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Dear Bob:

Got home last Friday (Oct 13) and mighty glad to be here. That Sawtooth adventure turned out to be kind of a survival deal. We packed in to the lake (8400 feet) in a snowstorm and then it snowed for 2 days with about 6-8 inches on the ground and there was still snow left 10 days later when I left. Fortunately it didn't get really cold - only down to about 23° F but the wind was a problem - gale force night and day for the last 3 days and blew down my tent.

I was able to fish for parts of 5 days of the ten days I was there and I did catch a Sunapee - just one, a female of about 16". She was a typical Arctic char - long & lean, forked tail, very silvery with small yellow spots on the sides, had numerous basibranchial teeth, 27 pyloric caeca and 13 gill rakers on the first arch both right and left (including both upper & lower arches). Her eggs were only the size of a pin head so she would not spawn this year.

Mc Neilly drove down from Calgary, back-packed in and fished two days with me. He is a very knowledgeable fisherman and well posted in his technical reading. He caught a very colorful male Sunapee and what we considered to be a hybrid - a female that superficially looked like an Arctic char but with brook trout vermiculations on the back. I asked him to send it to you and told him how to preserve it and ship it so you should be getting it shortly.

It was a real pleasure for me to be with you again at Yellowstone and I appreciate all the kind things you said about me at the summary of the symposium. I have received my copy of the latest "Trout" magazine and the book is in there in the top 15 thanks to you. Also I thought your article on special regulations was excellent and should straighten out a lot of people about this controversial subject.

I'll send you a print of the fish as soon as I get the film developed. Hope I get a good one

Please give my regards to Sally.

all the best,

Bob

Central Pt., OR.
Oct 21 1989

Dear Bob:

Enclosed are a couple of prints of the Sunapee I caught at Sawtooth Lake. These don't really show much except the alpine like conformation. The basic ground color is more bluish on the prints than it appeared to me in the bright sunlight - it looked silvery, almost whitish. Also the large cream colored spots along the abdomen show up better on the prints than they did to me in the bright sun. The other fine spots were yellowish or slightly orange along the sides and greenish white along the back but don't show up well on the prints.

I have reread all of the literature I have on the Sunapee and I don't find anything that fits the low meristic values I found on pyloric caeca and gill rakers. Of course everything I have read pertains to the Floods Pond population and this fish came from Sunapee stock, anyway. I have been wondering if these low values could indicate a hybrid influence.

It seems odd to me that the Sunapee can live sympatrically with the brook trout in its native waters but will hybridize with brook trout in Idaho but then we are dealing here with two displaced fishes, the brook trout probably a domestic strain.

Hopefully by now you have received the specimen from the Nelly. This one had large pink spots well distributed along the sides and I am wondering if she had mature eggs.

all the best,

Bob



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Sawtooth

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1978 Gillnet

7 fontinalis

15, 16, 18, 19, 17, 17, 19

15 16 17 17 18 19 19 2

17.0

1 hybrid (BKT)

13 abnormis - 3 suspect hybrids

15, 17, ~~18~~, 19¹⁹, 19, 20, 21

(18 hybrids)

3 (18.6)

²
6

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13

2 w/o tent

3 hybrids

20	21	22	23	25
5	3	3	1	1

4 3

3

13 10

13

(21, 2)

Discussion Note

Sawtooth lake - closer to idealized niche of Sunapee
(colder temp, only brook)

idealized niche - the area that Sunapee
would occupy if not influenced by
other species (limited by physical
factors - i.e. Temp, O₂)

actual niche - range is smaller since
other species such as brook
and ~~Sunapee~~ lake trout
"push" in or overlap sunapee
range.

Candlestick pond, ~~the~~
Newfoundland

highly suppressed actual niche

L.C.

Behnke 1972

Hunter 1970

Kendall 1914-1916
Kirchels 1976
1980

1974, 1975

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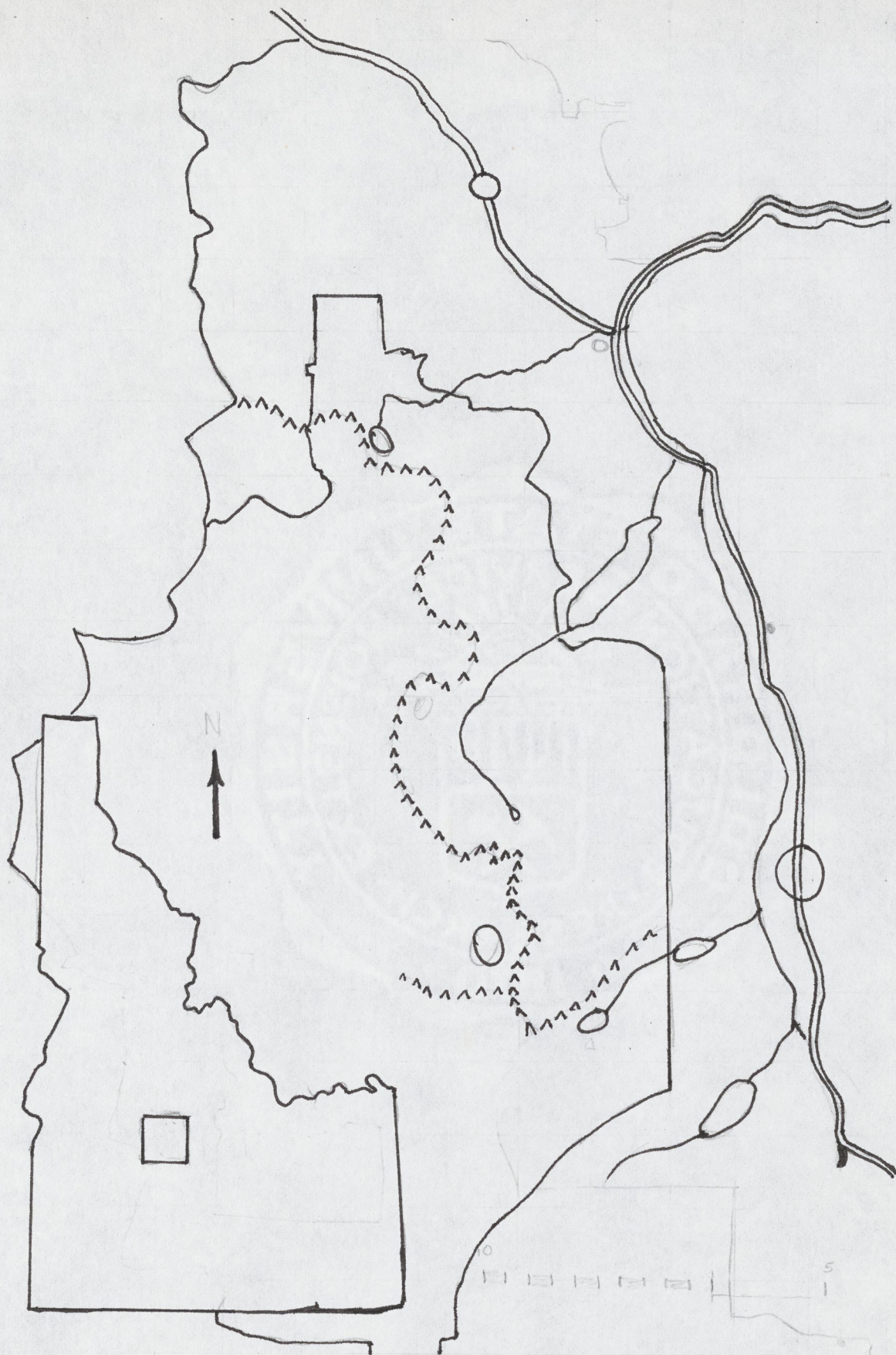
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^{tells us that he}
Kent Ball has also found Sunapee char in Alice Lake yet he found only stocked cutthroat in Vernon Lake. Ball does not plan to rest the other lakes originally stocked by Mr. Locke. It is ~~interesting~~

