

## PLEASANT LAKE

Otisfield and Casco Twps., Cumberland Co.  
U.S.G.S. Norway, Me.

The town of Casco has provided two areas where boats can be launched, one at either end of the lake.

### Fishes

Salmon	Hornpout (bullhead)
Lake trout (togue)	Smelt
Brown trout	Eel
Smallmouth bass	White sucker
White perch	Minnnows
Yellow perch	Sunfish
Chain pickerel	

### Physical Characteristics

Area - 1,077 acres

#### Temperatures

Surface - 75° F.

Maximum depth - 62 feet

59 feet - 54° F.

Principal Fishery: Salmon, lake trout, smallmouth bass, white perch, chain pickerel, cusk

Due to an accelerated stocking program salmon and lake trout have become the most popular game fish in Pleasant Lake in recent years. Although a few brown trout are still caught, and probably always will be, they are not the principal game species there anymore.

Because of insufficient spawning streams for salmon, annual stocking is necessary to provide a salmon fishery. There is quite an extensive area of spawning rubble for lake trout on the east shore and perhaps this will be sufficient to maintain a natural population of this species.

There are extremely large numbers of white perch in Pleasant Lake and they present a problem to coldwater fishery management by competing with salmon and trout for food and space. Little can be done to control the white perch population in a lake of this size, but fishermen may help some by removing all the perch they catch regardless of size.

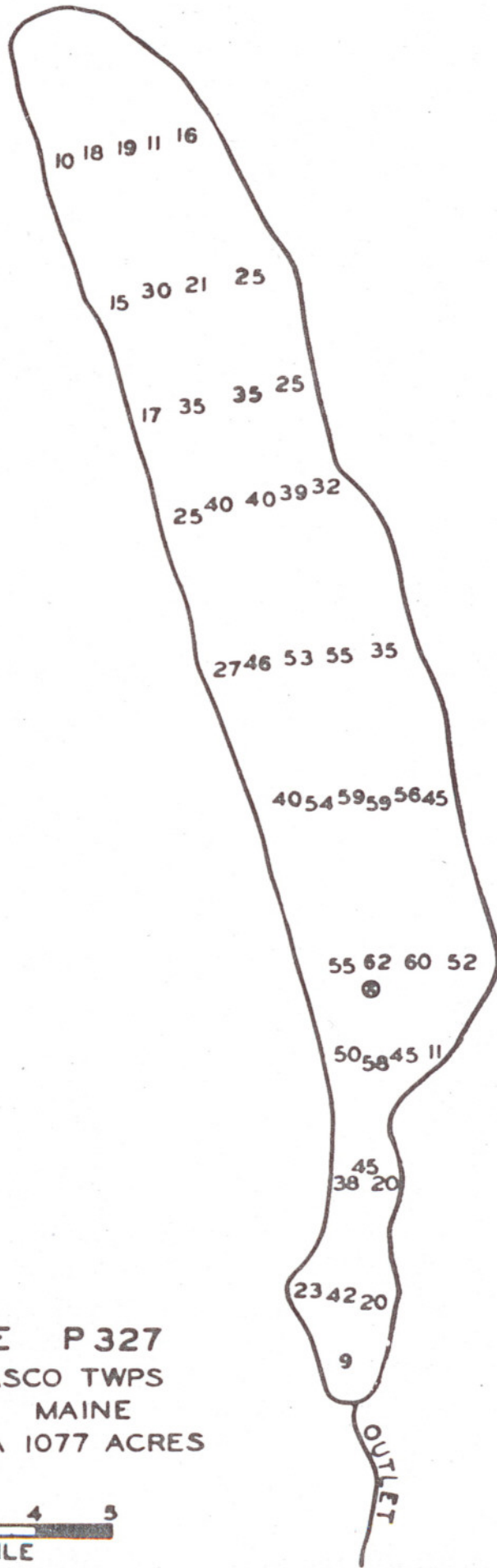
Fishing for smallmouth bass and pickerel is fairly good, but there is really quite limited habitat for these species in Pleasant Lake.

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