

## BIG LAKE

Grand Lake Stream, T27ED,  
Indian Twp., and No. 21 twp, Washington Co.  
U.S.G.S. Big Lake, Maine (7½')

### Fishes

Landlocked salmon	Minnows
Lake trout (togue)	Golden shiner
Lake whitefish	Fallfish(chub)
Rainbow smelt	White sucker
Smallmouth bass	Hornpout(bullhead)
White perch	Burbot(cusk)
Yellow perch	Banded killifish
Chain pickerel	Redbreast sunfish
	Pumpkinseed sunfish
	American eel

### Physical Characteristics

Area - 10,305 acres	Temperatures
	Surface - 74 °F
Maximum depth - 70 feet	55 feet - 54 F

Principal fishery: Smallmouth bass, white perch,  
landlocked salmon

The island-dotted waters of Big Lake comprise part of the West Branch of the St. Croix River. Several public boat launching sites are available; the most popular is at Greenlaw Chopping landing.

Big Lake is well known as one of the premier Downeast smallmouth bass lakes. Numerous rocky, shoal areas and high quality spawning substrate combine to form ideal habitat. The lake is a consistent producer of 11-14 in bass with larger 2-3 lb fish

sufficiently abundant to keep angler interest at a high level. A slot limit(consult your lawbook) has fostered a noticeable improvement in the fishery, and has been well received by anglers. Each June, the lake is a popular destination for numerous non-resident sports who journey north to try their luck. Some non-residents hire local guides who know the locations of many "hotspots". Crayfish are a favored food item in bass diets. Although bass are certainly the primary sportfish, anglers also make good catches of white perch and pickerel in certain areas of the lake in the summer.

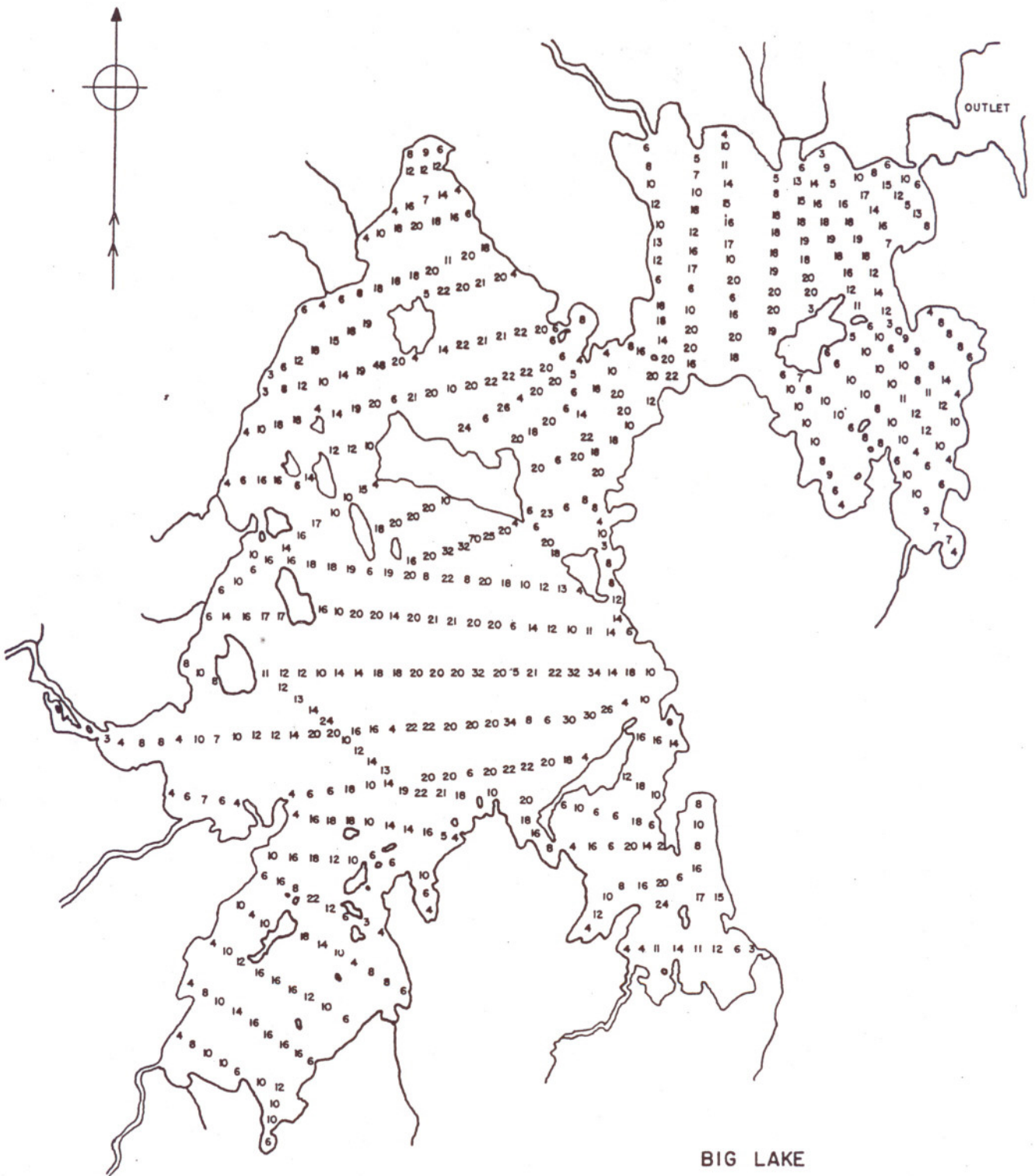
Despite the small volume of cool water, the lake has demonstrated the ability to provide a significant salmon fishery. This fishery is based on fish from three sources: drop-downs from West Grand Lake, fish stocked directly into Big Lake at the extreme lower end of Grand Lake Stream, and wild fish produced in Grand Lake Stream which contains excellent salmon spawning and nursery habitat. Small numbers of togue which drop down from West Grand Lake are occasionally creeled although this fishery is inconsequential.

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