It is interesting to note the Alice Lake ^{also} was stocked with rainbow trout ^{Fingerlings,} in 1923 and 24, ^{19 adult silver side shiners} just prior to stocking of Sunapee ^{and L.H. salmon Fingerlings.} ~~char~~ in 1925. ^{(Locke 1926). 2,000 land-locked salmon fingerlings also stocked in Alice Lake in 1925. (Locke 1926).} The presence of rainbow trout ^{the char} apparently had little effect on the char since ~~it~~ has survived. Limited spawning at the inlets may be a factor ~~for~~ for both rainbow and salmon survival. Little is known concerning the Sunapee char of Alice Lake and further research is recommended.

refr. smelt
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Sawtooth Lake was ~~later~~ stocked with smelt to provide forage for the Sunapee ^{in 1927} (~~Post 1927~~). Sunapee generally respond favorably to smelt introductions, ~~with~~ with a significantly increase in size (Kendall 1913). In 1941, Brook Char were stocked (7,000) from U.S. Hagerman Hatchery ^(Osmerus mordax). Therefore Sunapee and brook char ~~are~~ have lived ~~sympatric~~ together for 37 years.

refr. brook stocking
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Sunapee-Brook char interactions are usually limited. Kirchies (1976) reports no hybridization ~~with brook~~ between the two species ^{in Floods Pond} and that both occupy different niches. Because Sawtooth Lake is much colder and deeper than Floods Pond and other ogressa strongholds, Sunapee may be using the entire lake and therefore increasing contact with Brook ~~and~~ char. Limited shoal (3%) and streams (only the outlet) may also increase interactions. Different spawning techniques and different photoperiod responses may be enough to keep the two species distinct.

ref. to char hybrid

In artificial environments, hybrids are possible.



R + Disc.

(2)

large insects, snails and small fish as they age -
Waters (1960) shows similar food habits for blueback char.

a digested unidentifiable fish (120 mm) and another Sunapee char (145 mm).
Kirchies (1976) revealed in his study that young sunapee feed on zooplankton, changing to dipteran larvae.
This clearly shows dietary overlap, but competition is usually avoided by habitat differences. The brook char ~~lives~~ lives in streams and littoral regions, while the Sunapee char inhabits the ~~deep, cold waters~~ hypolimnion (Kirchies 1976) in ~~these~~ temperatures in the neighborhood of 50°F or less 10°C
(Newell 1958)

convert.
→
check
Candell
1913

Sawtooth Lake is unique in that it is much colder than other Sunapee char waters, with July temperatures ^{of} only 10°C (Rodeheffer 1935). If temperature is the limiting factor of the upper limit of distribution, then Sunapee in Sawtooth Lake should be found throughout the lake year round. Rodeheffer (1935) reports ~~seeing~~ "Several fish slightly smaller were seen among the logs near the outlet". These fish were probably juvenile Sunapee taking advantage of near shore shelter, but may indicate that the Sunapee does exploit the entire water column. Further sampling is needed to determine if Sunapee are using the upper levels during the summer months.

The examination of morphological and meristic characters, appearance, and their comparison with the literature leaves no doubt that unknown Salvelinus is S. alpinus oquassa. Stocking ~~records~~ ^{evidence also} (previously barren) shows that 1000 fingerlings were stocked in Sawtooth Lake in 1925. (Locke 1926; Rodeheffer 1935). Other neighboring lakes stocked ^{with Sunapee} in 1925 include Upper ~~Outlet~~ Redfish Lake, Vernon Lake, Alice Lake, and five lakes on the upper inlet to Big Redfish Lake, Idaho.

The Sunapee char eggs were furnished by the New Hampshire Fish and Game Commissioner (Locke 1926). This would pinpoint the source of the stocked Sunapee as Sunapee Lake, NH. Thus the Sawtooth Lake Sunapee char are living representatives of native Sunapee char of Sunapee Lake. Once thought extinct, the type species has survived.

R+DS. (3)

By observing phenotypic differences, we found 4 specimens that were intermediate between brook and Senapee char. The other fish were easily recognized by such characters ~~as~~ as tail margin, ^{dorsal and caudal fin} mottling on dorsal color, shape, and the color of the anterior edge of the ventral fins.

① One of the suspected hybrids was classified as a brook char (S.L. = 180). This specimen's tail ~~is~~ ^{is} forked more like a Senapee, its caudal fin ~~is~~ ^{is} not mottled; the dorsal fin ~~is~~ ^{is} mottled, the ventral fins show the black marking following the white, and the ^{dorsal} mottling ~~on the back~~ is not as pronounced. This fish also lacks ~~basibranchial~~ teeth.

