

PIPER POND
Abbott, Piscataquis Co.
U.S.G.S. Kingsbury, Me.

Fishes

Salmon	Minnows (cont'd)
Brook trout	Blacknose dace
Splake	Creek chub
Rainbow smelt	Longnose sucker
White perch	White sucker
Chain pickerel	Banded Killifish
Minnows	Pumpkinseed sunfish
Golden shiner	
Common shiner	

Physical Characteristics

Area - 420 acres

Temperatures

Maximum depth - 55 feet

Surface - 67° F
55 feet - 52° F

Principal fishery: Brook trout, splake

The shoreline of Piper Pond is highly developed with private camps. The pond is easily accessible over a paved road, with a public launching site on the north end.

The outlet and tributaries are small with very little spawning area for salmon or trout. Gravel areas on the lower end of the pond may serve as spawning areas for a few fish. There is sufficient oxygen and cool water in Piper Pond to support coldwater fish as well as warmwater fish.

Piper Pond should be managed for coldwater gamefish. Competition from white perch, pickerel, and suckers limits brook trout potential. A salmon stocking program, initiated in 1960, produced a fair salmon fishery for a few years. Because salmon growth was generally slow and the smelt population was highly variable, however, salmon stocking ended in 1983. In 1986, splake were introduced. Preliminary information from creel surveys, age and growth, and food habits studies from Piper Pond indicate splake may be better suited to provide a coldwater fishery in the future.

Present general law regulations are sufficient to protect the fishery.

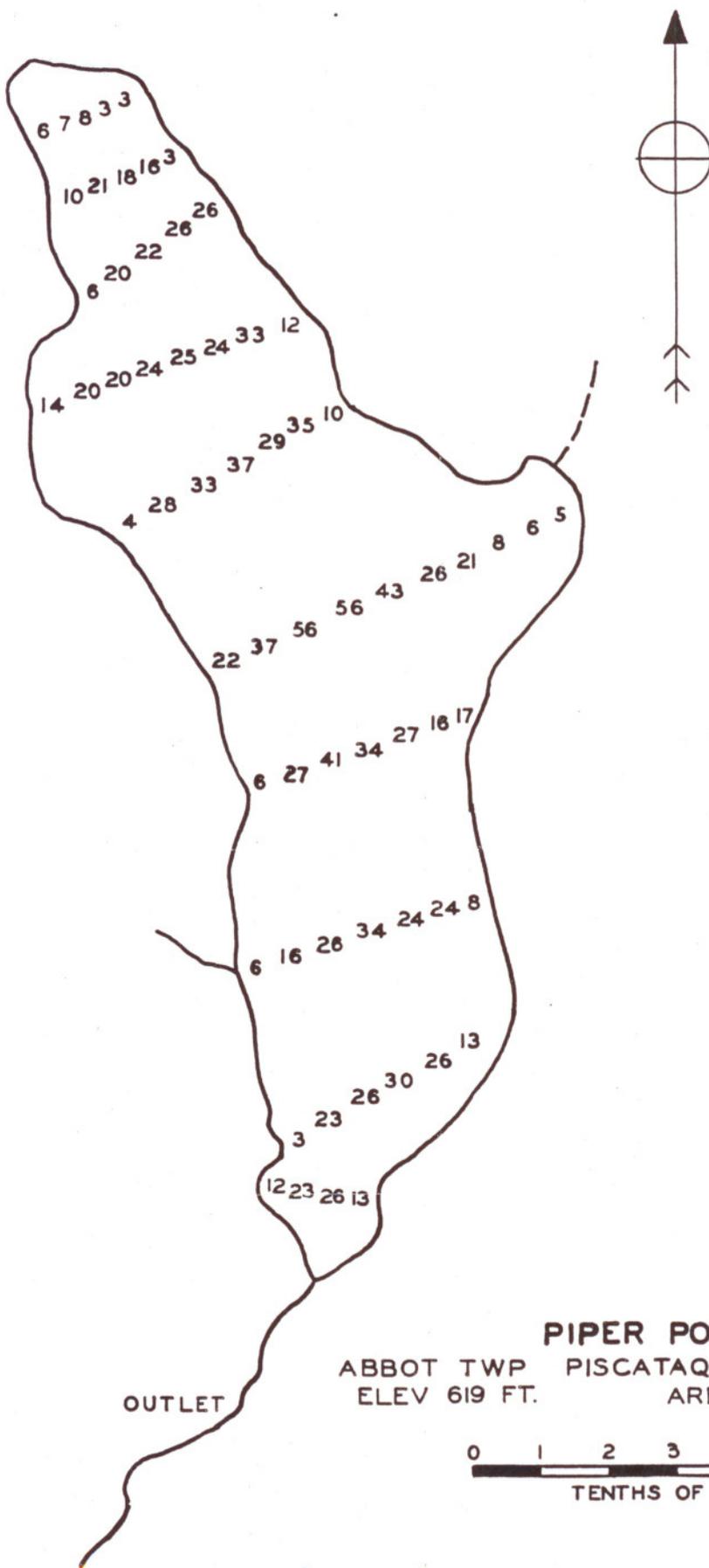
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ABBOT TWP PISCATAQUIS CO MAINE
 ELEV 619 FT. AREA 420 ACRES

