

## BRANCH POND

Palermo Twp., Waldo Co.  
China Twp., Kennebec Co.  
U.S.G.S. Liberty, Me.

### Fishes

Brown trout	Sea-run Atlantic salmon
Brook trout	White sucker
White perch	Minnnows
Yellow perch	Pumpkinseed sunfish
Chain pickerel	-
Eel	

### Physical Characteristics

Area - 322 acres	Temperatures
	Surface - 67° F.
Maximum depth - 38 feet	35 feet - 47° F.

Principal Fishery: Brown trout, white perch, chain pickerel

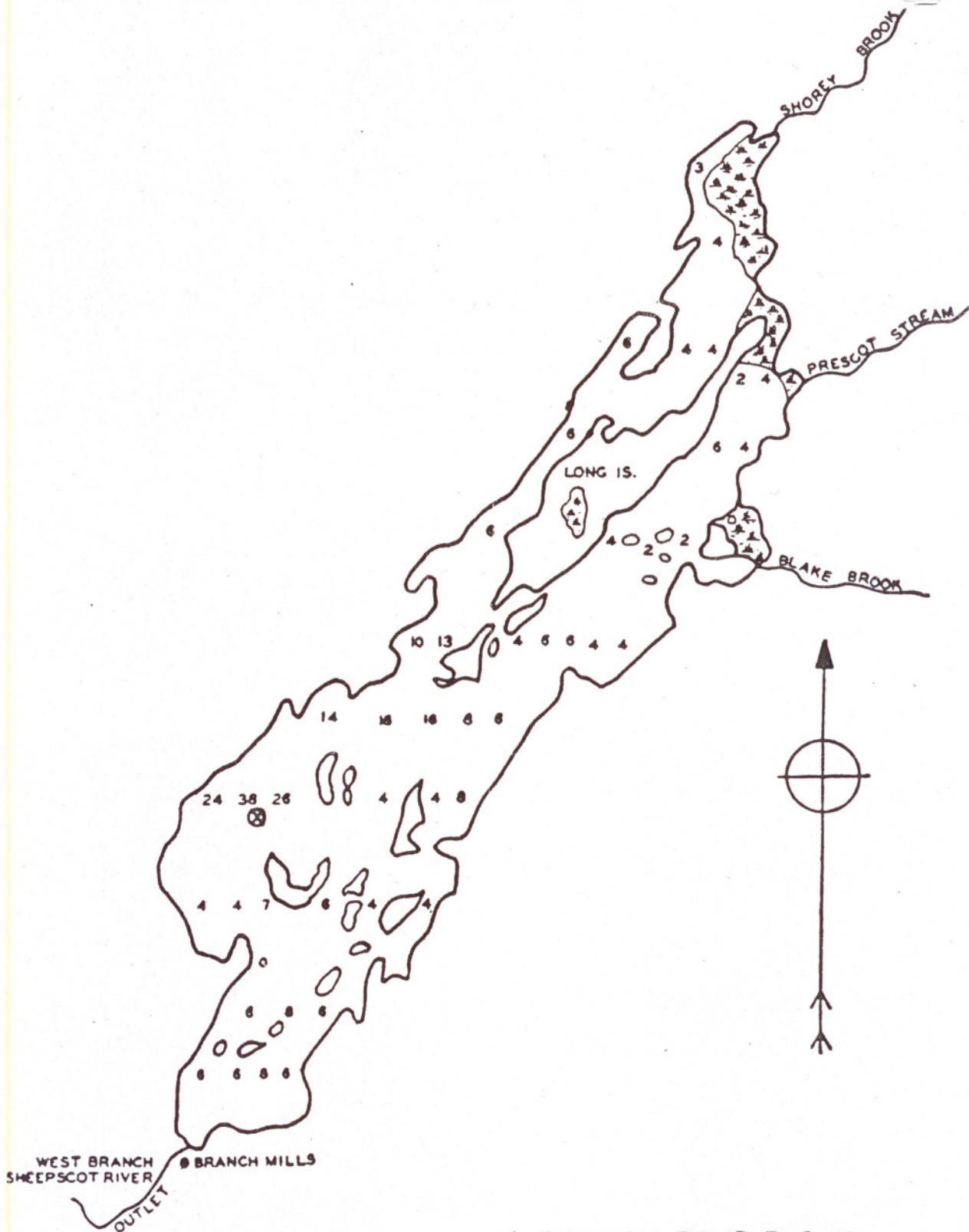
Although this shallow pond stratifies each summer, the small amount of coldwater present on the bottom is deficient in oxygen. While low oxygen does make trout or salmon management more difficult, our experimental brown trout stocking project at Branch has proved moderately successful. Brown trout plantings at Branch will be continued annually as part of a regular (non-experimental) management program.

Legal-size spring yearling brook trout are occasionally stocked in Branch to provide immediate fishing. These stockings only take place when the number of brookies available exceeds the needs of established management programs.

Branch also provides fishing for white perch and chain pickerel.

The Department of Marine Resources stocks adult sea-run alewives in Branch annually during their spawning run. Young alewives employ lakes as nursery for a summer before migrating to the sea where they complete their growth to adulthood after a few years of life in the ocean.

Anglers can provide important assistance to the Department in our evaluation of our fishery management programs by maintaining a diary of their fishing experiences. Any angler who wishes to take part in this program can obtain a free record booklet suitable for maintaining a fishing diary by contacting the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife in Augusta, Maine.



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 CHINA TWP. IN KENNEBEC CO.  
 ELEV 345 FT AREA 322 ACRES