Three other suspected hybrids were classified as Senapee char (S.L. = 154, 231, 196). The first ~~one~~ (154) has ~~no~~ predominantly Senapee characteristics including ~~no~~ ^{no} mottling on the back or in the caudal fin. However, mottling in the dorsal fin and black marks in the ventral fins indicate brook char genes. The largest suspected hybrid (231) has ^{the} body coloration of a Senapee, yet there are black marks in the ventral fins and the caudal fin is ^{nearly square} ~~square~~, although it lacks ^{the} distinct mottling characteristic of fontinalis. The last suspected hybrid (196) has a ^{nearly square} ~~square~~ tail and has some black marking in the ventral fins, although these marks ^{are} ~~were~~ not as pronounced ^{those} as in the fontinalis specimens. The fish lacked the ~~no~~ ^{on the back & on the} mottling, and dorsal and caudal fins, ~~were~~ also free of mottling.

Principal components analysis and Versatec plotting also revealed hybridization. The suspected hybrids mentioned above were plotted ^{on a single axis according to their first} ~~in between the scatter of the two species in several~~ plots ~~when an ellipse was drawn about each population, these~~ ^{values}. Hybrids fall between the two populations ~~hybrids fall between the two ellipses (Figure 2)~~ To be sure that these hybrids were just not population extremes, the Sawtooth Lake data

The nine characters used in the principal component analysis include ~~H.L.~~ H.L.,
U. J. L., C.P., Gillrakers (1st Arch), ^{upper-lower-total} A.B.L., and dorsal and anal fin rays.

was plotted with ~~(data from Kendall (1914))~~ ^{Averill Pond, Floods Pond, and Sunapee Lake} taken from Kendall (1914). The suspected hybrids again fell in between the brook char and Sunapee populations (Figure 3).

The computer plotting ~~and phenotypic~~ also includes the largest Sunapee char as a hybrid. This specimen lacks basibranchial teeth.

Together, the principal components analysis and phenotypic observations clearly prove the presence of ~~hybrids~~ Sunapee-Brook char hybrids in Sawtooth Lake. Hybrids are not particularly common and no "hybrid" swarm (which occurs between rainbow and cutthroat (*Salmo clarki*) trout) exists. Spawning observations at Sawtooth L. in the future may provide some give better insight to brook-Sunapee char interactions.

Hybridization may be occurring since ~~th~~ because both species were artificially stocked and haven't evolved together in ~~the~~ Sawtooth L. Perhaps hybrids will gradually disappear as time marches on. Hybrids have been known in artificial environments. For example, the U.S. Bureau of Fisheries reports propagating *S. fontinalis* x *S. a. oguassa* hybrids from 1903-1907.

A RVD

Management of *S. a. oquassa* and other *Salvelinus* is just coming into its own. Sunapee and blueback char stocking efforts in Maine are part of comprehensive management plans (Kirchies 1974, 1975) Kornfield et al. (1980) proposes that Sunapee, blueback, and Quebec red chars all be managed as separate populations of the same subspecies.

Trojan and Behrke's paper (1974) illustrates the ~~high~~ ecological importance and management implications of subspecies isolation. For future protection

In high Arctic lakes where primary production rates are extremely low, chars are sites of large biomass accumulation (Hunter 1970, Skreslet 1973). Although slow growing, ^{in these environments,} total biomass ~~of~~ chars exceeds ^{that of} other fish. Kendall (1966) reports Sunapee reaching maximum weights near 4 kg. ~~Kirchies (1976) reports~~ ^{the} average lengths of adults in Floods Pond, ~~the~~ In Floods Pond (Kirchies 1976) the average length for adult males was 250 mm and 300 mm for females.

Because they are slow growing, ~~and attain large sizes,~~ the char cannot withstand high fishing pressure. The large size attained, however, can provide additional trophy fish as well as delicious protein. Because most of the ~~suitable~~ ^(suitable) oligotrophic lakes for Sunapee stocking are in high elevation areas, Sunapee will ~~only~~ be taken ^{only} by a handful of adventurous anglers. The catching of one of these large chars can only add to one's wilderness experience. During fall spawning, the brilliant red, oranges and yellows transform the Sunapee into a prize to be treasured by any angler.

One of the major management ~~practical~~ implications of the discovery of the Sunapee in Idaho is that a once popular sport fish can efficiently utilize the cold environment of oligotrophic lakes in the Rocky Mountains.

By stocking Sunapee char into suitable lakes, ~~through~~ biomass can be significantly increased and ~~provide~~ trophy size fish can provide food and fun.

Although hybrids do occur, the ecological segregation between brook and Senapee char is significant. Each assimilates biomass from its own niche, ^{making more efficient use of} the food resources and enhancing ^{fish production.} In future stocking operations, care should be taken not to mix populations of S. a. oguassa (i.e. blueback with Senapee) so as to perpetuate the genetic diversity. Populations should not be subjected to outside human influences such as water level manipulation, stocking of competitors ^(i.e.) ^(Salmon) (Take trout), and decreasing water quality. The Senapee char has ^a unique potential ^{for greater fish production that} wilderness managers and fish culturists should take advantage of.

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	S. a. oquassa		S. Fortinialis		
	Range	\bar{x}	RANGE	\bar{x}	
Total L. (mm)	127-487	218	157-319	209	
Std. L. (mm)	106-420	195	134-274	177	
Head L./Std. L. %	22.8-25.3	24.0	24.5-30.9	27.4	*
Upper Jaw / Head L.	41.4-59.4	48.6	54.3-65.1	60.6	*
Caudal ped. Depth/Std.	7.3-9.2	8.4	9.4-11.4	10.5	*
1 st Arch gillraker up	7-9	8	6-9	7	
lower	12-16	14	9-13	11	
total	20-25	21	15-21	18	
2 nd Arch upper	7-10	7 th	6-8	7	
lower	12-14	13	9-12	11	
total	19-24	21	16-19	17	*
3 rd arch upper	6-9	8	5-8	7	
lower	11-14	12	9-11	10	
total	17-23	20	15-19	17	
4 th arch upper	4-6	5	3-7	4	
(lower)	10-12	11	7-9	8	
total	14-18	16	5-9 10-16	6.5 13	
B ¹ stegal rays rt	8-11	10	9-12	10	
left	9-13	11	9-13	11	
Dorsal R.	9-10	9	8-10	9	
Anal	7-9	8	7-9	8	
Pectoral	13-15	14	12-14	13	
Pelvic	8-10	9	8-9	8	
Scales above lat. line	36-46	39	39-47	45	
Scales 2 rows above	176-222	199	163-188	176	
Dentition	0-13	5	0	0	*
Anal Basal L./Std. L.	9.3-10.7	9.2	7.3-11.9	10.5	
Fork L./Tail L.	41.7-66.7	51.5	54.5-78.8	70.3	*
Dorsal depth L./Std. L.	16.0-20.0	18.0	19.4-24.5	21.2	*
4 arch total upper	26-32	29	21-30	25	
lower	46-55	49	35-44	42	*
total	72-86	78	56-73	65	*
4 th rear rays upper	7-10	9	5-8	7	*
lower	8-10	9	6-8	7	*

