

BIG HURD POND
T6R15, Piscataquis Co.
U.S.G.S. Caucomgomoc Lake, Me.

Fishes

Brook Trout (squaretail)
White perch
Yellow perch
Lake whitefish
White sucker
Longnose sucker

Minnows

Common shiner
Golden shiner
Fallfish (chub)

Physical Characteristics

Area - 250 acres

Temperatures

Maximum depth - 27 feet

Surface - 72° F.
27 feet - 52° F.

Principal Fishery: Brook trout

Big Hurd Pond lies a short distance northwest of Loon Lake and is connected to Loon Lake by a short thoroughfare. The only access to Big Hurd is by boat across the length of Loon Lake and up the thoroughfare. The area is quite remote and scenic with a few mountains visible in the distance. Other smaller ponds and deadwaters nearby make this excellent back-packing fishing trip country. Large rocks and ledges protrude from the surface of the pond.

Although no trout were taken in the short time our nets were set, we know that some trout are caught from this pond in late spring and early summer. The water chemistry and temperature series revealed an oxygen deficiency in the cool water, (below 20 feet) and the water above 20 feet was too warm for brook trout to thrive. We concluded that these waters may not support trout comfortably during the warmest part of most summers.

Whitefish found in the cool depths of Loon Lake were not found here either.

Since white perch and yellow perch are both present, heavy competition from them no doubt limits drastically the number of trout produced in this pond.

Because of its distance from roads, and limited access it is recommended that this pond be placed on the list of wilderness waters zoned by the Land Use Regulation Commission to protect it from changes that would destroy its wilderness characteristics.

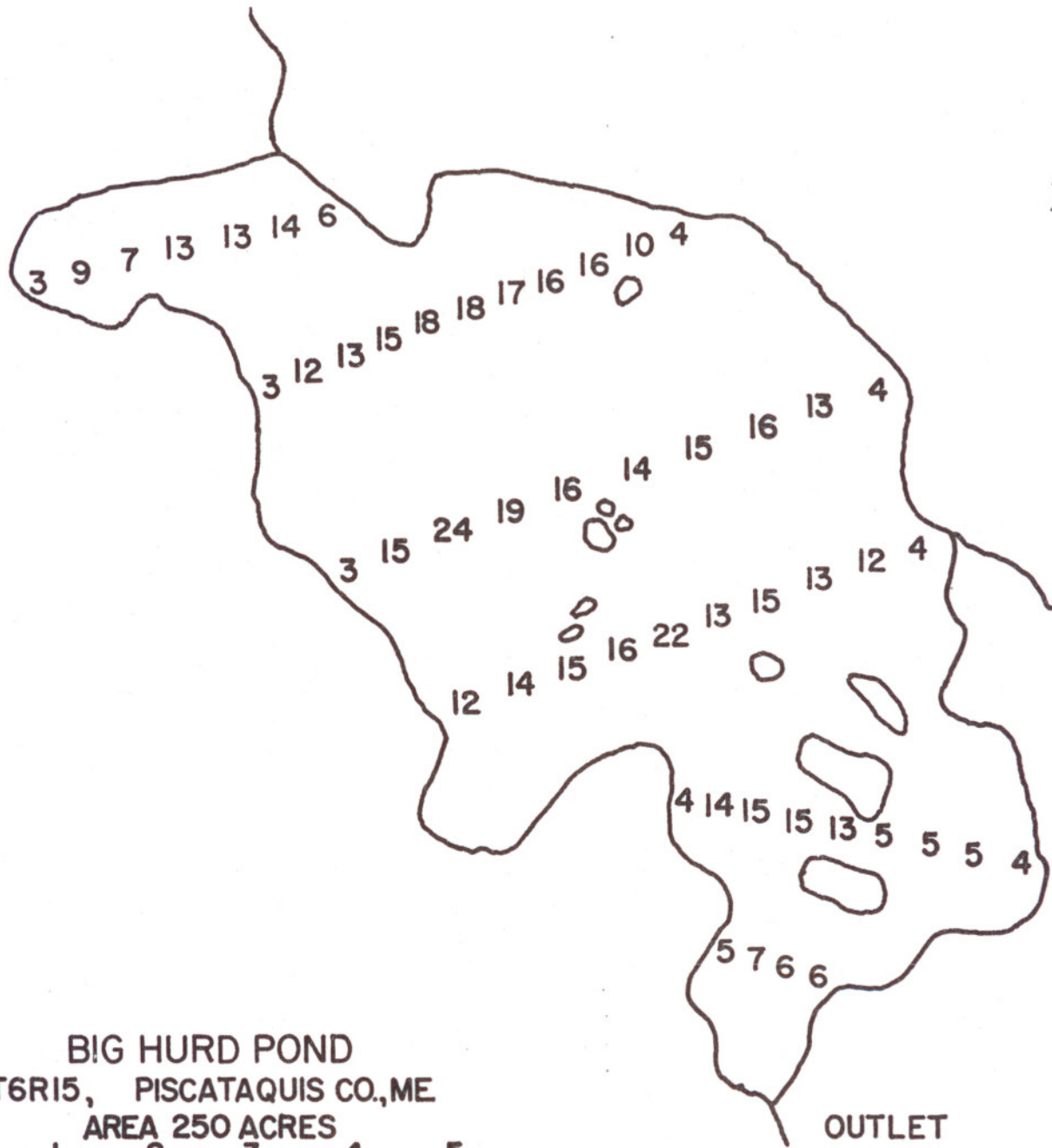
One of the small inlets of Hurd Pond is cold enough to hold a few small trout in hot weather and another inlet, the outlet of Little Hurd, may be too warm for trout at times.

Present general regulations are adequate to protect fish populations found in these waters.

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