

BIG BENSON POND  
T7 R9, Bowerbank, and Willimantic Twp.,  
Piscataquis Co.  
U. S. G. S. Sebec Lake, Me.

Fishes

Brook trout (squaretail)	Minnows
Lake trout (togue)	Golden shiner
White sucker	Blacknose dace
	Fallfish (chub)
	Creek chub
	Yellowbelly sunfish
	Ninespine stickleback

Physical Characteristics

Area - 320 acres	Temperatures
	Surface - 75° F.
Maximum depth - 83 feet	75 feet - 42° F.

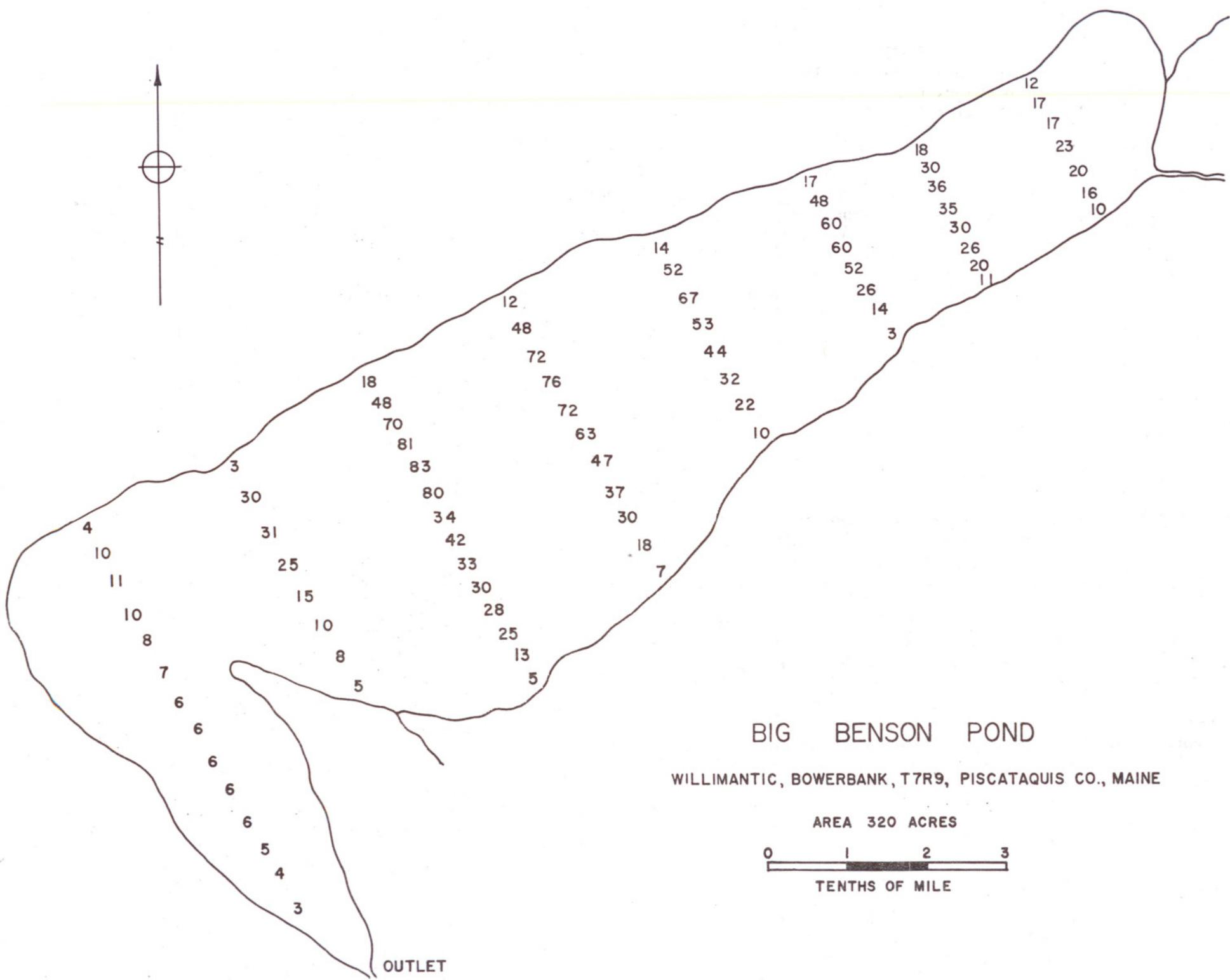
Suggested Management

Big Benson Pond has very good water quality for cold-water game fishes and should be managed for lake trout. Salmon were introduced many years ago but the lack of spawning facilities has apparently prevented natural reproduction and they have not been reported for many years.

Some brook trout are present but the lack of spawning facilities has kept the population down to a minimum. An experimental brook trout stocking was made in the fall of 1955 and will be checked later.

Spawning facilities could be improved by removing the heavy accumulation of debris at the outlet. The debris completely obstructs the stream during low-water periods.

A number of competing species is now present and further introductions should be avoided.



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