2nd largest
(Hybrid)

Vertebrae counts

60	61	62	63	64	65
1		3	1	3	6

$\bar{x} = 63.6$

57	58	59
4	2	8
$\bar{x} = 58.3$		

data sheet #	* S. alpinus * ogouassa N 213													* S. fontinalis N 214																				
	1	2	9	12	45	11	16	3	4	8	10	13	6	\bar{x}	11	12	13	10	6	2	3	4	5	8	7	14	9	\bar{x}						
Total L	487	188	193	271	243	133	149	140	218	319	177	193	154	235	201	211	209	343	181	227	128	154	28	222	170	178	218	240	157					
Std. L.	420	154	162	231	110	106	130	195	274	149	155	164	199	169	180	177	259	154	189	196	125	110	195	185	143	149	185	204	134					
% Head/Std L	22.8	25.3	24.7	24.7	22.7	24.5	23.1	24.0	29.6	27.5	24.5	29.3	25.8	26.6	25.6	27.9	24.9	24.0	24.3	24.5	23.2	23.3	27.6	29.7	24.5	26.4	27.6	30.9	27.6					
% Upper Jaw L/Hd L.	54.2	48.7	45.0	52.6	44.0	42.3	43.3	48.6	63.0	61.0	57.9	59.6	60.8	55.6	58.7	60.6	54.2	59.4	47.8	54.2	41.4	44.4	60.8	63.6	54.3	61.5	64.7	65.1	56.8					
Caudal ped D/Std. L	8.1	9.1	9.1	8.6	8.6	7.3	8.5	8.5	10.6	10.7	10.3	11.0	11.1	9.5	9.4	10.5	8.3		7.4	9.2	8.0	8.6	11.4	10.3	10.5	10.1	10.3	10.8	11.2					
1 st arch gill rakers (up)	8	8	8	9	9	7	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	9	9	7	8	8	8	8	8	8					
lower	12	13	13	14	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	12	13	13	14	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13					
total	20	21	22	22	20	21	20	21	22	20	23	25	21	21	17	18	16	18	18	15	19	20	19	17	19	18	21	18						
2 nd arch gill rakers (up)	7	4	3	10	9	3	9	10	5	7	8	3	8	4	7	8	3	8	11	9	13	7	2	8	2	6	10	6	7	12	8	10	7	11
(lower)	12	7	3	8	14	7	12	3	13	7	3	5	12	7	2	7	2	12	9	3	13	8	14	4	17	13	6	11	10	11	10	11	5	
total	19	11	16	24	21	22	23	19	20	20	20	21	22	23	21	19	17	16	16	18	18	16	15	19	19	17	17	18	19	17	17	17	17	
3 rd Arch raker (up)	7	2	8	3	4	2	7	3	7	6	5	7	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	
(lower)	12	8	13	7	14	7	11	7	13	5	12	7	12	7	2	7	2	12	9	3	13	8	14	4	17	13	6	11	10	11	10	11	5	
total	19	21	23	18	21	23	19	20	20	20	21	22	23	20	19	15	16	17	17	15	15	17	16	19	16	19	16	19	16	19	17	17	17	
4 th arch rakers (up)	6	7	9	5	4	7	6	9	5	9	5	9	5	9	5	9	5	9	5	9	5	9	5	9	5	9	5	9	5	9	5	9	5	9
(lower)	10	11	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
total	16	18	16	14	18	16	15	15	14	15	17	16	17	16	14	12	11	11	12	14	10	13	14	15	12	16	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	
4 Arch Total (upper)	28	32	32	29	30	28	26	29	27	27	27	29	31	29	29	23	21	23	24	24	21	25	27	29	24	30	24	28	25	25	25	25	25	
(Lower)	46	50	53	46	51	51	46	46	48	49	48	52	55	49	44	38	40	37	41	41	35	39	41	43	38	41	41	44	42	42	42	42	42	
total	74	82	85	75	81	79	72	75	75	76	75	81	86	78	73	61	61	60	65	65	56	64	68	72	62	71	65	72	67	67	67	67		
13 stegal rays (rt)	11	11	10	11	11	10	10	10	9	8	10	9	11	10	12	9	10	10	11	11	11	9	9	11	10	9	11	9	10	10	10	10	10	
(left)	12	11	11	13	11	10	11	11	10	9	10	9	11	11	13	10	10	10	12	11	10	9	10	11	11	11	11	9	11	11	11	11	11	
Br. Dorsal R.	9	9	9	9	10	9	9	10	10	9	9	9	10	9	8	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	10	10	9	9	10	9	10	9	10	9	10	
Bran. Anal R.	8	9	9	8	9	8	7	7	9	9	9	9	9	8	8	7	7	9	8	7	7	9	8	7	7	8	8	7	8	8	8	8	8	
Pectoral	14	14	13	14	14	14	15	14	14	13	13	15	14	14	12	13	14	13	13	14	13	13	13	14	13	12	14	12	13	13	13	13	13	
Pelvic	9	9	8	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	10	10	9	8	9	8	8	9	8	8	9	8	8	9	8	9	8	8	8	8	8	8	
Scales above lat. line	39	46	39	38	38	44	40	41	36	36	38	40	38	39	47	41	39	39	44	45	45	44	41	39	41	42	43	39	45	45	45	45		
scales 2 rows above lateral line	220	195	193	214	193	184	222	198	188	207	176	194	202	199	176	183	175	171	175	188	169	173	183	182	167	179	175	163	176	176	176	176	176	
Dentition	0	5	8	1	13	1	15	6	0	6	1	3	3	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
% Anal basal L	8.6	8.4	9.9	9.0	7.3	10.4	10.0	9.2	7.3	10.1	11.6	9.8	11.6	10.0	9.4	10.5	7.9	9.1	9.0	10.7	10.4	8.6	10.8	11.4	9.1	10.8	11.4	12.2	11.9	10.5	10.5	10.5		
% Fork L./tail L.	59.7	57.4	47.0	51.6	52.5	34.8	52.4	54.2	51.5	64.4	71.4	71.4	70.0	78.4	68.8	67.7	70.3	66.7	52.6	44.7	54.2	41.7	78.8	73.0	54.5	60.0	75.8	72.2	78.3	70.3	70.3	70.3	70.3	
% Dorsal Opp. L./Std. L	18.3	18.7	18.8	18.2	17.9	18.0	19.5	20.0	16.4	16.0	16.4	16.4	19.2	18.0	22.3	20.0	21.5	21.6	21.3	19.6	21.3	22.3	20.7	20.0	19.5	24.5	19.4	22.4	21.2	21.2	21.2	21.2		

