

BIG BEAVER POND
T2 R11, Piscataquis Co.
U. S. G. S. Harrington Lake, Me.

Fishes

Brook trout (squaretail)

Yellow perch

Physical Characteristics

Area - 45 acres

Temperatures

Maximum depth - 48 feet

Surface - 61° F.

45 feet - 42° F.

Big Beaver Pond, in the headwaters of the Debsconeag Lakes drainage, is surrounded by hills and is not easily accessible even by small float planes. The usual access route is a trail from Rainbow Lake, but Rainbow Lake itself is only accessible by float plane or by a long hike from Ripogenus Dam or other points.

Big Beaver Pond is unusually deep and cold for such a small body of water. The water quality is good for brook trout, and good fishing is enjoyed. The only other species found during the survey was yellow perch. Since the outlet is a series of impassable falls, the yellow perch must have been carried there.

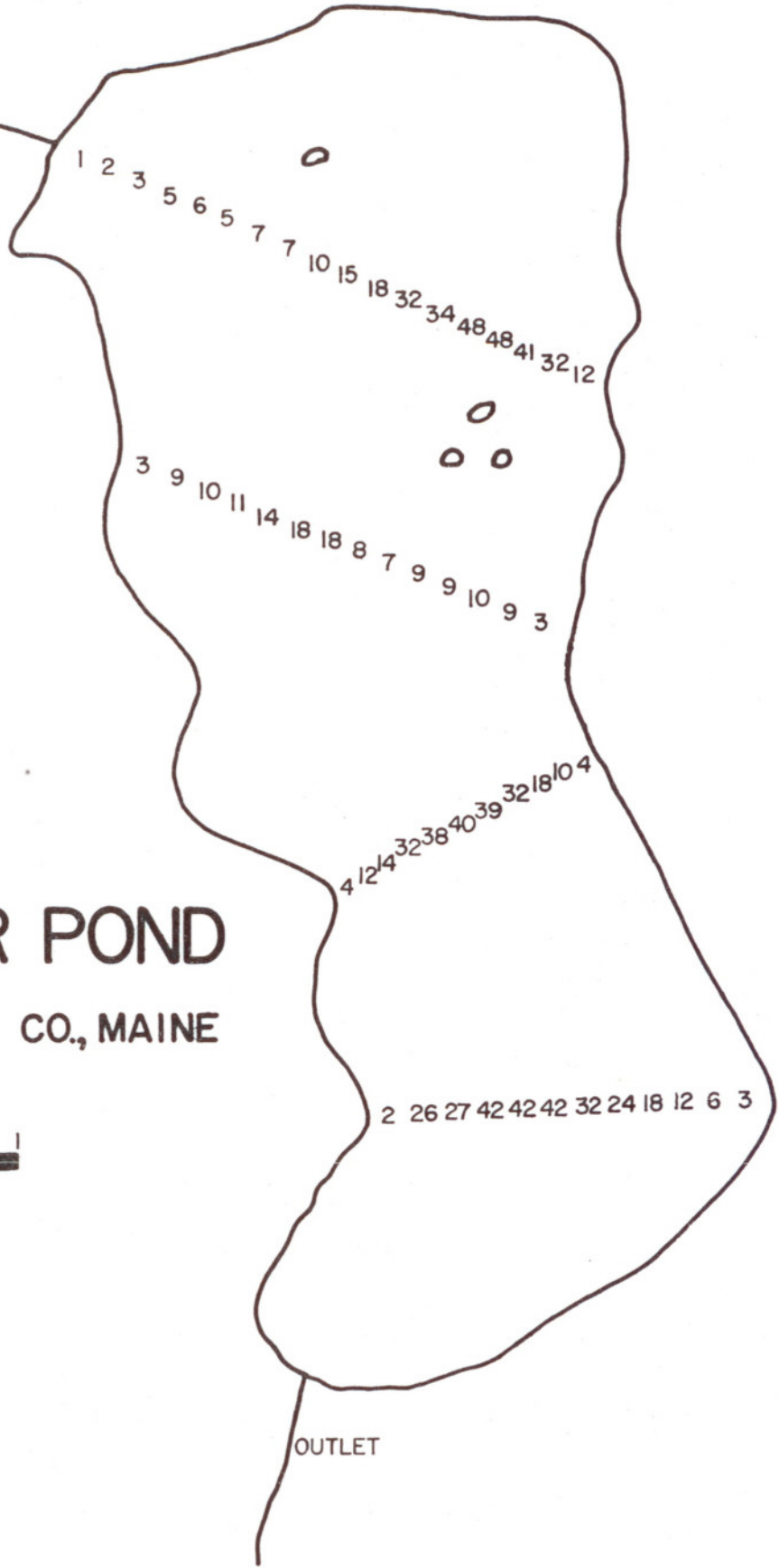
The only tributary to Big Beaver Pond is quite small, but it has very good spawning and nursery areas for brook trout. Beaver have built some dams near the mouth of the brook, and this construction has spread the flow of the brook over a large area. The main channel is also silted as a result. This little brook should be kept clear of beaver dams because the spawning and nursery areas found there are vital to the trout population of the pond.

General-law regulations in effect are sufficient to protect the trout population as long as the access route remains as difficult as it is at the present time.

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ONE TENTH MILE