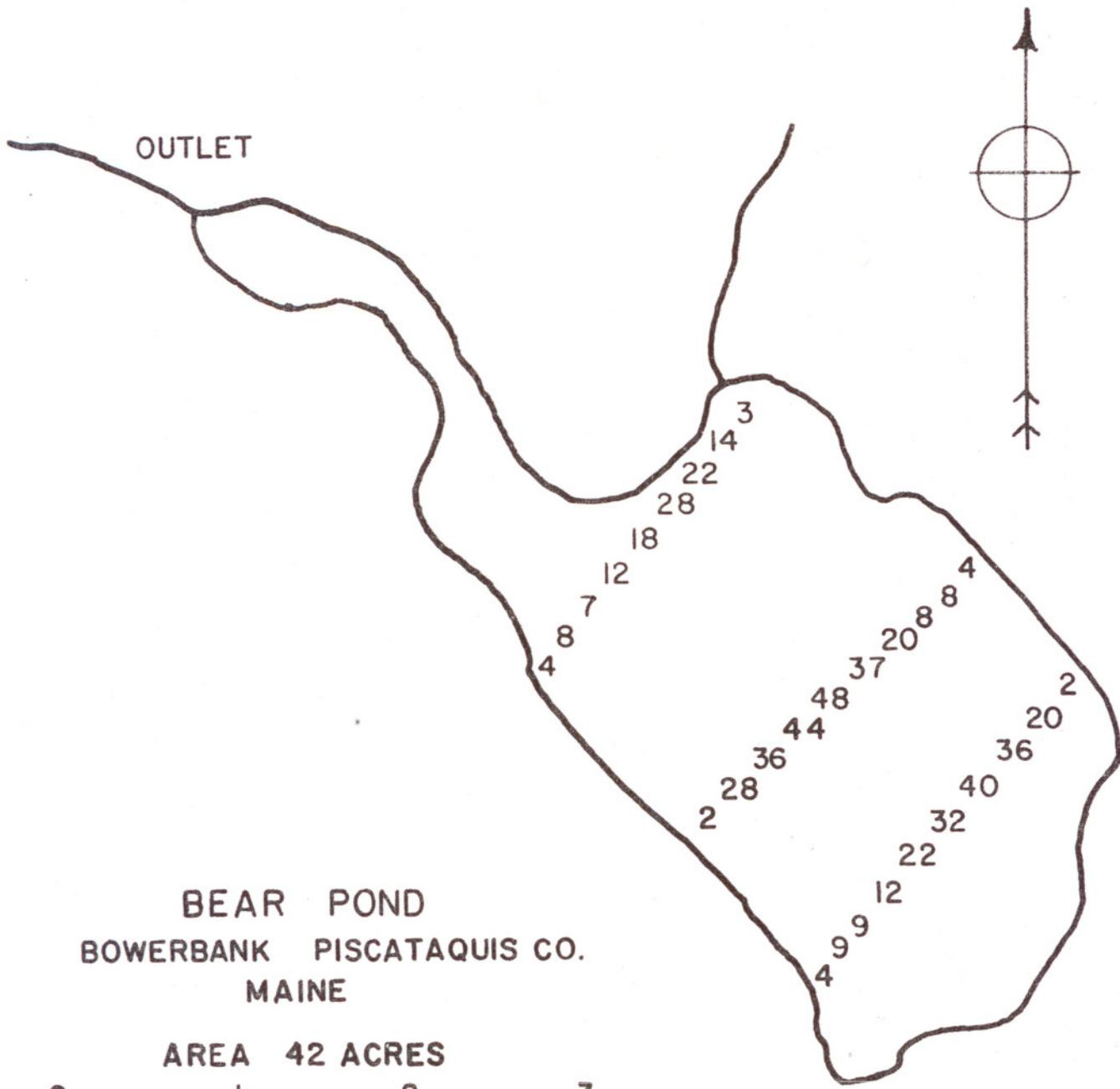
- (1) the extreme difficulty and expense of building an adequate barrier dam at the outlet,
- (2) the necessity of establishing a dam on the south shore of First Buttermilk Pond to prevent introduction of undesirable species into Bear Pond, and
- (3) the difficulty of moving equipment to the pond because of poor access.

Until steps are taken to meet these difficulties, reclamation is not recommended and the pond should be managed for its warmwater fishery. The pond could be opened to ice fishing without harming the fishery for bass and perch.

Bear pond can be reached by foot trail from the north shore of Sebec Lake.

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