

TUNK LAKE

T7 SD, T10 SD, and Sullivan, Hancock Co.
U.S.G.S. Tunk Lake, ME (7 1/2')

Fishes

Landlocked salmon	White sucker
Lake trout (togue)	Banded killifish
Brook trout	Threespine stickleback
Rainbow smelt	Ninespine stickleback
Minnnows	Redbreast sunfish
Golden shiner	Pumpkinseed sunfish
Common shiner	American eel
Fallfish (chub)	Alewife

Physical Characteristics

Area- 2010 acres	Temperatures
	Surface- 72° F
Maximum depth- 222 feet	35 feet- 58° F
	90 feet- 42° F

Principal Fishery: Lake trout, salmon

Tunk Lake is a picturesque body of water located adjacent to Route 182 between Cherryfield and Franklin. A number of surrounding mountains coupled with the lack of shoreline development contribute to the lake's scenic appeal. A large portion of the shoreline will remain undeveloped because of inclusion in the Bureau of Public Land's Donnell Pond Management Unit, and private land owner conservation easements. A good public boat launch exists at the northern end.

This crystal-clear lake provides excellent habitat for coldwater sportfish. Department of Environmental Protection aquatic biologists have characterized the lake's water quality as amongst the very best in Maine. They assert "Tunk's water quality is a unique resource and should be vigorously protected."

Management strategy emphasizes the lake's proven ability to grow quality size salmon and lake trout. The salmon fishery is maintained through annual stockings; hatchery fish typically account for about 90% of the harvest. Some

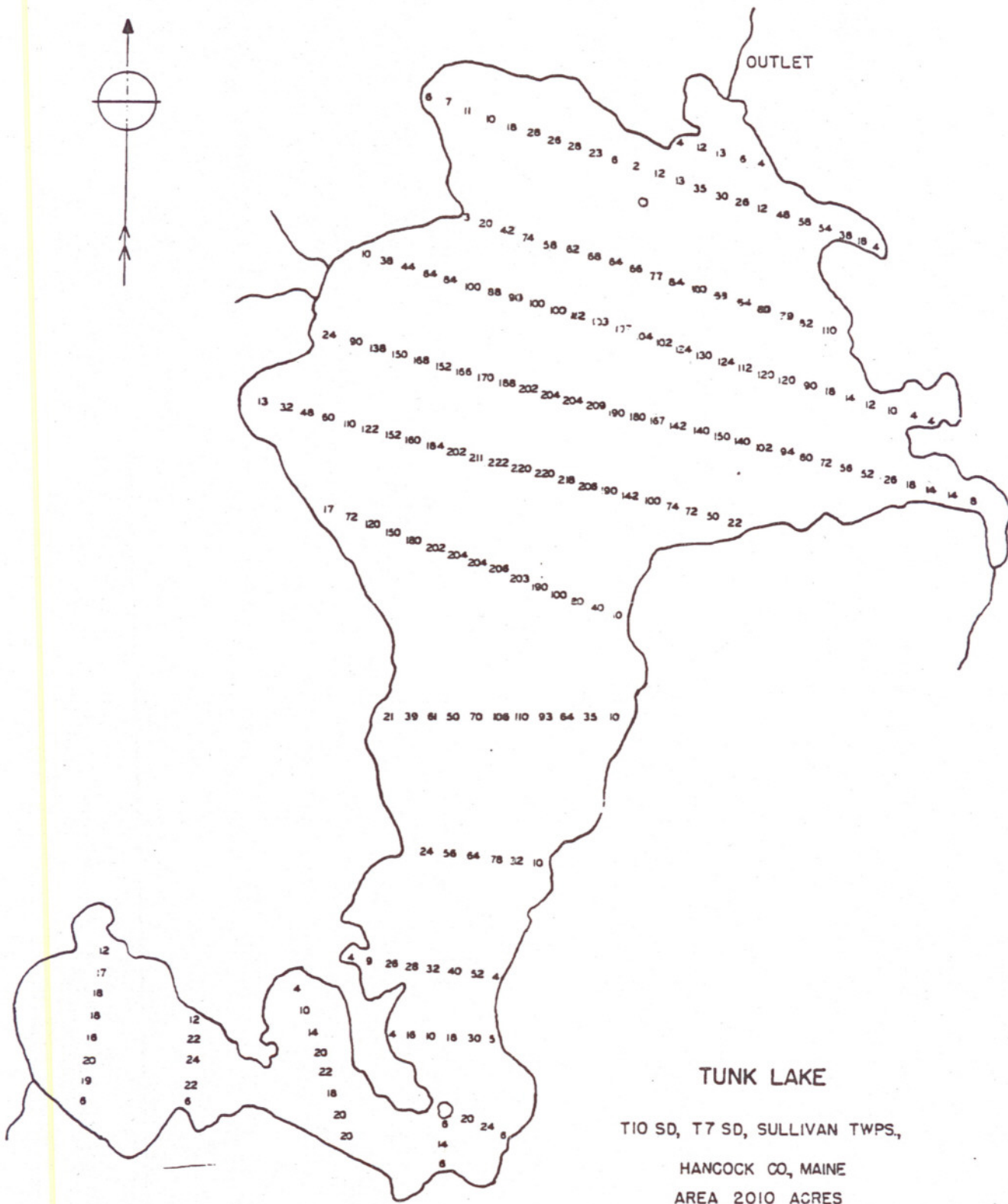
juvenile wild salmon are produced in the outlet. Recently, salmon growth rate has been very good in response to an abundant smelt population. Age III salmon checked during the 1995 winter creel survey averaged 19.5 inches long and 2 lbs., 10 oz. in weight.

The lake trout fishery is maintained by natural reproduction. To ensure that all females have the chance to spawn once prior to being subjected to angling mortality, a special 23 inch minimum length is in effect. This should also permit increased numbers of lake trout to attain their considerable growth potential. Tunk enjoys a well-deserved reputation as one of the top three producers of trophy lake trout in Downeast Maine. The lake yielded a 25-pound lake trout in the spring of 1995. Consult your lawbook for other special regulations in effect.

The lake supports a limited fishery for brook trout. This fishery is provided by occasional stockings of fall fingerlings, "drop-downs" from Little Tunk, and some wild fish produced in Rainbow Brook and several small tributaries.

Tunk Lake is truly a priceless natural resource. To help maintain it, anglers need to take the utmost caution in guarding against an accidental introduction of any new species.

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