

MEDDYBEMPS LAKE

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U.S.G.S. Meddybemps Lake, East/West, Maine (7½')

Fishes

Landlocked salmon	Minnows
Rainbow smelt	Fallfish(chub)
Smallmouth bass	White sucker
White perch	Banded killifish
Yellow perch	Pumpkinseed sunfish
Chain pickerel	American eel
	Alewife

Physical Characteristics

Area - 6,765 acres	Temperatures
	Surface - 72 °F
Maximum depth - 58 feet	57 feet - 59 °F

Principal fishery: Smallmouth bass, white perch

This large, island-studded lake is located adjacent to Route 191 in the village of Meddybemps. Many of the islands have camps on them, most of which are owned by non-residents who have spent numerous happy summer days on the lake over many years. A good boat launching site with a long dock is available at the outlet end of the lake.

Meddybemps has long been recognized as one of the best smallmouth lakes in eastern Maine. Numerous coves, rocky shores and shoals, and gravel spawning areas constitute classic high quality habitat. Of all the Downeast bass lakes, this water certainly ranks near or at the top in terms of numbers of bass it produces. The drawback is that although bass are very abundant, their average size is only 10in. Medium-size(from 12-15in) smallmouths are not plentiful. Because bass are so abundant, they routinely outstrip the available food supply,

resulting in a below average growth rate. To encourage increased harvest, this special regulation is in effect: No size or bag limit on bass, except that only one fish may exceed 14in. Meddybemps is the unusual bass lake wherein knowledgeable anglers can help improve the fishery by keeping more of the bass they catch. Angled bass from this lake are especially tasty. Despite the heavily skewed population structure towards small fish, the lake annually produces more than a few 3-3 ½ lb fish.

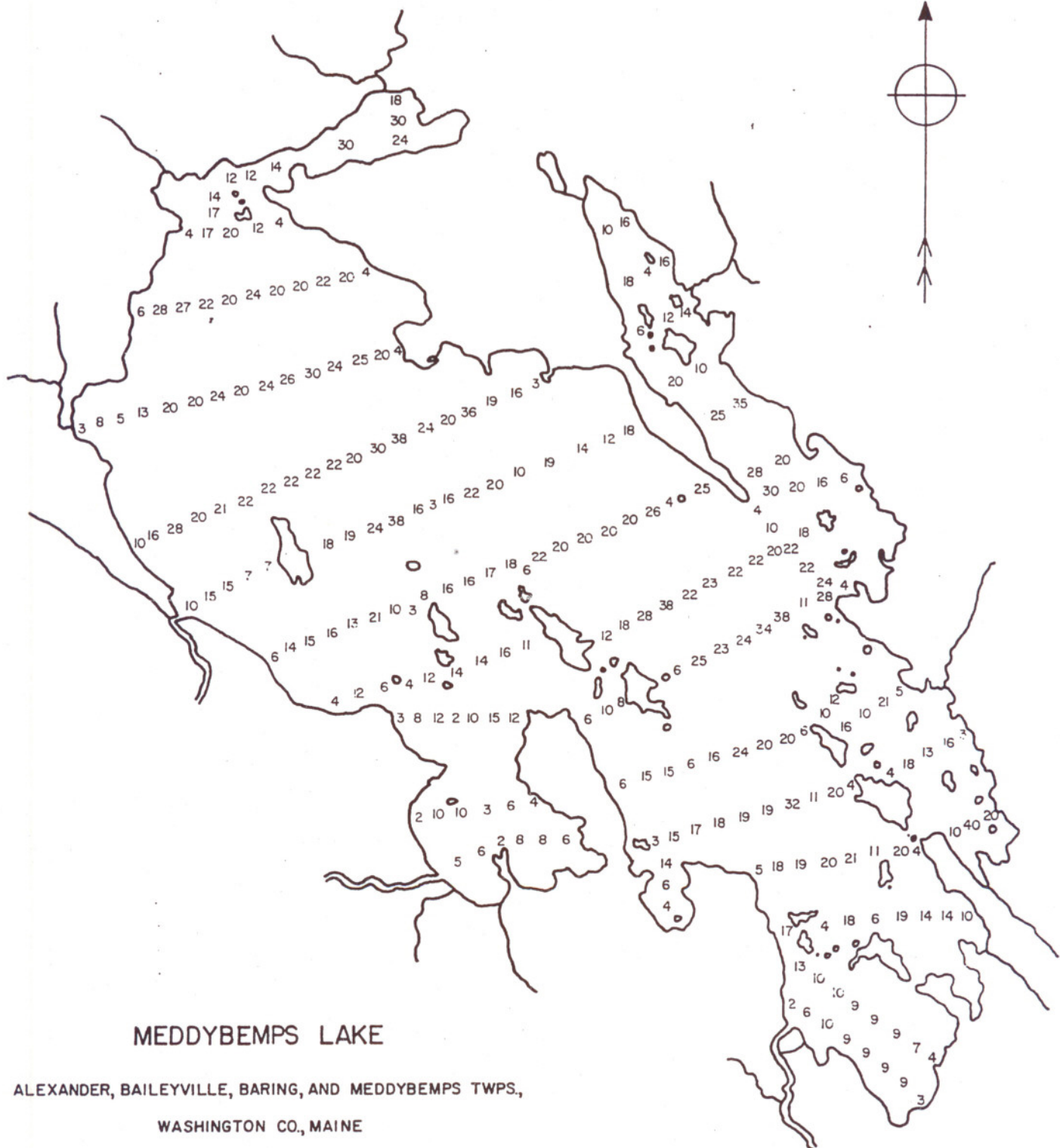
White perch provide an attractive fishery during both the ice fishing and open water seasons. Anglers often make good catches of this delicious sportfish with a good proportion of a typical catch comprised of attractively sized 10-12 in fish. Pickerel provide good sport, but are not as eagerly sought by anglers as bass and perch.

Annual low-density stockings of salmon have generally provided a satisfactory fishery. In some years, the salmon display better than average growth. Those anglers who are familiar with certain salmon "hotspots" make some fine catches.

A "run-around" canal which bypasses the outlet is utilized by alewives each spring as they move up the Dennys River into the lake. The Atlantic Salmon Commission owns and operates a water-control dam and fishway to provide enhanced summer flows in the Dennys for juvenile Atlantic salmon.

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