

SHEEPSCOT POND  
(Sheepscot Lake)  
Palermo Twp., Waldo Co.  
U. S. G. S. Liberty, Me.

Fishes

Lake trout (togue)	Smelt
Salmon	Eel
Brook trout (squaretail)	White sucker
Brown trout	Minnows
Smallmouth bass	Blacknose dace
White perch	Fallfish (chub)
Yellow perch	Golden shiner
Chain pickerel	Banded killifish
Hornpout (bullhead)	Pumpkinseed sunfish
Alewife	

Physical Characteristics

Area -1158 acres

Temperatures

Maximum depth -132 feet

Surface-70° F.  
125 feet - 44° F.

Sheepscot Pond was at one time considered one of the better salmon waters in central Maine. However, many biological changes have occurred in this pond since the Department's first biological survey over 20 years ago.

One of the most important changes affecting salmon fishing was the introduction of brown trout in the late 1940's. Brown trout compete with salmon in many ways. Natural populations of browns occur now in the lake and in the major tributary and outlet, competing for survival and growth with young naturally spawned salmon and also with those that are stocked.

An unauthorized introduction of smallmouth bass in Bowler Pond in the Sheepscot drainage also in the late 1940's led to the introduction of bass at Sheepscot Pond. Bass are now numerous and contribute to summer fishing. The bass and other warmwater fishes in the pond are also competitors of coldwater species in Sheepscot Pond.

Sheepscot Pond contains a large basin of deep, cold, well-oxygenated water which satisfies the requirements of lake

trout. Introductions of lake trout were made from 1956 through 1961. Lake trout have been contributing to fishing in this pond for several years. Studies are planned to determine if the lake trout spawn successfully in this body of water.

Sheepscot Pond is an important spawning area for alewives. Fishways at Coopers Mills and Sheepscot Pond allow alewives to enter Long Pond and Sheepscot Ponds. These fishways are also important in the management of Atlantic salmon and resident coldwater fish in the drainage. Although the alewife fishery is presently in the development stage, a commercial fishery for this species should be realized in several years.

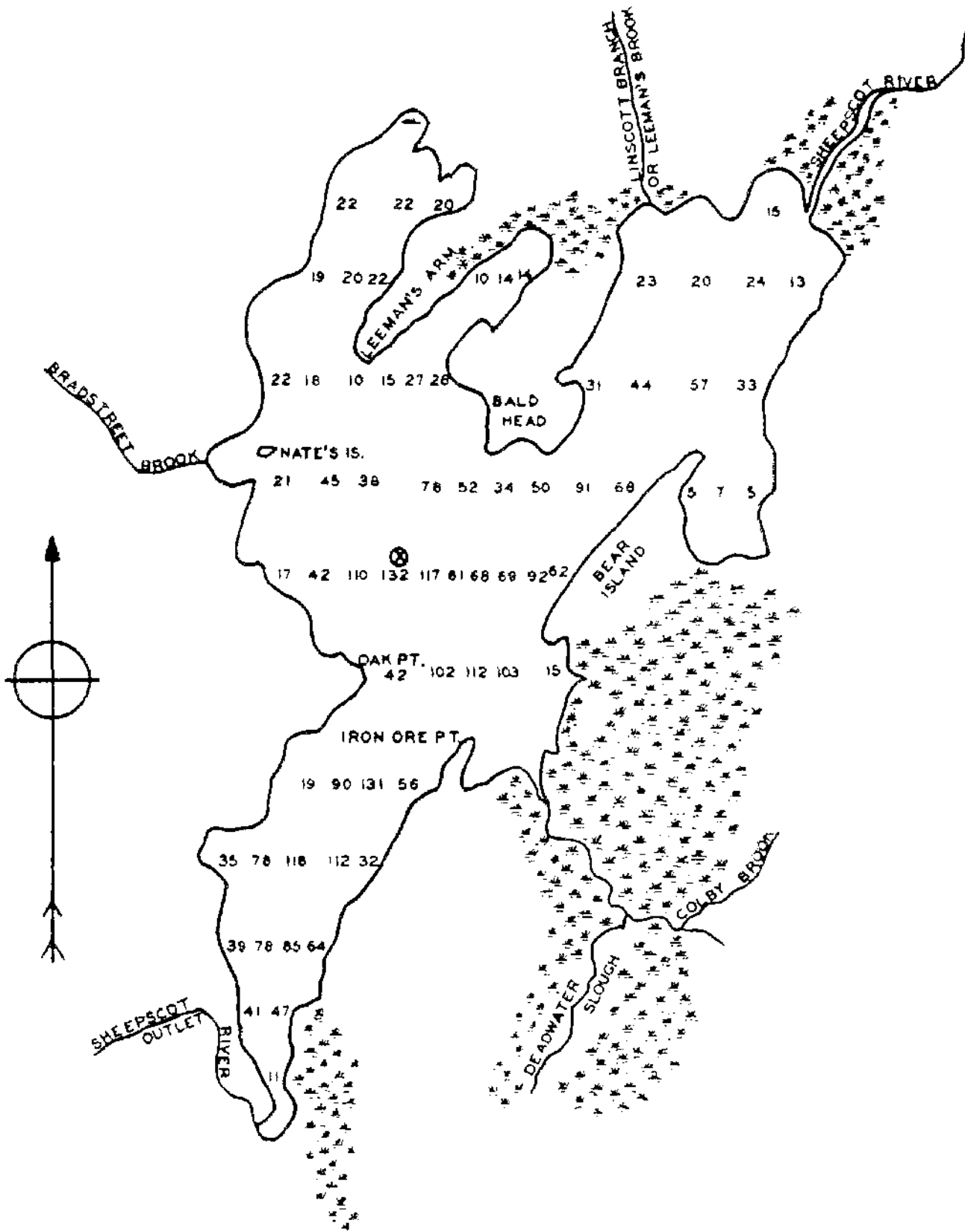
Sheepscot Pond provides water for the operation of the Palermo Fish Cultural Station. Adequate summer stream flows are also necessary to manage Atlantic salmon successfully in the Sheepscot drainage. It is important to hold the water levels in Sheepscot Pond as high as possible in the spring to provide the necessary amounts of water to meet these requirements and to guard against unnecessary low water levels in the pond during dry spells in the summer.

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ELEV 281 FT AREA 1,158 ACRES

