

### THIRD DEBSCONEAG LAKE

T1 R10 and T2 R10, Piscataquis Co.

U. S. G. S. Harrington Lake and Jo-Mary Mtn., Me.

#### Fishes

Brook trout (squaretail)	Minnows (Cont'd)
Lake trout (togue)	Creek chub
Yellow perch	Golden shiner
Eel	Lake chub
White sucker	Pearl dace
Longnose sucker	Cusk
Minnows	Ninespine stickleback
Blacknose dace	Pumpkinseed sunfish
Common shiner	Yellowbelly sunfish

#### Physical Characteristics

Area - 1,011 acres

#### Temperatures

Maximum depth - 162 feet

Surface - 71° F.

100 feet - 41° F.

Third Debsconeag is a large, deep, coldwater lake. The shoreline is mostly very steep and strewn with granite boulders, some as large as a house. The water is extremely clear and you can see the light colored bottom at great depths. These conditions usually indicate low fertility in any lake.

Access to this lake is quite difficult. You must either go in by plane, or cross Pemadumcook Lake and portage over the "Carry Trail". Fishing pressure is very light because of the difficulty of access.

The extremely clear water makes angling very difficult except when ideal conditions such as cloudy, windy weather occur. To be successful consistently, the fisherman must carefully present his bait in a natural manner so that it will not alarm the fish.

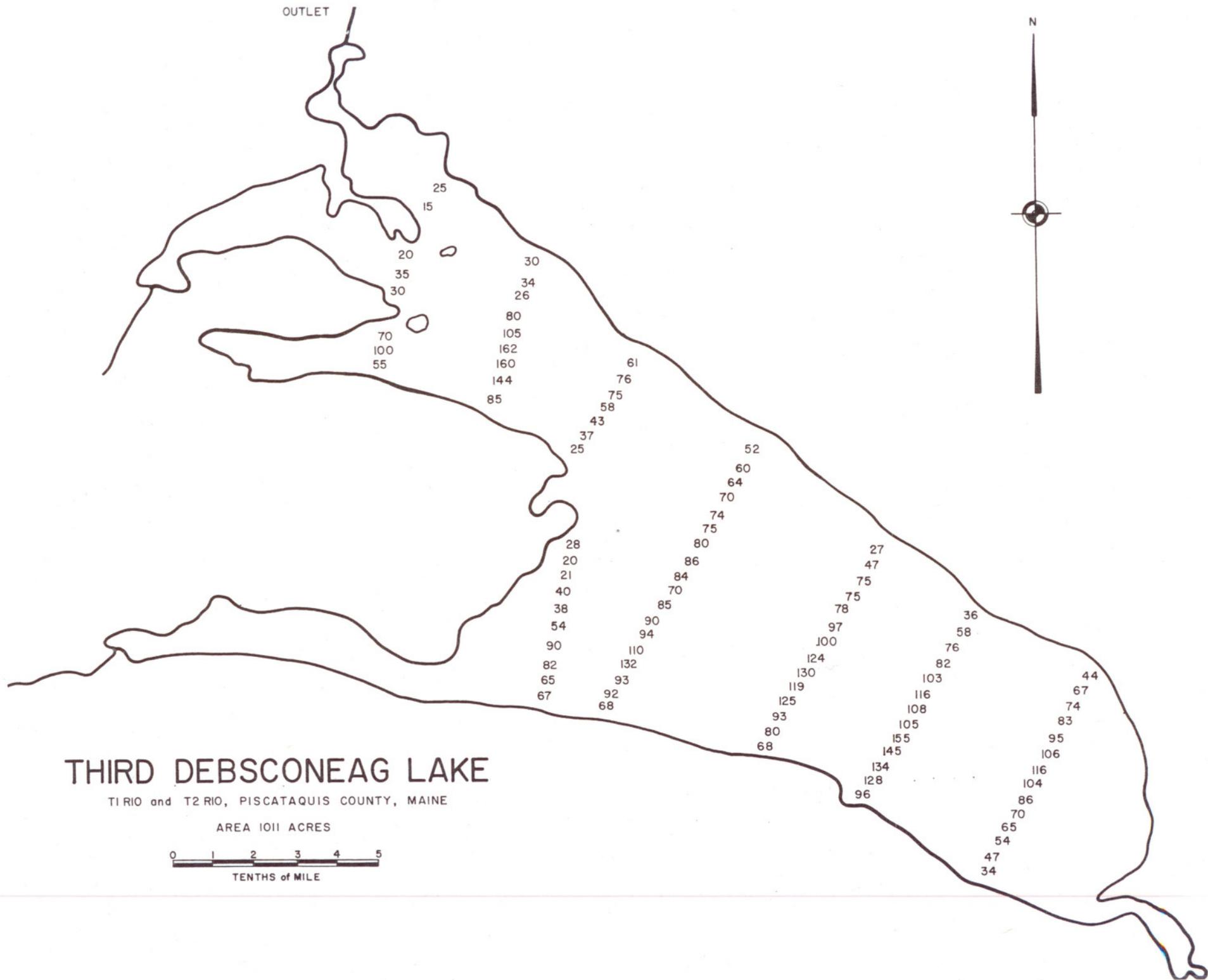
The rocky, windswept shoreline provides excellent spawning areas for togue. Hatching of togue eggs on rocky shoals is probably quite successful because the water level does not fluctuate enough to expose and freeze these eggs. Spawning areas for brook trout are scarce because of the absence of good

tributaries. However, reproduction on rubble areas along the shores should be enough to maintain the trout population with the present level of light fishing pressure.

Third Debsconeag should be managed for togue and brook trout, with the greatest emphasis on togue. Togue thrive in a lake such as Third Debsconeag, because the deep cold water and irregular rocky bottom provides a favorable environment for this species. Brook trout are most abundant in the shallow areas along the shores and in coves.

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T1 RIO and T2 RIO, PISCATAQUIS COUNTY, MAINE

AREA 1011 ACRES



TENTHS of MILE