

LITTLE SOURDNAHUNK LAKE

T5 R11, Piscataquis Co.

U.S.G.S. Telos Lake, Me.

Fishes

Brook trout (squaretail)

Minnows

Redbelly dace

Physical Characteristics

Area - 102 acres

Temperatures

Surface - 67° F.

Maximum depth - 15 feet

14 feet - 65° F.

Little Sourdnahunk Lake, like its big sister, is an excellent trout pond. The principal reason for this is the fact that trout and a small minnow are the only fish inhabiting the lake. The trout grow fast, and 3-pounders are often caught.

Cold spring water flowing into the lake in several places maintains the summer water temperature in the sixties. This is ideal for trout. The same springs are used as spawning areas in the fall.

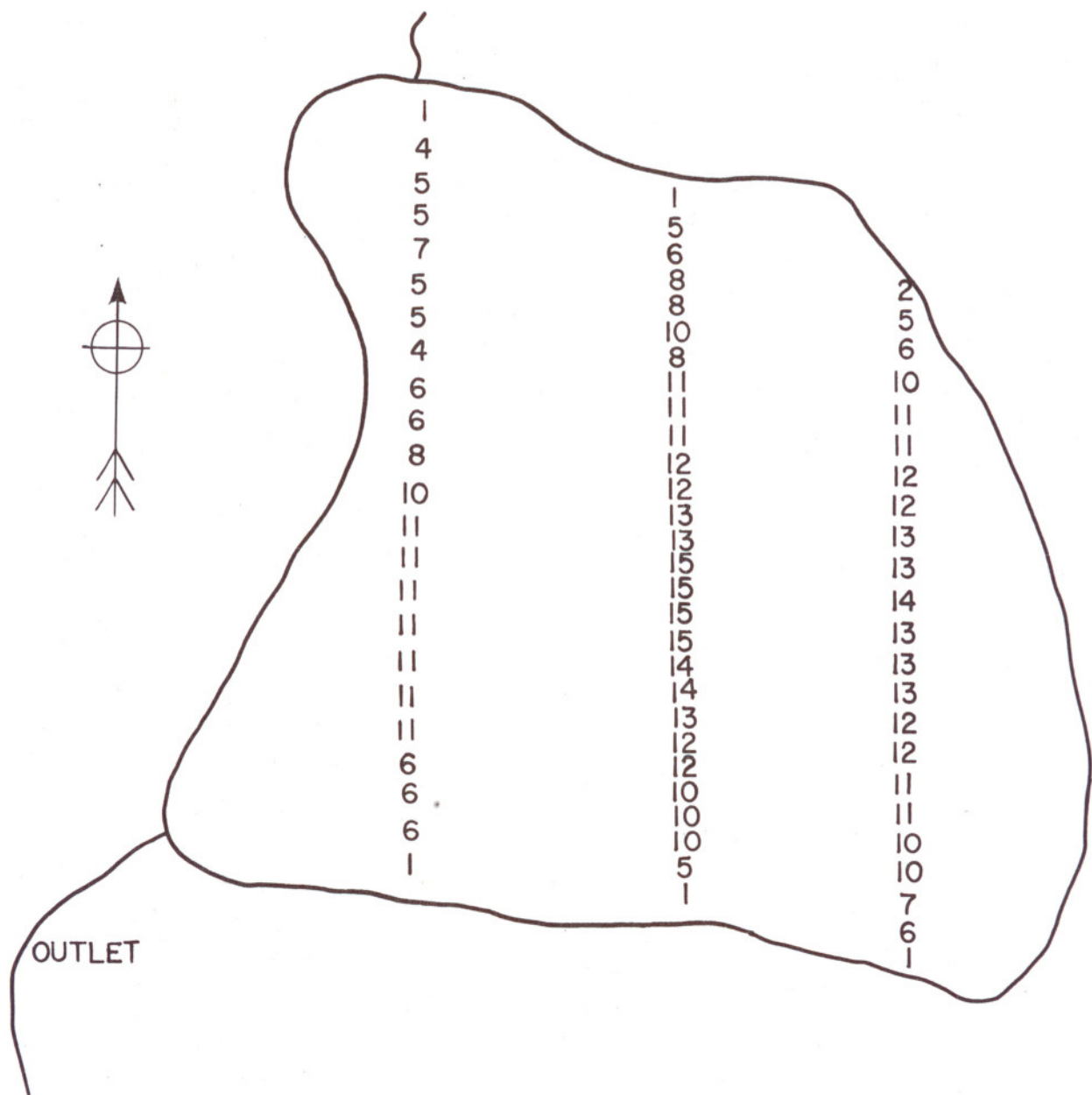
Little Sourdnahunk is now accessible by a good gravel road that passes near the pond. The ambitious angler can carry a canoe $\frac{1}{4}$ mile through the woods and fly-fish for wild, native brook trout. The lake has never been stocked with hatchery fish.

The management of this pond needs to emphasize the necessity of keeping out other fishes. The present fly-fishing-only regulation does this as well as any regulation can. A low bag limit is also needed to keep this lake in its present condition of good fishing because reproduction is limited to a few springs that have very little gravel around them. Trout need gravel to bury their eggs in.

This lake should not be stocked with hatchery trout. If fishing should reduce the population greatly, the use of artificial spawning beds should be tried to increase natural reproduction.

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