Independent Study I. The discovery of the New England Sunapee Char
in Sawtooth Lake, Idaho.

II Authors Behrke - Wagner

III Address

IV Abstract

V introduction

A. Purpose (Identification of unknown char from Sawtooth L.)

1. Prove identity of Char
2. Explore management implications
a.) niche separation + efficient utilization

B. History ^{Original}

1. Past ~~distribution + popularity~~ ^{Discussion} and eventual extinction in Sunapee L.
2. ~~FO~~

C. Taxonomic synopsis

- part of relict S. alpinus incl. areolaris
ogusca
marstoni

VI STUDY AREA

A. Location - Figure

B. Physical characteristics

C. Comparison with other known Sunapee Lakes.

- 1) ^{Similarities} Likenesses
- 2) Differences

VII METHODS AND MATERIALS

A. Gill netting

B. Vertebrae counts

→ Basibr. + scale staining

C. morphological + meristic characters measured

1. Conventional
2. Additional

D. Stomach contents

E. Computer systems

VIII RESULTS

A. Fish data compared with literature ~~definitely a Sunapee~~

Table 1 ~~stocking history~~

B. Differences with Brook Trout + diagnostic characteristics,

Table 2

C. Vertebrae results & comparison (Vladykov)

D. Stomach Contents.

VII DISCUSSION

A. Fish Is a Sunapee - Comparison ^{w/} Literature
↓
Stocking data

B. Significance of Discovery (Genotype)

C. Cohabitation & efficient utilization

D. Management suggestions - Past Popularity
interactive ecological segregation w/
brook trout to increase ^{fish} productivity in
Rocky Mtn. oligotrophic lakes and produce trophy
size fish

VIII ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

~~VIII~~ IX REFERENCES

Mgt

slow growth, can't take
not much fishing pressure
but fish can accommodate large biomass
over time, providing unique recreation
opportunity for adventurous fishermen

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Examination of morphological and meristic characters revealed significant differences between S. fontinalis and the unknown specimens we recognize as S. a. oquassa. We found 27 characters to be statistically significant within a 95% confidence limit. These results of the t-test, plus three other observable diagnostic characteristics, are presented in table 1. INSERT TABLE I HERE

S. fontinalis had a much larger head, longer upper jaw and thicker caudal peduncle than oquassa. ^{These observations agree with those of} ~~the caudal peduncle~~ Kendall's (1914) early descriptions. Dorsal depressed lengths and anal basal lengths were greater in fontinalis. ^{thus} ~~the small head of oquassa and his upper jaw measurements~~ are similar. The caudal peduncle depth shows no overlap in our data and is a useful diagnostic character.

The depth of tail fork was much deeper in oquassa. Vladykov (1954) also notes this difference. The more slender forked tail of the ~~Sunapee~~ ^{oquassa} is better adapted for migrations and pelagic cruising, than the brook char. The square shape of the brook char's tail is adapted for fast turning in the confined space of littoral ^{areas} and shallow streams (Powers 1980).

Gillraker values were lower in fontinalis for every gill arch. The lower arm of every arch showed significant differences between the two ~~populations~~ species. This ~~cannot~~ ^{the significance of} influence ~~into~~ the individual arch totals. The total for the lower arm of the four gill arches shows excellent separation. Kendall (1914) and Vladykov (1954) also show higher gillraker averages in oquassa.

Two of the ~~oquassa~~ Sunapee ~~studied~~ lacked basibranchial teeth, one of which is the largest fish in the sample (487 mm). This may be evidence for hybridization. None of the ~~brook char~~ ^{fontinalis} specimens contained basibranchial teeth. Vladykov (1954) notes the presence of these teeth

in the Senapee and the absence in Fontinalis.

Anal rays were shown significant in the t -test, but when the data is found to practical values, anal ray counts are not diagnostic. Pelvic and pectoral rays average 8 and 13, respectively, For Fontinalis and 9 and 14 For the unknown. The ^{value} overlap makes these counts poor ^{for} individual separation, but may be useful when comparing populations. Vladykov (1954) did not find rays counts to be a useful diagnostic tool.

Caeca counts averaged 35 for oguassa and 32 for fontinalis, and were not significantly different in this study.

Total lengths averaged ~~218 mm~~ for oguassa and 209 mm. for fontinalis. Total lengths ranged from 127 to 487 mm ($\bar{x}=218$) for oguassa and from 157 to 319 ($\bar{x}=209$) for fontinalis. As evidenced by their large size, the Senapee appears ^{char} to be well adapted to efficient utilization of the nutrient-poor hypolimnion in which it lives.

Vertebral counts by Dr. Wallace gave the following results:

Species	N	Number of vertebrae									
		57	58	59	60	61	62	63	64	65	\bar{x}
<u>S. a. oguassa</u>	14	-	-	-	1	-	3	1	3	6	63.6
<u>S. fontinalis</u>	14	4	2	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	58.3

The specimen with 60 vertebrae was the second largest fish. This may be evidence of hybridization, although examination of other characters reveals no further evidence.

