

LOWER TOGUE POND

T2 R9 WELS, PISCATAQUIS Co.
U.S.G.S. Katahdin, Me

FISHES

Landlocked salmon	Minnows (cont'd)
Brook trout	Common shiner
Splake	Creek chub
Rainbow smelt	Fallfish
White perch	White sucker
Yellow perch	Hornpout (bullhead)
Chain pickerel	Burbot (Cusk)
Minnows	Banded killifish
Lake chub	Redbreast sunfish
Golden shiner	Pumpkinseed sunfish
	American eel

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

Area: 384 acres Temperature:
 Surface - 78°F.
 24 feet - 55°F.

Maximum depth: 53 feet

Principal Fishery: Splake, Landlocked salmon,
Brook trout, White perch, and Smelt.

Togue Pond is an exceptionally beautiful clear-water pond at the base of Mt. Katahdin. The pond is encompassed by Baxter State Park. Most of the shoreline is gravel and rock, with many large boulders. There are some very nice sandy beaches along the shore. Boulders extend above the water around two small islands in the pond, and there is a large area of vegetation around the thoroughfare connecting Lower Togue Pond with Upper Togue Pond. Three tributaries provide excellent

spawning for smelt and limited spawning for brook trout. The outlet provides limited spawning for salmon and brook trout.

Water quality conditions for brook trout and salmon are good, but competition with pickerel and perch is very high. Salmon were first introduced in 1959, and stocking was continued until 1994. Smelts were also first introduced in 1959 as a food source for the salmon. Salmon produced a good fishery for many years, but the competition became too great. It was decided that splake would compete better and use competing fish as a food source. In 1995, splake were introduced. Splake have proven to be worthy competitor with these warmwater species in Lower Togue.

Splake will continue to be stocked on a regular basis to maintain a fishery. The access road to the South Gate entrance to Baxter State Park passes next to Lower Togue Pond; hence, it is accessible by car. In the winter, the road is not plowed. However, it is open to use by snowmobiles. Boat facilities are limited to carry-in about 20 feet from the road. Snowsled and motor restrictions are also in place.

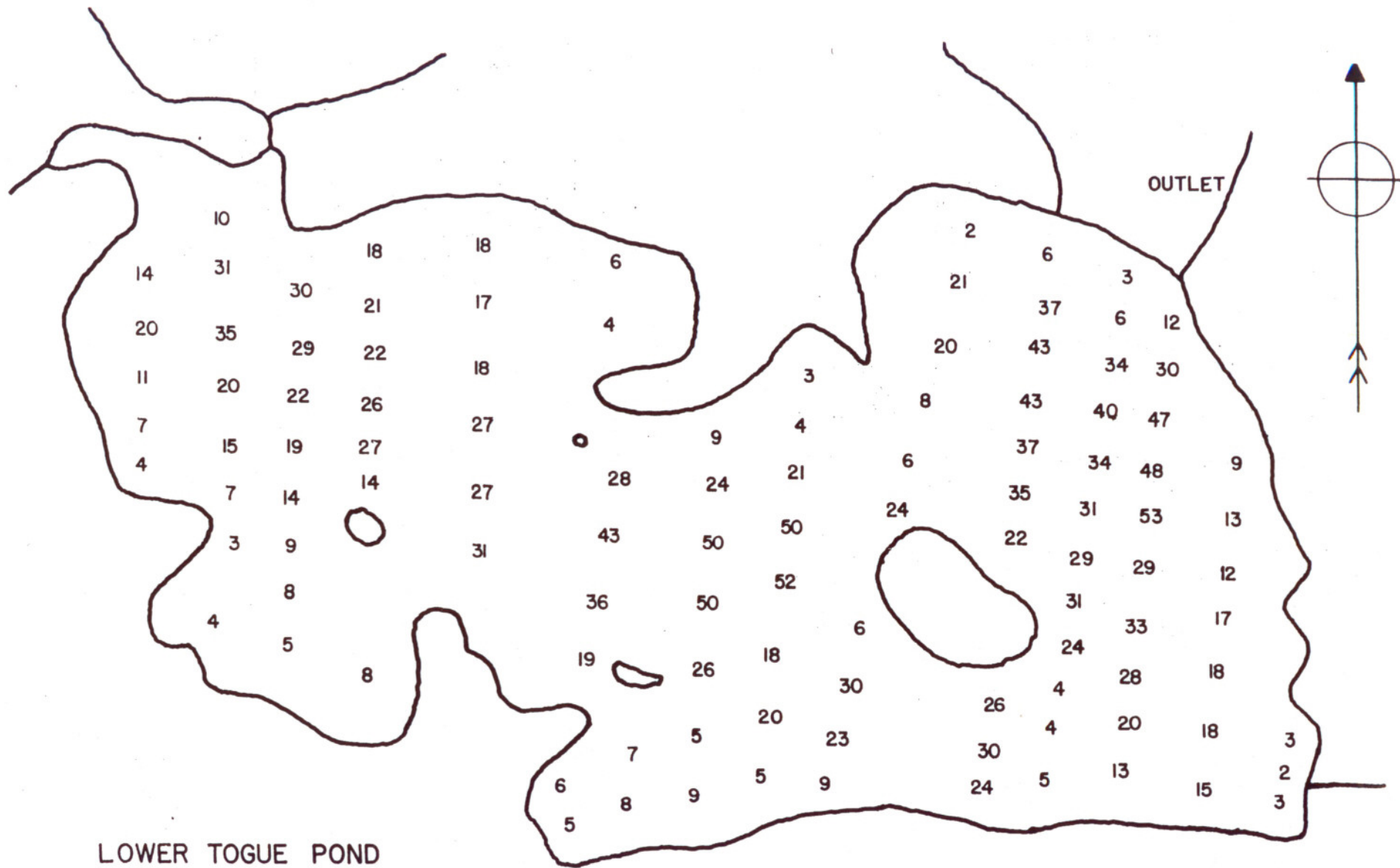
Special fishing regulations are in effect for both winter and summer.

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