

CHURCH POND
T-A R10, Piscataquis Co.
U. S. G. S. Jo-Mary Mt., Me.

Fishes

Brook trout (squaretail)	Minnows (Cont'd)
Yellow perch	Creek chub
White sucker	Fallfish (chub)
Minnows	Banded killifish
Blacknose dace	Pumpkinseed sunfish
Common shiner	Yellowbelly sunfish

Physical Characteristics

Area - 53 acres	Temperatures
Maximum depth - 12 feet	Surface - 71° F.
	12 feet - 68° F.

Church Pond is a small, shallow pond formed at a bend in Cooper Brook. A driving dam was once built at the outlet, but the dam has long been gone, and the water is back to its original level.

Most of the shoreline is silty or muddy and there is an abundance of aquatic vegetation in some shallow coves. The area around the mouth of Cooper Brook is all sand that has been washed down from the brook. Some rocks are evident near the outlet and along one side.

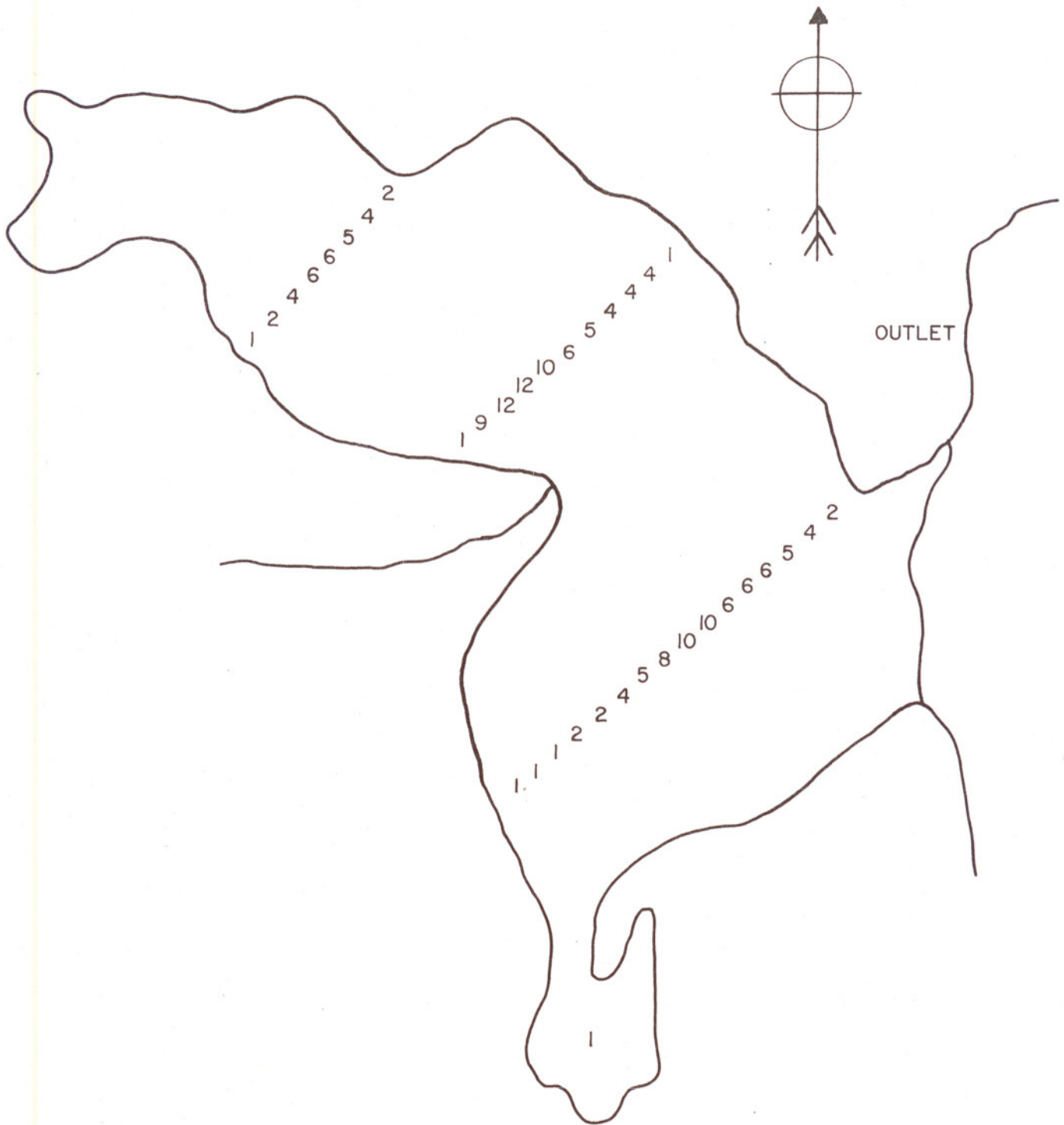
The pond is very remote but can be negotiated by small planes. The Appalachian trail passes very close to the pond and follows Cooper Brook.

Medium or heavy fishing pressure would undoubtedly reduce the trout population in a short time, and the other fishes would take over the pond completely.

The tributaries (Cooper Brook especially) have more than sufficient spawning and nursery area for the amount of trout the pond can support.

Since the pond is fished only occasionally, the present regulations are adequate. The pond should remain closed to ice fishing because the trout would be especially vulnerable when they are concentrated by the winter ice cover.

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TENTHS OF MILE