

THIRD CHAIN LAKE  
T26ED, T37MD, Washington Co.  
U.S.G.S. Big Lake, Me.

Fishes

White perch	Eel
Yellow perch	White sucker
Chain pickerel	Minnows
Hornpout (bullhead)	Golden shiner
Smelt	Sunfish

Physical Characteristics

Area - 157 acres	Temperatures
	Surface - 69°F
Maximum depth - 33 feet	36 feet - 50°F

Principal fisheries: White perch, chain pickerel

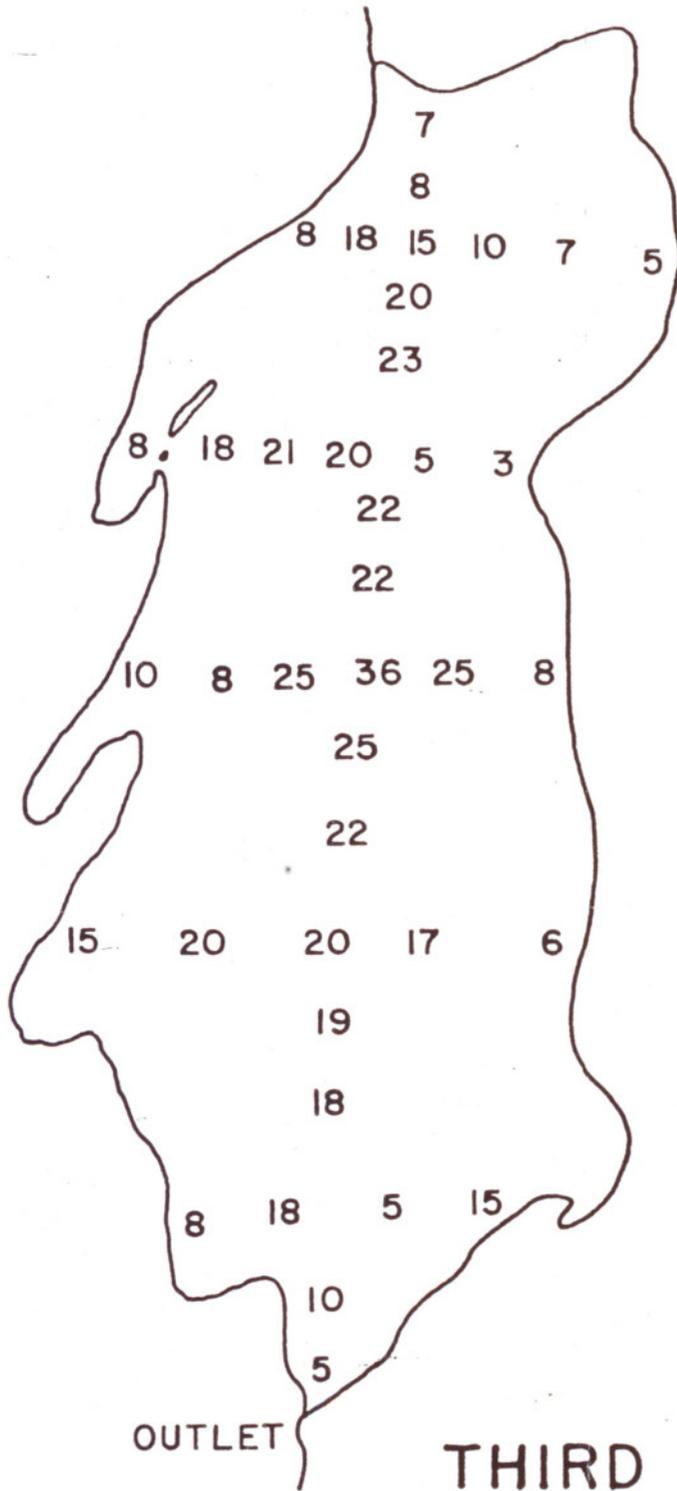
Third Chain Lake is the uppermost in a chain of three scenic and closely adjoining lakes that drain via Chain Lakes Stream and Old Stream into the Machias River. Since there are no roads to this lake, access is from Second Chain Lake through the short thoroughfare which is accessible by boat and motor at most water levels. To get to Second Chain Lake, take the 59-00-0 road north from Rt. 9 in Twp.31 MD, and bear right at the first fork onto the 59-35-0 road. Boat launching has been permitted at two or three privately owned sites along the western shore of Second Lake.

Although Third Chain Lake has some cool water during mid-summer, it is too low in dissolved oxygen to support coldwater gamefish. In addition, the lake is populated with perch and pickerel, so stocking salmonids would be infeasible.

Third Chain Lake, along with the shallower and warmer First and Second Chain Lakes, should be managed for their existing species of warmwater gamefish. Third Chain Lake is very lightly fished, but it offers a chance to catch above-average size white perch as large as 14-16 inches. In addition, the pond provides fast action for pickerel enthusiasts in a remote environment.

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