

LITTLE SPENCER POND  
East Middlesex Canal Grant Twp., Piscataquis Co.  
U. S. G. S. North East Carry, Me.

Fishes

Brook trout (squaretail)

Physical Characteristics

Area - 75 acres

Temperatures

Surface - 70° F.

Maximum depth - 5 feet

5 feet - 64° F.

Many Maine ponds have good habitat for trout, but large numbers of other fish compete for the same areas, eat similar foods, and in most cases are more aggressive than our native brook trout. Many of these ponds were considered good trout fishing in the past, but, as other fish were introduced, trout were displaced.

Some ponds with good trout habitat can be reclaimed and can again produce trout instead of thousands of pounds of fish that no one cares to eat or catch. To reclaim a pond, a chemical toxic to fish is mixed with the water to kill the existing fish population. Other ponds with equally good habitat for trout may not be suitable for reclamation because boggy areas, springs, and tributary streams provide hiding places for the fish where it is virtually impossible to apply the chemical effectively.

Little Spencer Pond has good water quality for brook trout, but was dominated by suckers, chubs, and minnows. Yellow perch gained access to Big Spencer Pond via Spencer Stream and Moosehead Lake when a temporary barrier dam on the stream was removed in the spring of 1961. Yellow perch spread upstream from Big Spencer Pond and subsequently were found in Little Spencer Pond during our survey in August 1962.

The local sporting camp owner built a barrier dam on the outlet of Little Spencer Pond, and the pond was reclaimed in September 1962. Legal-sized trout were stocked in 1963, and fingerlings will be stocked annually.

The pond is now open to fishing under the following regulations:

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

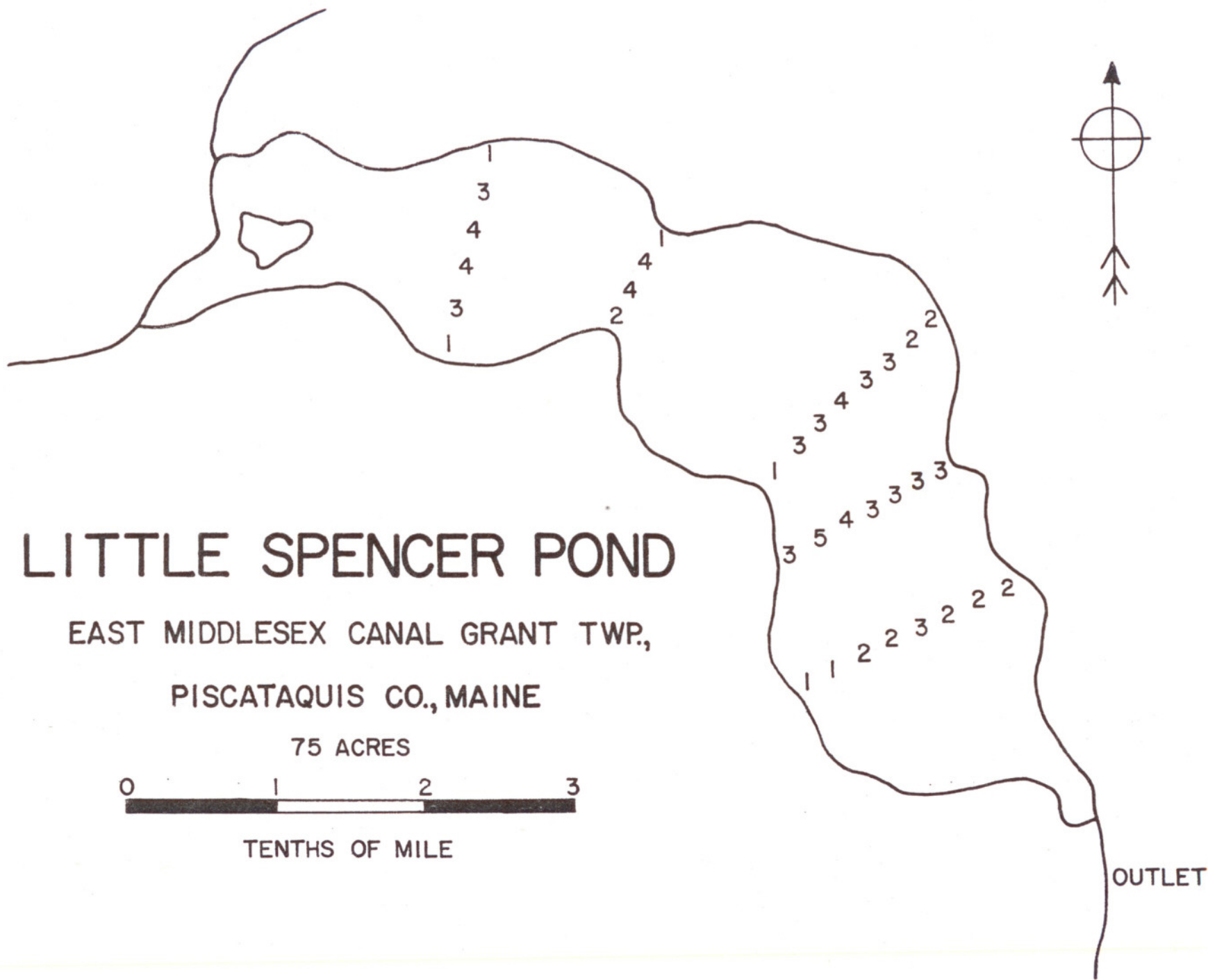
These regulations are designed to allow a larger number of anglers to share the catch of trout and to prevent reintroduction of undesirable fish.

Fishermen can reach Little Spencer Pond by driving to Spencer Pond from the Great Northern Paper Company road north of Kokadjo. They must then cross Spencer Pond by canoe or boat, and follow a trail to Little Spencer Pond.

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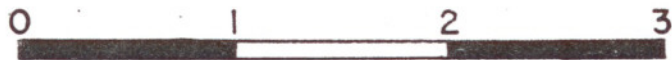


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PISCATAQUIS CO., MAINE

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