

DREWS LAKE
(MEDUXNEKEAG LAKE)
New Limerick, Oakfield, and Linneus Twps.
Aroostook Co.
U.S.G.S. Smyrna Mills, Me.

Fishes

Unlocked salmon	Minnnows (cont'd)
Brown trout	Golden shiner
Cook trout	Common shiner
Brook smelt	White sucker
White perch	Hornpout (bullhead)
Chain pickerel	Redbreast sunfish
Minnnows	Pumpkinseed sunfish
Lake chub	American eel

Physical Characteristics

Area - 1,057 acres	Temperatures
Maximum depth - 49 feet	Surface - 70° F
	45 feet - 55° F

Principal fishery: Brown trout

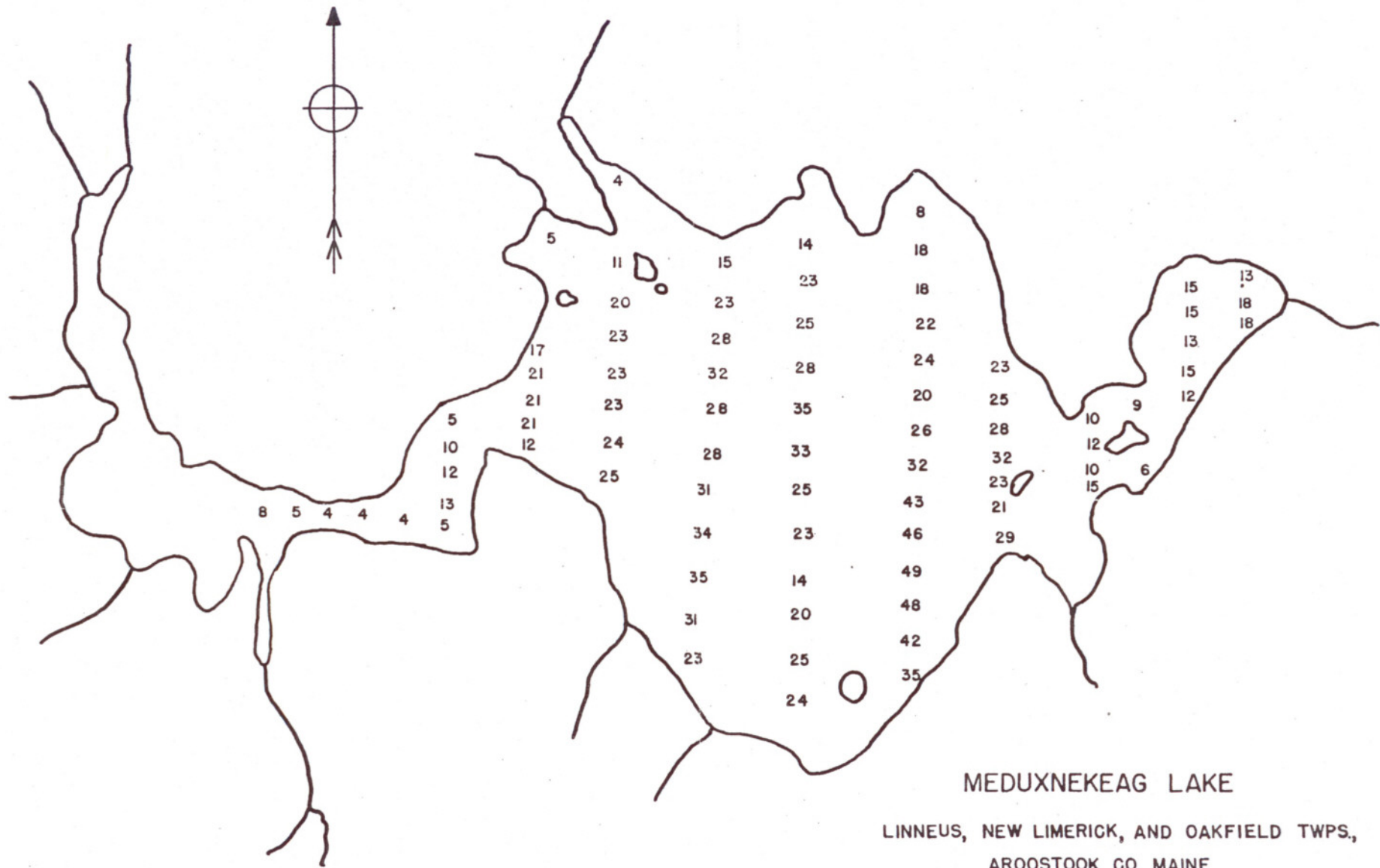
Drews Lake has marginal water quality to maintain a sizeable population of coldwater gamefish. Even though water temperatures are favorable, a lack of dissolved oxygen below the 25-foot level is the limiting factor. Competition from coarse fish is severe.

Due to the water quality problem coupled with a fluctuating trout population, annual stockings of salmon have failed to provide an adequate fishery. A limited salmon population is now maintained through natural reproduction.

The decision to change to brown trout management was based on the following factors: 1. brown trout are not as dependent on smelts and do not utilize other species as forage; 2. brown trout compete more favorably with warmwater species under marginal water quality conditions. Experimental stockings of brown trout were made in an attempt to establish a desirable brown trout fishery. Anglers are reporting good catches of brown trout of larger-than-average size. Annual plantings of brown trout will be needed to maintain the fishery due to the insufficient spawning areas.

Chain pickerel have flourished since they were first observed in 1976 and along with white perch have become established with sizeable populations. To date these two fisheries have not been greatly utilized by anglers.

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