

SECOND AND THIRD WEST BRANCH PONDS
T-A R12, Piscataquis Co.
U. S. G. S. First Roach Pond and Jo-Mary Mt., Me.

Fishes

Brook trout (squaretail)

Minnows
Golden shiner

Physical Characteristics

Area - 214 acres

Temperatures

Maximum depth - 25 feet

Surface - 69° F.
25 feet - 62° F.

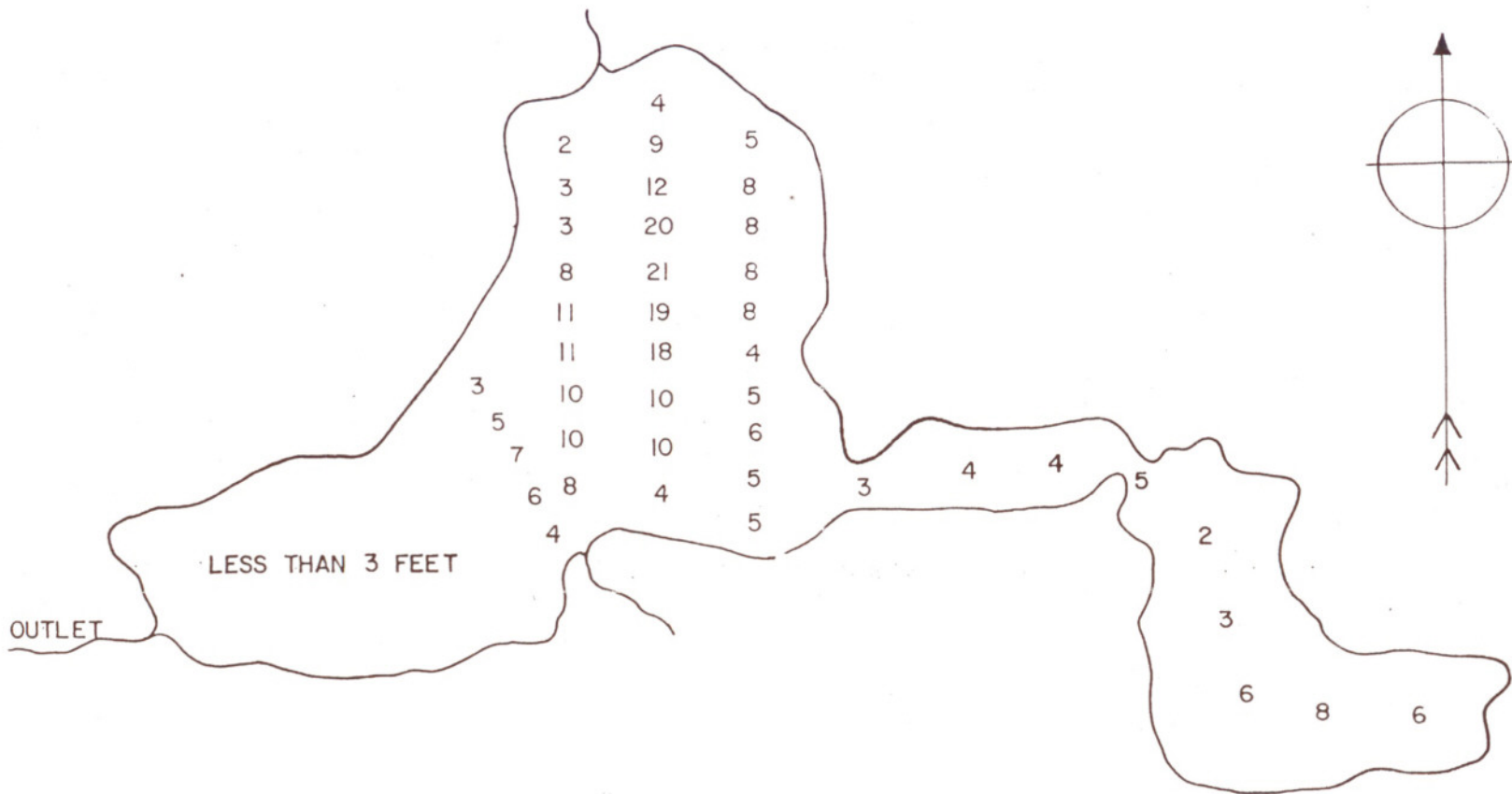
Suggested Management

Second and Third West Branch Ponds are closely connected by a short thoroughfare and should be managed as one unit. These ponds have excellent water quality for brook trout and should be managed exclusively for this species.

Slaughter Brook, the principal inlet, was obstructed for years by a large beaver dam near the mouth. The dam has been removed and the brook should be kept open to allow the trout to migrate to the good spawning and nursery areas found a short distance upstream.

The use of live fish as bait should be prohibited at all times in these waters as a precaution against the introduction of any species not presently found there.

The outlet has a short stretch of spawning gravel and should be kept free from obstructions. Natural reproduction should be sufficient to maintain a good fishery.



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TENTHS OF MILE