

BIG BOARDWAY POND
(Big Boardman Pond)
TA R11, Piscataquis Co.
U.S.G.S. Jo-Mary Mountain, Me.

Fishes

Brook trout (squaretail)

Minnows
Creek chub
Pearl dace

Physical Characteristics

Area - 15 acres

Temperatures

Maximum depth - 11 feet

Surface - 77° F.
8 feet - 73° F.

Much of the area around Big Boardway Pond was burned over many years ago. The shoreline vegetation is now hardwoods, with birch and poplar dominating.

The chemical water quality of Boardway Pond is satisfactory at all depths, but summer temperatures approach borderline conditions for brook trout. Water lilies and pond weeds grow abundantly from the soft, silt bottom. A large beaver dam on the outlet holds a 5-foot head of water, and is essential to the existence of this shallow trout pond.

The few chubs in the pond do not seriously affect the trout population. Trout grow as large as 2 pounds, and these larger fish feed on the small minnows. Present regulations should prevent the introduction of additional species via the bait pail.

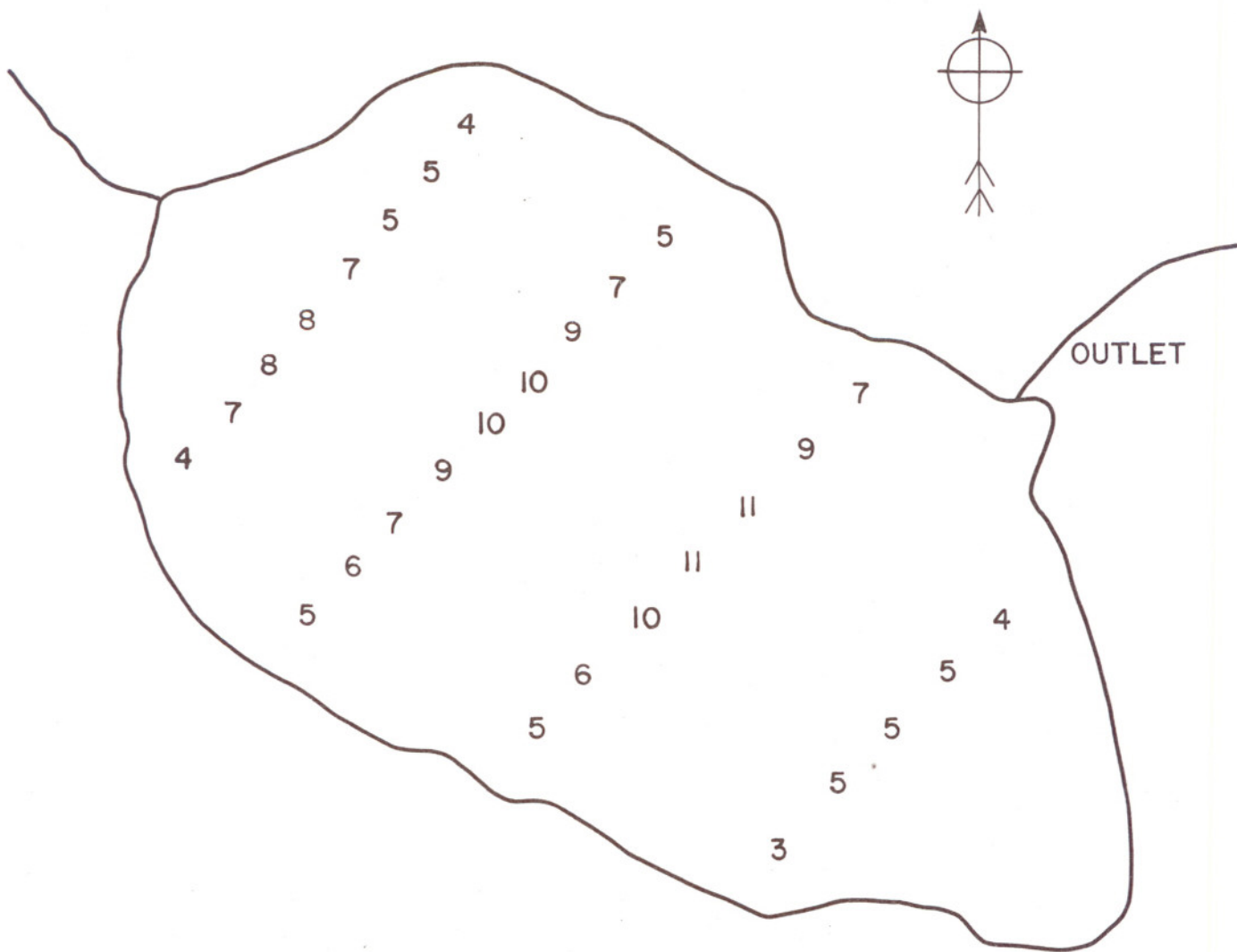
Brook trout spawning is apparently limited to the gravelly area at the mouth of a small seepage brook. This is the only tributary to Big Boardway Pond.

Brook trout have been stocked in Big Boardway since 1939. We plan to mark all trout stocked for the next three years to determine if they are contributing to anglers' catches.

Anglers may reach Big Boardway Pond by walking 1 mile from Yoke Ponds.

Surveyed - August, 1961

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ONE TENTH MILE