KEENE'S LAKE

Calais Twp., Washington Co. U.S.G.S. Red Beach, ME (7 1/2')

Fishes

Landlocked salmon White sucker Brook trout Rainbow smelt Minnows

Ninespine stickleback Pumpkinseed sunfish

Golden shiner Creek chub

Physical Characteristics

Area- 115 acres Temperatures Surface- 75°F Maximum depth- 37 feet 37 feet- 47°F

Principal Fishery: Brook trout, salmon

Keene's Lake is a small water located in extreme eastern Maine. A commercial campground and a small number of camps dot the shoreline. A poor-fair launching site exists at the northern end.

The lake provides acceptable habitat for salmon and brook trout. Both species have been stocked over the years. Salmon were stocked in the 1980's and provided a satisfactory fishery in some years. In other years, relatively few legal-size fish were creeled. It's difficult to provide a consistent salmon fishery in a water this small. Because of local interest in brook trout, the salmon stocking program was terminated in 1988. Salmon reproduce in the outlet, and

production in most years is sufficient to maintain a continuing limited fishery for 15 to 17-inch fish.

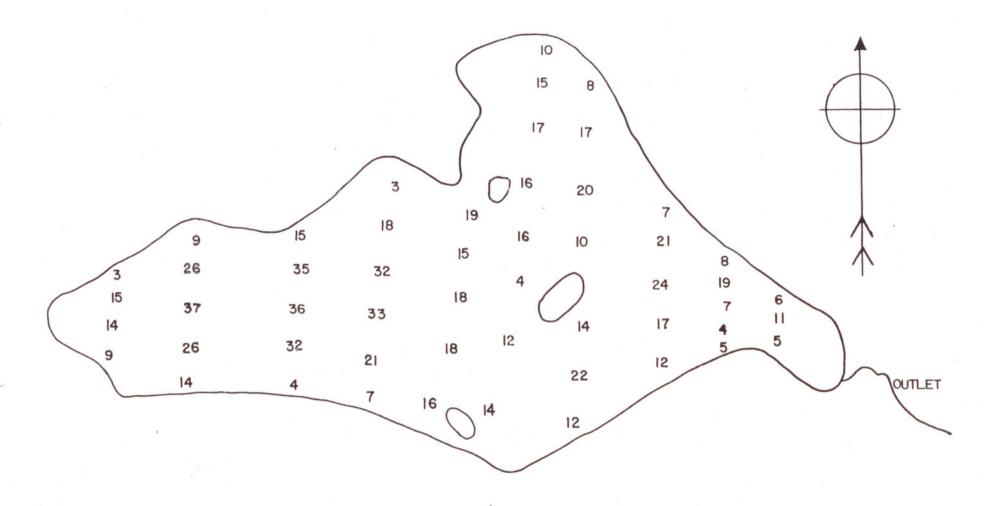
A brook trout stocking program utilizing spring yearlings began in 1990. These fish provide some immediate angling for several weeks following stocking as well as a good fishery for 12-14 inch trout in the early part of the ice fishing season.

Some anglers successfully hook-and-line smelt during the ice fishing season. The smaller smelt make good bait while the larger ones are good eating. The smelt spawning tributary is closed to the taking of smelt as this species' importance as forage for salmon and trout far outweighs its value as human food.

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