

PORTAGE LAKE

Portage Lake Twp., Aroostook County
U.S.G.S. Portage Lake East, Me. (7 1/2');
Portage Lake West, Me. (7 1/2')

Surveyed - August, 1953
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Fishes

Landlocked salmon	Longnose sucker
Lake trout (togue)	White sucker
Brook trout	Hornpout (bullhead)
Round whitefish	Burbot (cusk)
Rainbow smelt	Banded killifish
Yellow perch	Threespine stickleback
Minnows	Ninespine stickleback
Lake chub	
Golden shiner	
Common shiner	
Redbelly dace	
Finescale dace	
Blacknose dace	
Creek chub	
Fallfish (chub)	

Physical Characteristics

Area - 2,474 acres	Temperatures
	Surface - 67°F
Maximum depth - 25 feet	23 feet - 65°F

Principal fishery: Landlocked salmon, brook trout, rainbow smelt

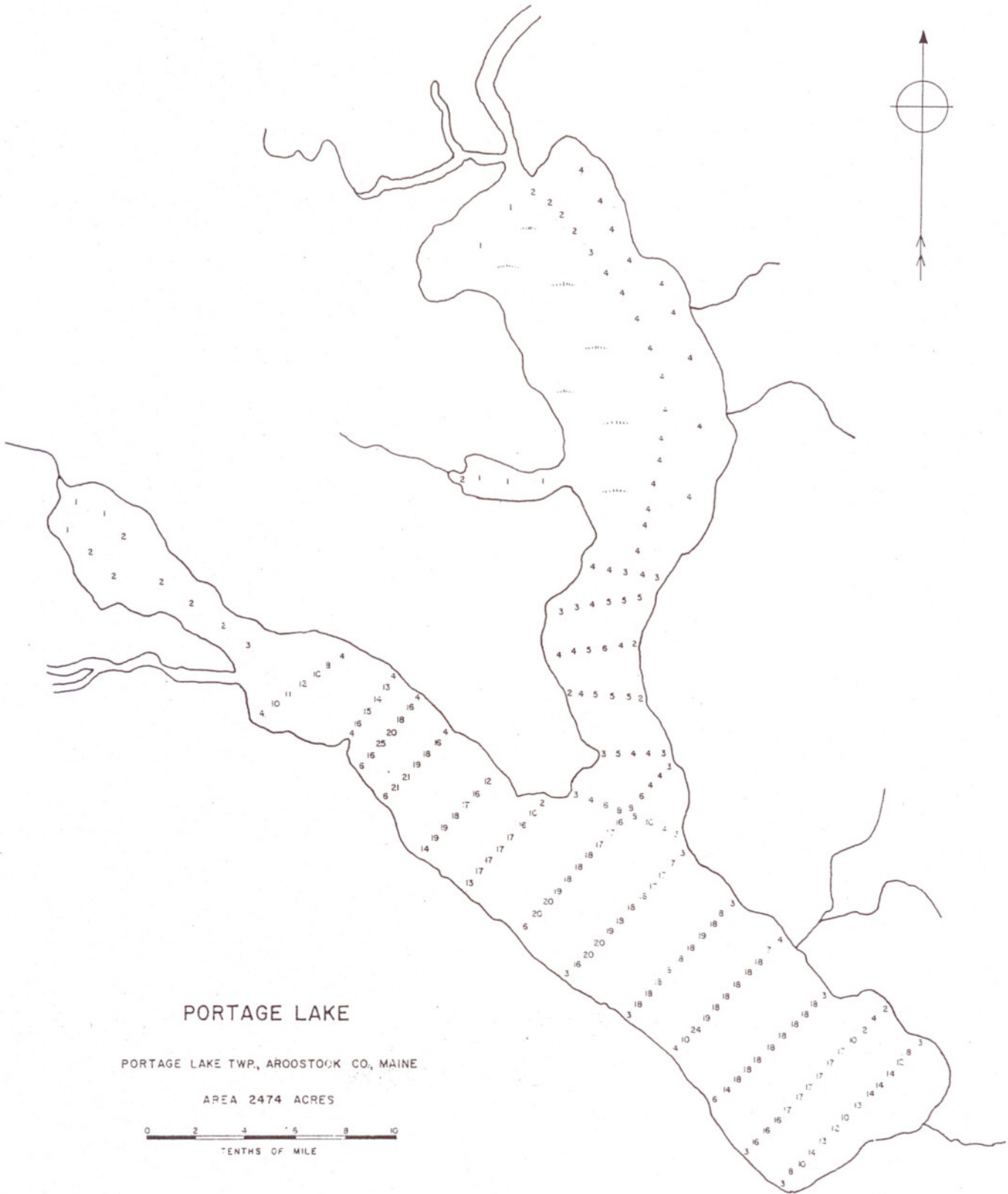
Portage Lake is one of the two shallowest lakes in the Fish River chain of lakes. The lake does not stratify into warm and cold layers, and water temperatures are about equal at all depths during summer months. In spite of these water quality conditions, Portage Lake should be managed for salmon and brook trout.

Spawning and nursery areas are available for salmon in the main inlet and outlet, Fish River. Natural reproduction is occasionally supplemented with hatchery salmon. Adequate brook trout spawning and nursery areas are present.

Coarse fishes such as suckers, fallfish, and yellow perch are abundant in Portage Lake, taking advantage of extensive shallow areas. These species limit brook trout production by competing for food and space.

Development on Portage Lake is considered heavy. It includes seasonal as well as year-round residences. A public boat landing and beach is available in the town of Portage.

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