Stomachs of the fontinalis specimens contained caddisfly cases, beetle larvae, small crustacea, grasshoppers, and dipteran larvae, pupae, and adults. In the stomachs of the unknown, (midge larvae) grasshoppers and other dipterans were also found. The largest Senapee contained two fish in its stomach;

* - Note Sawtooth L

max. surface temp,

c. 50° in summer -

This means sunspeer
can utilize whole lake
-- not only thermocline &
hypolimnion as they are
restricted to in Maine.

PHONE CALL

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M. _____

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By M. _____

Return the call to _____

The message was _____

Discussion • No new literature

successes, failures, obj. accomplished? Insights

Salmon were introduced early into Sunapee L. yet Sunapee Trout did not die out. Why? - Salmon may not have been numerous enough since they did not spawn in the streams - artificially reproduced.

Some evidence of hybrids, yet no hybrid swarm? - Sunapee trout live in deep water - spawn on rocky shoals - brookies spawn in streams + live in shallower water.

No hybrids in Flood's Pond, yet hybrids in Sawtooth. Why? No streams to spawn in at Sawtooth. Different niches yet may spawn together - impassable falls above + below

The hybridization betw S.a. + S.f. may disappear with time,
as each becomes more specialized

introduced smelt did not survive in Sawtooth - No stream to
spawn in.

Why are sunopee large + blueback sub-dominant ?

Conclusions - summary of key findings

Deep H₂O sp - hard to catch for anglers in high alpine lakes, although spawning time is a possibility.
Late spring + early fall.

Stock smelt + Sonaper in lakes suitable to nat'l
reprod. of both.

Spread distribution to insure future survival - Flood's

In ME mgt plan

Pond
+ threatened.

OFFICE MEMO

Date

TO:

FROM:

SUBJECT:

REMARKS:

Sunapee
- smelt stocked shortly before 1872
? "golden" trout started to be caught ca. 1875
-- large specimens - 5-7 lbs. not known before -
Probably after smelt stocked, they changed feeding habits,
became more abundant & much larger and became known
to anglers. - smelt & landlocked salmon introduced
into Rangely ^{by} lakes quickly led to extinction of blueback
but not golden trout in Sunapee - why? stocking of lake
trout in Sunapee did cause extinction - why?

what size in Flood's when smelt were native?

SPECIES S. alpinus oquassa LOCALITY Sawtooth L. Idaho
Sunapee Trout

COLLECTED BY Kent Ball DATE 1978

Cat. # _____ Measurements by Eric Wagner DATE Sept 22, 1980

Specimen #

	1	2	9	12	45
Total L.	487	343	188	181	193
Standard L.	420	289	154	154	162
Body D	95	59	30	30	30
Head L.	96	72	39	37	40
Orbit L.		13			
Upper Jaw L	52	39	19	22	18
Dors. Orig. to Snt. tip	193	142			
Dorsal fin basal L					
Dorsal fin depressed L	77	54	29	28	29
Adip. fin depressed L	25	19			
Caudal peduncle D	34	24	14	14	14
Caudal peduncle L ^{Fork} _{Lendol}	40	31	16	18	16
Vertebrae ^{L. of croch gillraker/} _{to L. of lower arch.}		5/27	3/13	3/16	2.5/13
1st Arch gillrakers (up)	8/4	8/3	8/0	9/0	7/0
(lower)	12/0	13/0	14/0	13/0	13/0
(total)	20	21	22	22	20
Branchiostegal rays right	11	11	10	11	11
(left)	12	11	11	13	11
Dorsal rays	9B	9B	9B	9B	10B
Anal rays	8B	9B	9B	8B	9B
Pectoral fin rays	14	14	13	14	14
Scales in lateral line					
Scales above lateral line	39	46	39	38	38
Scales 2 rows above lat.	220	195	193	214	193
Pelvic fin rays	9	9	8	9	9
Pyloric caeca					
Dentition	0	5	8	1 tiny	13
Anal Basal L	36	26	13	14	16
Upper front rakers 2,3,4 and	7/7/6	9/8/7	10/9/5	9/7/4	9/8/6
lower	12/12/10	13/13/11	14/14/11	12/11/10	13/13/12
Upper rear rakers 2,3,4 and	4/2/7	3/3/9	0/2/10	3/3/7	0/3/9
lower	7/8/9	8/7/10	7/7/10	3/7/9	7/9/9

12 Possible Hybrid

sunapee but has:
black in ventral fins
marking in dorsal fins
no mottling on back or in caudal

SPECIES Salvelinus fontinalis LOCALITY Sawtooth Lake, ID

COLLECTED BY Kent Ball DATE 1978

Cat. # _____ Measurements by Eric Wagner DATE Oct 1, 1980

Specimen # _____

	2	3	4	5	8	7	14	9
Total L.	194	178	235	218	201	240	211	157
Standard L.	164	148	198	185	169	204	180	134
Body D								
Head L.	48	39	51	51	45	63	46	37
Orbit L.								
Upper Jaw L	31	24	31	33	25	41	27	21
Dors. Orig. to Snt. tip								
Dorsal fin basal L								
Dorsal fin depressed L	35	33	41	37	33	50	35	30
Adip. fin depressed L								
Caudal peduncle D	18	15	22	19	16	22	17	15
Caudal peduncle L								
Vertebrae								
Ist Arch gillrakers (up)	6/0	8/0	9/2	8/0	7/0	8/0	7/2	8/0
(lower)	9/0	11/0	11/0	11/0	10/0	11/0	11/6	13/0
(total)	15	19	20	19	17	19	18	21
Branchiostegal rays right	11	9	9	11	10	9	11	9
(left)	10	9	10	11	11	11	11	9
Dorsal rays	9B	10B	10B	9B	9B	10B	9B	10B
Anal rays	7B	9B	8B	8B	7B	8B	8B	8B
Pectoral fin rays	13	13	13	14	13	12	14	12
Scales in lateral line								
Scales above lateral line	45	44	41	39	41	42	43	39
Scales 2 rows above lat.	169	173	183	182	167	179	175	163
Pelvic fin rays	8	9	8	9	9	8	9	8
Pyloric caeca								
Dentition	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fork Length	21	18	29	25	22	26	21	18
Anal Basal L.	16	16	23	21	17	25	17	16
up Front rakers 2,3,4 arch	6/6/3	6/7/4	7/6/5	7/8/6	7/6/4	7/8/7	7/6/4	8/8/4
Lower	10/9/7	9/10/9	11/10/9	12/11/9	10/10/8	10/11/9	11/10/9	11/11/9
up Rear rakers 2,3,4 arch	4/1/5	3/2/7	3/2/8	3/2/7	2/2/6	3/3/8	2/3/7	1/3/7
lower	5/6/6	4/5/6	7/7/8	6/7/7	5/5/6	9/7/8	6/7/7	0/5/8
tongue teeth	8	8	10	6	8	8	9	8
L Jaw Nerve Fossa	7	5	5	6	7	6	6	6

