

HOUSTON POND
T6 R9 and T7 R9, Piscataquis Co.
U. S. G. S. Sebec, Me.

screen a complete barrier to small salmon that try to migrate up into the lake. This screen should be removed, and the outlet should be kept free of obstructions.

Fishes

Salmon	Minnows
Brook trout (squaretail)	Common shiner
Lake trout (togue)	Creek chub
Smelt	Golden shiner
Eel	Cusk
White sucker	Pumpkinseed sunfish
	Ninespine stickleback

Physical Characteristics

Area - 694 acres

Temperatures

Maximum depth - 92 feet

Surface - 74° F.
80 feet - 47° F.

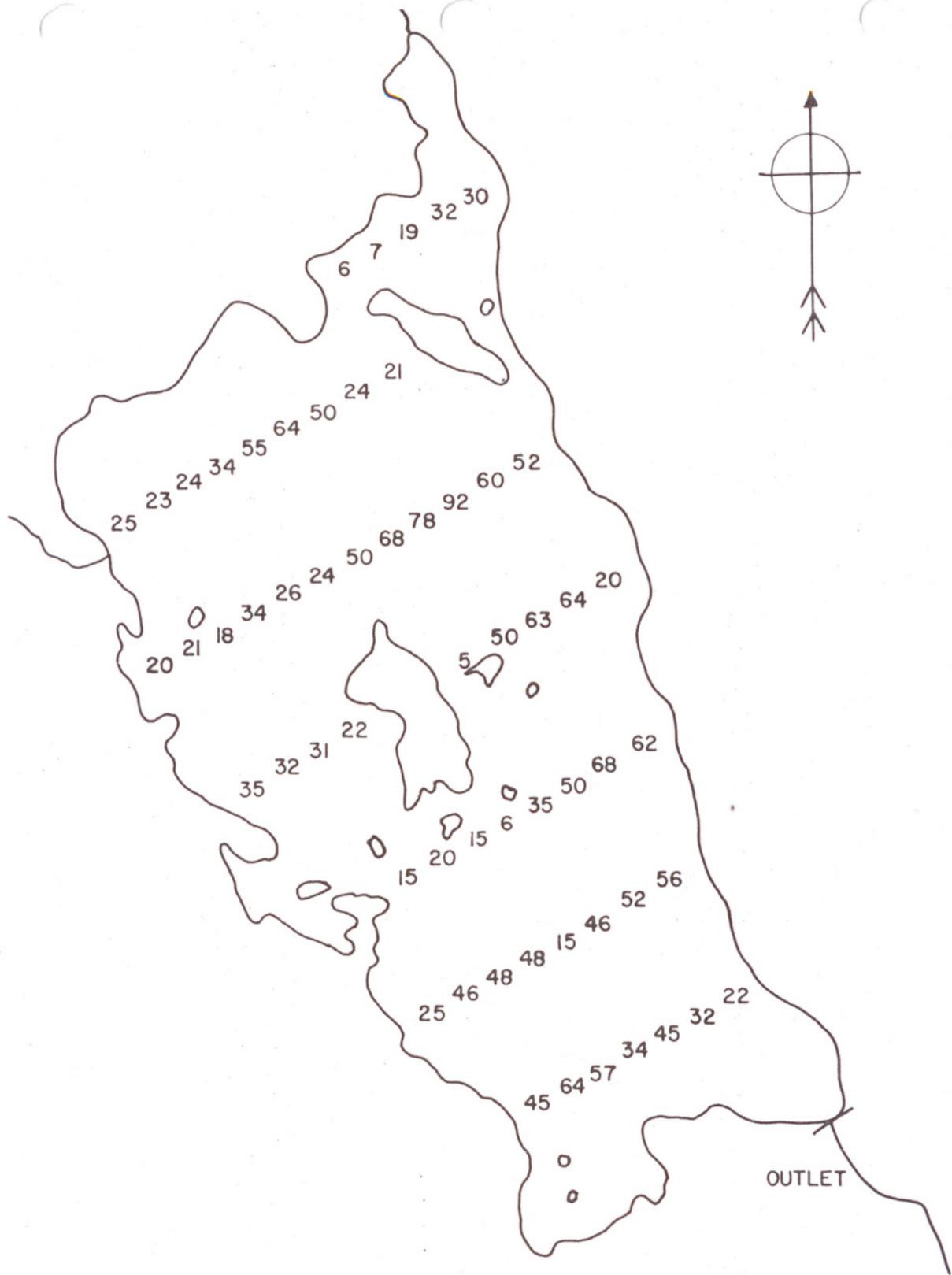
Houston Pond is a medium-sized, secluded lake that is not easily accessible. Fishermen must travel a very rough jeep trail, walk, or fly. A small sporting camp is located on the lake, but is open by reservation only. Fishing pressure is extremely light because of the difficulty of reaching the pond.

Salmon and brook trout provide good spring and fall fishing. Only an occasional togue is caught, and togue are not considered to be an important part of the fishery.

Water quality conditions are satisfactory for coldwater fishes, with cool temperatures and abundant dissolved oxygen in the deeper water. The bottom of the lake is very irregular and strewn with large boulders.

Spawning and nursery facilities are limited in the tributaries. The outlet is mostly quite steep and unproductive, but some sections provide suitable spawning areas for salmon. Small salmon are often caught by anglers in the outlet stream. A fish screen located at the lake outlet is falling into a state of disrepair. A hole has formed in the screen that allows adult salmon to move downstream at most water levels. The construction of the screen and the location of the hole make this

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