

LITTLE BENSON POND
Bowerbank Twp., Piscataquis Co.
U.S.G.S. Sebec Lake, Me.

Fishes

Brook trout (squaretail)	Minnows
White sucker	Creek chub
	Common shiner
	Redbreast sunfish

Physical Characteristics

Area – 152 acres
Maximum depth – 33 feet

Temperatures
Surface – 58°F.
26 feet – 48°F.

Principal Fishery: Brook trout.

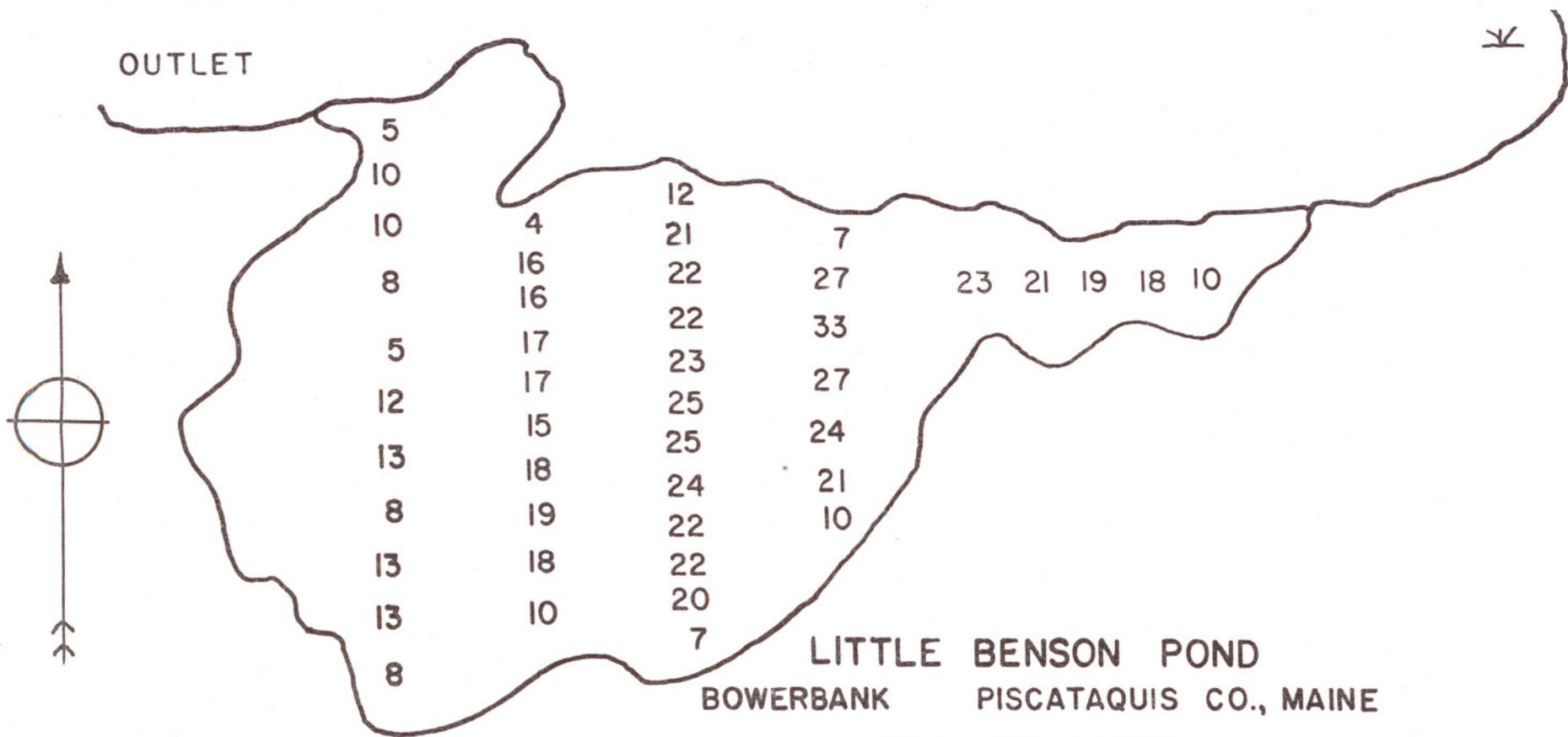
Little Benson is a beautiful pond bordered by hardwoods intermixed with a few large pines.

Analysis of water quality at the time of the survey indicated an oxygen deficiency below depths of 20 feet. However, there is sufficient cool, oxygenated water above 20 feet to support brook trout.

Brook trout presently in the pond are wild fish. Access to spawning grounds in the inlet and outlet brooks is blocked by beaver dams. The trout population is probably reproducing in the pond itself. Trout growth is below the statewide average for lakes and ponds probably because of competition from rough fish.

Use and possession of live fish as bait should be prohibited to prevent further deterioration of the fishery from competition of undesirable species.

Little Benson Pond is reached by foot trail off a gravel road suitable for automobiles after spring.



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AREA 152 ACRES



TENTHS OF MILE