* Hybrid

#14. Suspected Hybrid

Tail is forked more like sunapee
mottling on back is not pronounced
caudal fin is not mottled, yet dorsal fin is
Black marking in ventral fins

SPECIES Salvelinus alpinus ^{sp. n. vassa} LOCALITY Sawtooth Lake, Idaho N=13

COLLECTED BY Kent Ball DATE _____

Cat. # _____ Measurements by Eric Wagner DATE Oct 3, 1980

Specimen # 11 16 3 14 8 10 13 6

Total L.	227	271	243	133	149	127	140	154
Standard L.	189	231	196	110	125	106	116	130
Body D								
Head L.	46	57	48	25	29	26	27	30
Orbit L.								
Upper Jaw L.	22	30	26	11	12	11	12	13
Dors. Orig. to Snt. tip								
Dorsal fin basal L.								
Dorsal fin depressed L.	34	45	39	18	20	17	19	25
Adip. fin depressed L.								
Caudal peduncle D	14	20	18	8	10	9	10	11
Caudal peduncle L.								
Vertebrae								
Ist Arch gillrakers (up)	7/3	7/2	8/3	8/3	7/0	7/0	8/0	9/0
(lower)	14/2	13/0	12/1	14/1	13/1	13/0	15/1	16/0
(total)	21	20	21	22	20	20	23	25
Branchiostegal rays right	10	10	10	9	8	10	9	11
(left)	10	11	11	10	19	10	9	11
Dorsal rays	9B	9B	10B	10B	9B	9B	9B	10B
Anal rays	8B	7B	7B	9B	9B	9B	9B	9B
Pectoral fin rays	14	15	14	14	13	13	15	14
Scales in lateral line								
Scales above lateral line	44	40	41	36	36	38	40	38
Scales 2 rows above lat.	184	222	198	188	207	176	194	202
Pelvic fin rays	9	9	9	9	9	10	10	9
Pyloric caeca								
Dentition	1	15	6	0	6	1	3	3
Fork length	20	21	28	13	13	11	10	13
Anal Basal L.	17	23	21	8	13	11	10	13
upper front rakers 2, 3, 4 arch	10/6/5	7/7/5	8/8/5	8/7/4	7/8/5	8/7/5	8/8/5	9/8/5
lower	13/13/11	12/11/10	12/11/10	12/12/10	13/13/10	13/10/12	14/12/11	14/13/12
(upper) rear rakers 2, 3, 4 arch	5/5/9	3/3/9	3/4/8	4/4/9	0/2/8	3/4/9	1/3/9	3/2/9
lower	5/7/10	7/8/8	7/8/8	9/8/8	0/7/9	8/9/9	4/9/10	7/9/9
tongue teeth	10	10	8	10				
2. Buccine Fosse	6	6						

#3 - Possible Hybrid

square like tail

suggestion of black in ventral fins

lacks mottled back

Dorsal and Caudal fin free of marking

#16 Possible Hybrid

lack of mottling on back

black mark in ventral fins

caudal squarish, but lacks ^{distinct} mottling

body coloration more like sunapee

caudal fin not prominently marked - may be due to
excessive handling

Table 1. Means, ranges, and standard deviation of diagnostic characters of Salvelinus alpinus oquassa and Salvelinus fontinalis, plus some observable differences.

Table 1. Significant characters for differentiating between Salvelinus fontinalis and Salvelinus alpinus oquassa.

Characteristic	<u>S. a. oquassa</u>			<u>S. fontinalis</u>			
	\bar{x}	range	S.D.	\bar{x}	range	S.D.	
H.L./S.L. (%)	24.0	22.7-25.3	.81	27.3	24.5-30.9	1.97	2.0
U.J.L./H.L. (%)	27.3	24.5-30.9	1.97				
U. Jawk./H.L. (%)	48.6	41.4-59.4	5.8	60.6	54.3-65.1	3.50	3.5
C.P./S.L. (%)	8.4	7.3-9.2	.6	10.5	9.4-11.4	.59	.6
GLT	13.5	12-16	1.0				
Gillraker	11.0	9.0-13.0	1.1	11.0	9.0-13.0	1.1	1.1
GT 1	21.3	20-25	1.5	18.3	15.0-21.0	1.73	1.7
GU 2	8.4	7-10	1.0	6.8	6.0-8.0	.70	.7
GL 2	12.8	12-14	.8	10.6	9.0-12.0	.76	.8
GT 2	21.2	19-24	1.6	17.4	15.0-19.0	1.28	1.3
GU 3	7.5	6-9	.8	6.6	5.0-8.0	1.08	1.1
GL 3	12.2	10-14	1.1	10.2	9.0-11.0	.70	.7
GT 3	19.7	17-23	1.6	16.8	15.0-19.0	1.56	1.6
UR 3	3.1	2-5	1.0	2.2	1.0-3.0	.58	.6
LR 3	7.9	7-9	.9	6.1	5.0-7.0	.86	.9
GL 4	10.8	10-12	.8	8.4	7.0-9.0	.75	.8
GT 4	15.9	14-18	1.3	12.8	10.0-16.0	1.6	
GTU	28.8	26-32	2.0	25.1	21.0-30.0	3.0	
GTL	49.3	46-55	3.0	40.2	35.0-44.0	2.6	
GTT	78.2	72-86	4.5	65.4	56.0-73.0	5.2	
ANAL RAYS	8.5	7-9	.8	7.8	7.0-9.0	.70	

