

SPECK POND #2
Norway Twp., Oxford Co.
U.S.G.S. Greenwood, Me. (7.5')

Fishes

Brook trout

Minnows

Golden shiner

Physical Characteristics

Area - 15 acres

Temperatures:

Maximum depth - 40 feet

Surface - 73°F

35 feet - 41°F

Principal fisheries: Brook trout

Speck Pond is a small, remote pond with no development. The southern portion of the pond is relatively shallow, less than 7' deep, with extensive weed beds. The main basin is characterized by steep shorelines that quickly drop-off to depths exceeding 15'.

The pond thermally stratifies in the summer, and a band of cold, oxygenated water is available for trout management. From 2001 – 2007 the MDIFW initiated several brook trout stocking programs; both advanced fingerling and larger sized spring yearling brook trout failed to create a fishery. The poor performance of stocked trout was the result of competition and predation from the existing pickerel and golden shiner populations. The pond was reclaimed in the fall of 2007 and restocked with brook trout the following year. Post reclamation sampling indicates the pond produces an excellent trout fishery with fish ranging in size from 9-17 inches in length. However, shiners have re-established and are expected to negatively impact trout growth, survival, and abundance. Special regulations are in effect on this water to provide a quality fishery. Anglers should consult their fishing law book before fishing this pond.

A private logging road passes within approximately 100 yards of the southern tip of the pond and the landowner allows access, but the road is typically gated to vehicle traffic until mid-late May to protect the roads. A power-line located near the northern end of the pond may also be used for access. Both access options are generally limited to 4-wheel drive vehicles or walk-in.

Surveyed – August 1999

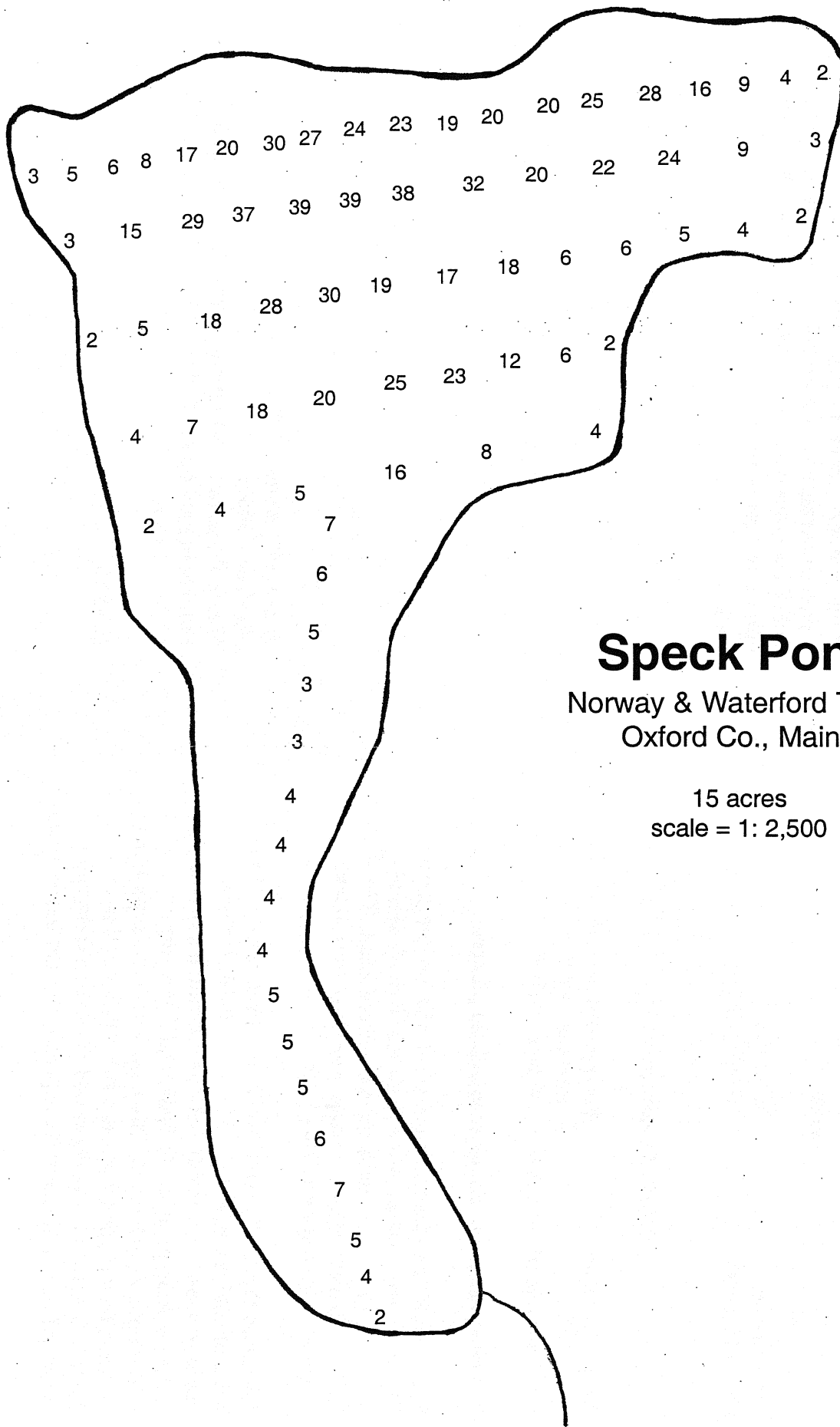
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scale = 1: 2,500

