

HENDERSON POND
T-A R11, Piscataquis Co.
U. S. G. S. Jo-Mary Mt., Me.

Fishes

Brook trout (squaretail)

Minnows
Golden shiner

Physical Characteristics

Area - 195 acres

Temperatures

Maximum depth - 91 feet

Surface - 69° F.
80 feet - 42° F.

Henderson is a fairly large, very deep, coldwater trout pond. The only species, other than trout, found during the survey was the golden shiner. This shiner is a flat, very shiny minnow that grows to a length of 6 or 7 inches in our waters.

The pond has some shoal area at each end but most of it "drops off" a short distance from shore. The shallow areas are full of large granite boulders with small beaches composed of sharp granite gravel. The water is as clear as crystal. These things indicate a very infertile pond.

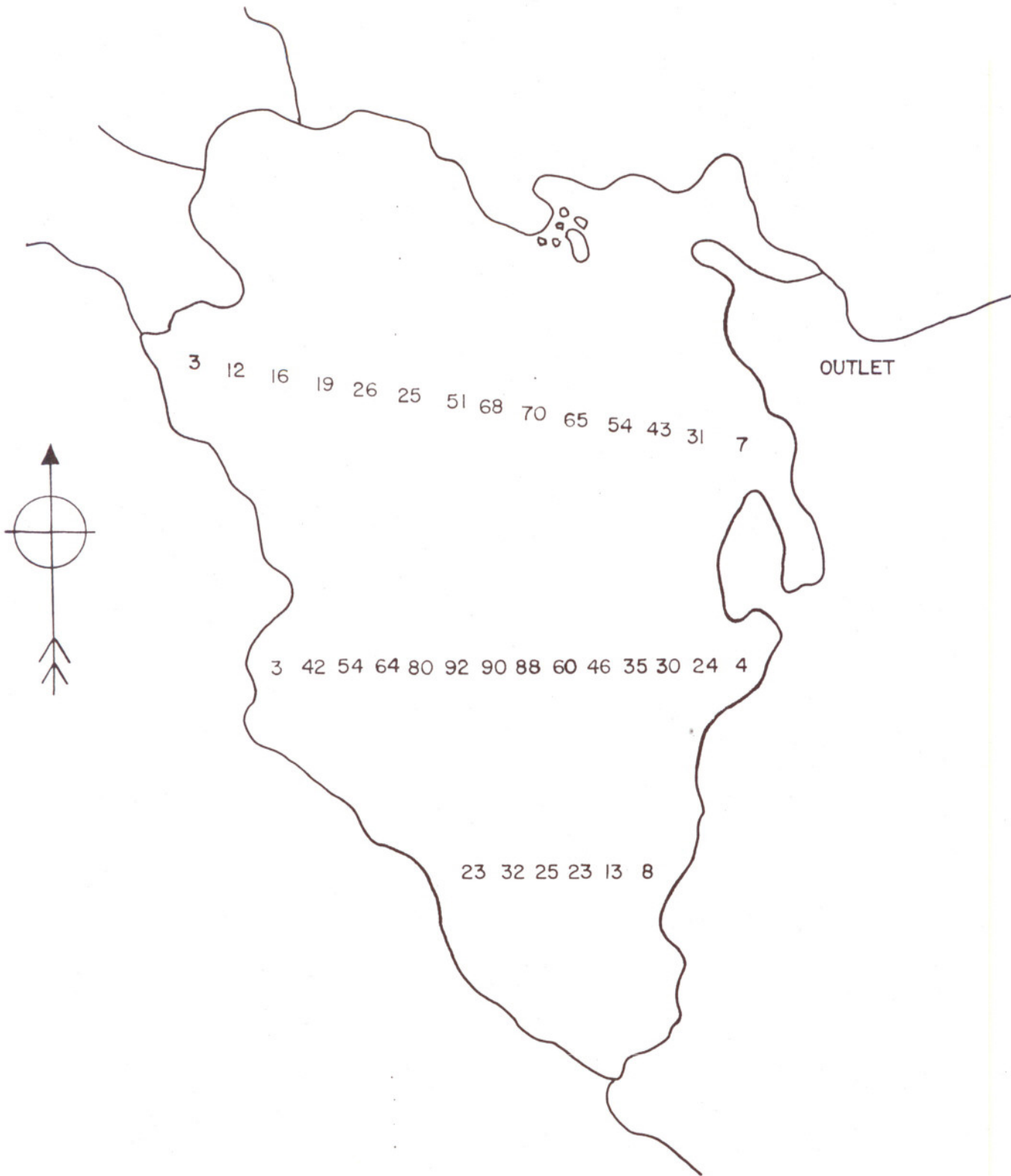
There are many springs and small spring tributaries around the pond. All of the springy areas are occupied by thousands of small trout. None of the tributaries are large enough to be important, but collectively they produce more trout than many hatcheries. Beautifully colored wild trout too.

The outlet is a mass of huge granite boulders through which the stream is lost most of the way. Falls and cascades form impassable barriers. The barriers are important in this situation; they prevent rough fish from migrating up from the Jo-Mary Chain of Lakes.

If the pond should become accessible by car road, togue and a forage fish could be introduced to utilize the large areas of deep water that are now barren of fish.

A "no-live-fish-as-bait" regulation should be established to keep this pond in its unspoiled condition.

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AREA 195 ACRES



TENTHS OF MILE