

SPECTACLE PONDS
Monson Twp., Piscataquis Co.
U. S. G. S. Greenville, Me.

Fishes

Brook trout (squaretail)

Physical Characteristics

Area - 177 acres

Temperatures

Maximum depth - 38 feet

Surface - 70° F.

38 feet - 52° F.

Many Maine ponds have good water quality for trout, but they are inhabited by large numbers of fish that occupy the same areas, eat the same foods, and in most cases are more aggressive than our native brook or squaretail trout. In many instances the ponds were considered good trout fishing at one time, but the other fish were added one way or another until the less prolific trout were displaced.

Some of the suitable ponds can be reclaimed, so to speak, and can again produce trout instead of thousands of pounds of fish that no one cares to catch or eat.

To reclaim a pond, a chemical is mixed with the water in an attempt to kill all the fish. The success or failure of the operation depends upon the type of pond that is selected. Large ponds with boggy areas, springs, and tributary streams are naturally more difficult to treat than small ponds with no inlets.

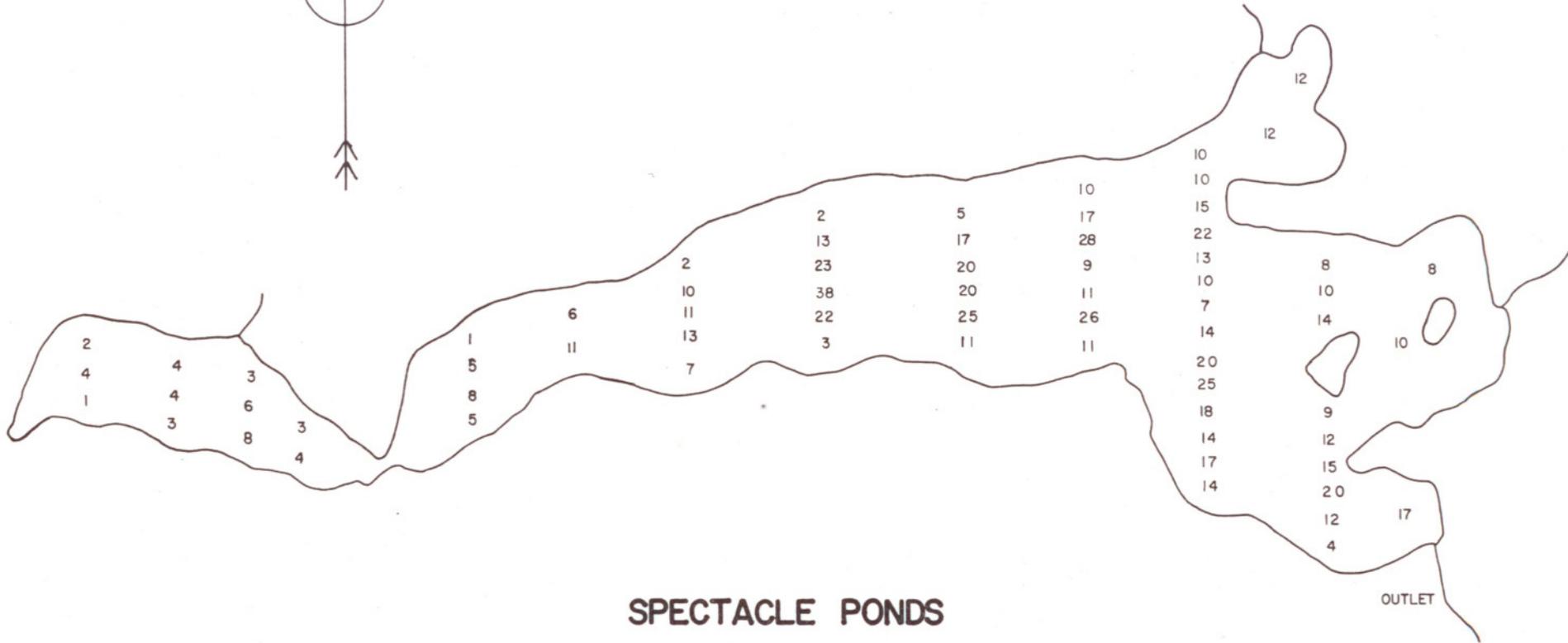
Spectacle Ponds were reclaimed in September, 1959. The two ponds have good water quality for trout, and were once considered to be good trout ponds. Over the years, an assortment of fishes including smelts, white perch, pickerel, bass, and many others found their way to these waters via the bait pail.

In order to restore these excellent waters to trout production, rotenone, a non-poisonous chemical, was used to kill the fish. Legal-sized trout will be stocked in the spring of 1960, and then fingerling trout will be stocked annually. Brook trout thrive best where there are few or no other fish present. A 15-foot fall at the outlet of the lower pond will prevent any fish from migrating into the ponds via the outlet.

The ponds will be open to fishing during the regular fishing season under the following regulations.

1. A five-trout daily bag limit.
2. The use or possession of live fish as bait prohibited.
3. Closure to ice fishing.

These regulations are designed to distribute the catch of trout among a large number of fishermen and to prevent the introduction of undesirable fish.



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AREA 177 ACRES



TENTHS OF MILE