

SECOND DEBSCONEAG LAKE
T2 R10, Piscataquis Co.
U.S.G.S. Harrington Lake, Me.

Fishes

Brook trout (squaretail)	Minnows
Yellow perch	Fallfish
Eel	Common shiner
White sucker	Pumpkinseed sunfish

Physical Characteristics

Area - 189 acres	Temperatures
Maximum depth - 28 feet	Surface - 73° F.
	28 feet - 59° F.

The shoreline of Second Debsconeag Lake was spared the ravages of the 1924 Rainbow Fire that swept the area. Consequently, a good stand of softwoods is present around the lake. Large granite boulders emerging from the water are evidence of the forces that shaped this valley during the glacial period.

Fishermen can reach this lake by putting a boat into Debsconeag Deadwater on the West Branch, motoring to the upper end of First Debsconeag and then walking on a trail to Second Debsconeag.

Around 1910, a series of dams and sluices were built to carry wood from the upper part of the Debsconeag chain down to the West Branch, because the stream between the lakes is too rough for driving wood. The remains of the structures are still visible.

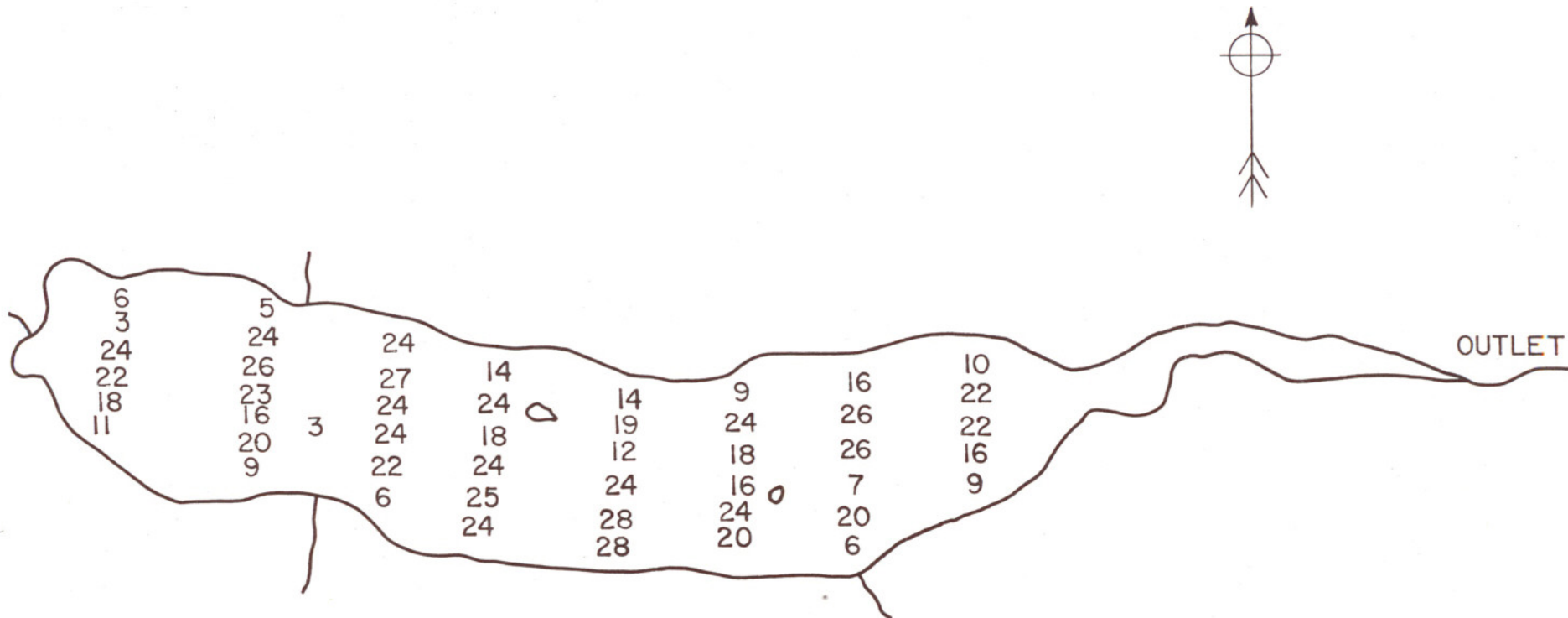
Second Debsconeag Lake is not noted for excellent trout fishing, but some large trout are caught there. The water quality is good for trout, and there are ample spawning and nursery facilities in the streams and on gravel bars in the lake, but a large population of trout can not be expected because of competition and predation from assorted species. Sunfish, yellow perch, suckers, and chubs feed constantly in the shallow

area. They can be compared to a flock of blackbirds at your bird feeder. The blackbirds consume everything within sight while the shy, less aggressive species remain in the background.

The old dam at the outlet and the beaver dam at the mouth of Beaver Brook should be removed to allow trout easy access to spawning and nursery areas in the flowing water.

Hatchery trout should not be stocked because of heavy competition and light fishing pressure.

The general law regulations are adequate to protect the limited trout fishery of this remote pond.



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TENTHS OF MILE