

SIXTH DEBSCONEAG POND
T1R11, T2R11, Piscataquis Co.
U.S.G.S. Harrington Lake, Me.

Fishes

Brook trout (squaretail)

Minnows

Creek chub

Golden shiner

Blacknose dace

Physical Characteristics

Area - 30 acres

Temperatures

Surface - 79° F.

Maximum depth - 26 feet

26 feet - 50° F.

Principal Fishery: Brook trout

Sixth Debsconeag Pond is a small remote trout pond east of Nahmakanta Lake. Access is by foot through the thick spruce, fir, and cedar forest that surrounds the pond. Its shores are undeveloped and should remain so. The single deep area has cold, well-oxygenated water. Sixth Debsconeag Pond is well-suited for brook trout.

The only inlets to Sixth Debsconeag Pond are spring trickles entering at various points along the shore. The outlet provides some suitable spawning and nursery area. In several places however, the outlet is flowed by beaver dams which may be putting some spawning areas out of production. Although nursery area is available, no brook trout were observed in either the inlets or the outlet. Minnow species were present in the outlet.

If a good brook trout fishery is ever to be established in Sixth Debsconeag Pond, care must be taken to prevent the introduction of additional rough species. The seemingly low trout population should be supplemented by stocking.

No brook trout were taken at the time of survey, but reports indicate that Sixth Debsconeag Pond does have a trout population. Samples of Sixth Debsconeag Pond brook trout previously obtained indicate that the pond can grow better than average fish.

Sixth Debsconeag Pond should be managed for its brook trout fishery. Alternate year stocking has been undertaken to help maintain a fishable population. Future study will be done to determine the success of the stocking program. A small trout pond like Sixth Debsconeag Pond is extremely

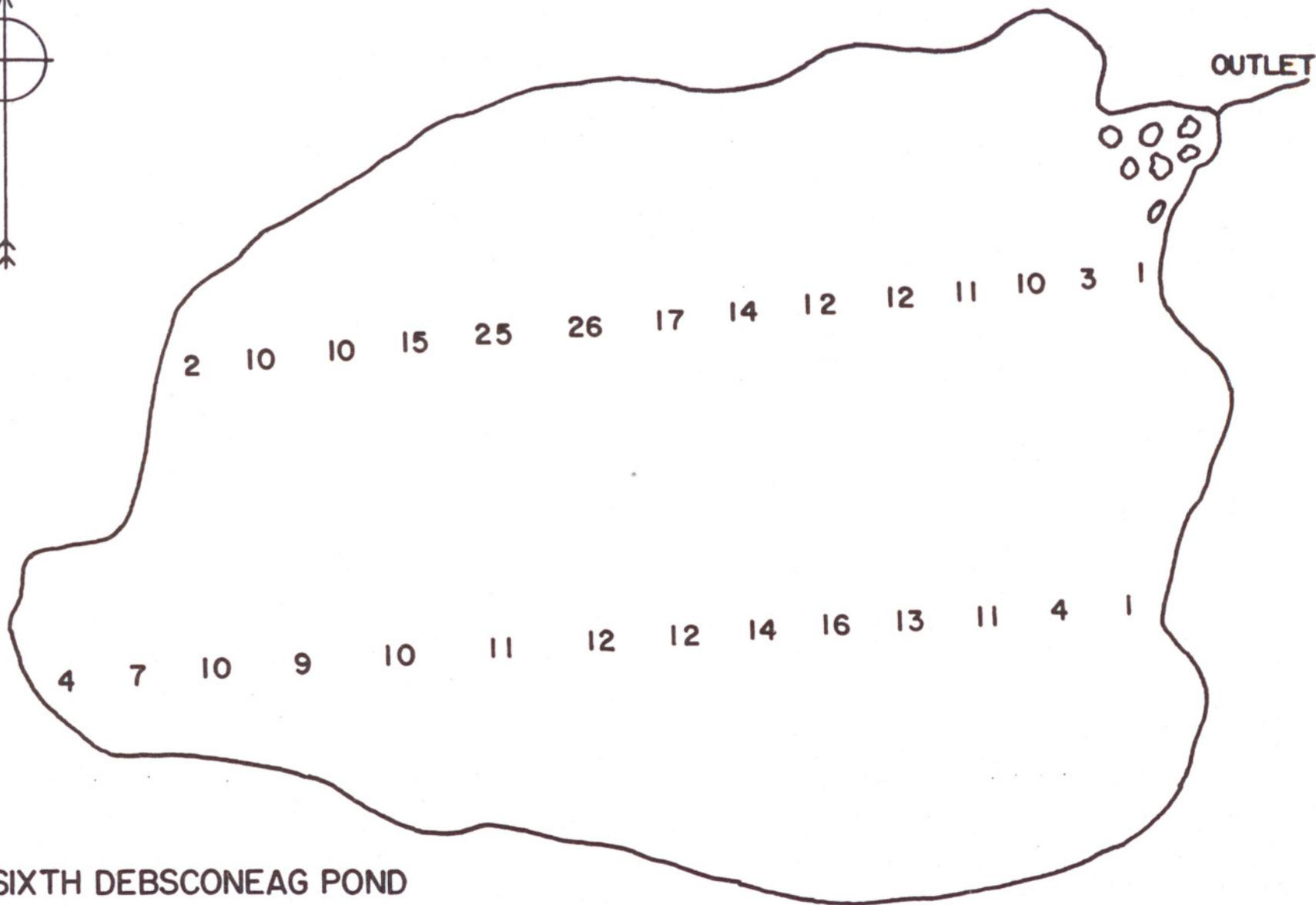
vulnerable to overfishing, and proper regulations should be applied to help sustain a continuing fishery.

A regulation prohibiting the use and possession of live fish as bait and a 5-fish limit are recommended to prevent the introduction of additional rough species and to distribute the catch more evenly.

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