ABL/SL
degree of fork
D DpL/SL
Depth of tail fork

95%

97.5%

95% A

Hubbs & Lagler

CHARACTERISTIC

S. a. Oquassa

S. fontinalis

\bar{x} range σ

\bar{x} range σ

		\bar{x}	range	σ	\bar{x}	range	σ
95% P_1	P_1 PECTORAL RAYS	13.9	13-15	.6	13.1	12.0-14.0	.7
95% P_2	P_2 pelvic rays	9.1	8-10	.5	8.4	8.0-9.0	.5
95% scales above lateral line	(scal. above) Scales ab S_1	39.5	36-46	2.9	42.1	39.0-47.0	2.6
95% scales 2 rows above lateral line	(lat. scales) S_2	198.9	176-222	13.7	175.6	163.0-188.0	6.9
95%	Basibranchial teeth	4.8	0-15	4.8	0	0-0	0
95%	A.B.L./S.L. (%)	9.2	7.3-10.7	1.0	10.5	7.3-12.2	1.3
95%	depth of tail fork	7.7	5-10	1.4	4.8	3.0-9.0	1.6
95%	degree of forking (%)	7.7	5-10	1.4	4.8	3.0-9.0	1.6
95%	D. Op. L./SL (%)	18.0	16-20	1.4	21.2	19.4-24.5	1.4

Dorsal Color	uniform ^{Dark Green} color Dark mottling	Dark mottling
Tail Margin	Truncate	Forked
Anterior margin color of Ventral fins	White ^{and} black	white only
Body Depth	Deep	Slim

Body depth is useful in smaller specimens, but loses diagnostic value as size increases.

SPECIES Salvelinus Fontinalis LOCALITY Sawtooth Lake, ID N=14

COLLECTED BY Kent Ball DATE 1978


Cat. # _____ Measurements by Eric Wagner DATE Sept 23, 1980

Specimen # _____

	11	1	12	13	16	6		
Total L.	319	218	177	222	183	170		
Standard L.	274	185	149	185	155	143		
Body D B.D.	78	39	31	45	35	35		
Head L.	81	51	41	55	38	35		
Orbit L.	16							
Upper Jaw L	51	31	25	35	22	19		
Dors. Orig. to Snt. tip	137							
Dorsal fin basal L								
Dorsal fin depressed L	61	37	32	40	33	28		
Adip. fin depressed L	22							
Caudal peduncle D FS	29	21	16	19	16	15		
Caudal peduncle L Fork L.	29	26	20	27	20	18		
Vertebrae 2/Crochet/raker/cover	5/32	3.5/21	2/16	3.5/21	3/16			
1st Arch gillrakers (up)	8/1	7/0	7/0	6/0	6/2	7/3	7/0	5/3
(lower)	13/0	10/0	11/0	10/0	12/1	11/6	11/7	10/7
(total)	21	17	18	16	18	18		
Branchiostegal rays right	12	9	10	10	11	11		
(left)	13	10	10	10	12	11		
Dorsal rays - D _b	8B	9B	9B	9B	9B	9B		
Anal rays - A _b	8B	7B	7B	9B	8B	7B		
Pectoral fin rays P ₁	12	13	14	13	13	14		
Scales in lateral line								
Scales above lateral line	547	41	39	39	44	45		
Scales 2 rows above lat.	176	183	175	171	175	188		
Pelvic fin rays P ₂	8	9	8	8	9	8		
Pyloric caeca								
Dentition	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Tongue teeth		10	9	8	8	8		
Ext. Nares width	14	7	6	8	5			
Anal basal L.	20	20	15	21	18	13		
upper front rakers 2,3,4 arch	8/8/5	6/6/4	6/5/3	6/7/4	7/7/4	7/5/5		
lower	11/11/9	11/9/8	10/11/8	10/10/7	11/10/8	11/10/9		
upper rear rakers 2,3,4 arch	2/2/7	1/2/8	1/2/8	1/2/7	3/2/6	0/3/6		
lower	8/7/8	4/6/8	3/6/7	0/6/8	5/5/7	7/7/7		

S. fontinalis

*12 insect fragments, beetle larvae, adult midges, (wings)
+ caddis & stone particles.

*3 adult Diptera (tiny - 2-3mm)  very sparse food.

*5 grasshopper, caddis larvae, many insect fragments

*9 - insect fragments (ie wing, legs) some

~~*9~~

14 - many insect frag. - chironom, caddis, beetle,

#11 - MANY insect fragments - adult Fly (4mm) many adult

fly head capsules - 1 fresh water shrimp ($\approx 4mm$)

grasshopper remains

#8 - tiny insect fragments - 1 caddis fly case

#6 a few insect fragments

#4 - many insect fragments - 4 caddis fly case with
larvae inside

#10 - insect (Diptera) larvae + pupa

#1 insect (Diptera)

S. fontinalis

	Food	SEX
#13	Insect Parts (Grasshopper Leg)	mature male
#2	Adult Insect Sperm Beetle parts, Grasshopper leg parts	mature male
#7	Adult Insect Fragg.	immature ♀

S. alpinus

- #5 (larges) - 2 fish (120-130mm)
- #6 midge larvae - sparse ~~un~~identifiable
- #7 - tiny insect fragments in intestine
- #2 - grasshopper legs in stomach - tiny insect fragments in intestine
- #14 - insect wings & legs ; 1 midge larvae
- #9 - insect larvae (Diptera) & few adults
- #8 - 2 tiny midge larvae
- #3 - HYBRID?? = insect larvae (Diptera) ; adults ; grasshopper, legs in stomach ;
- #10 - insect larvae (Diptera) ; 1 tiny midge larvae
- #13 - small insect leg in intestine
- #11 - insect larvae (Diptera) w/ adults also
- #12 - HYBRID OR FONTINALIS = 1 med size beetle, insect larvae (Diptera)
- #4 - extremely large amount of midge larvae ; few insect larvae (Diptera)
- #1 - Hybrid? = grasshoppers ; insect larvae (Caddis Fly) (Diptera) ; diptera adults ; small beetle.

CHARACTER ANALYSIS SHEET - COLORADO COOPERATIVE FISHERY UNIT

17 Plain dorsal fin golden Trout

Sawtooth L. Idaho

SPECIES S. Alpinus

LOCALITY _____

COLLECTED BY _____

DATE _____

Cat. # _____

Measurements by _____

DATE _____

Specimen # _____

Sontinalis or hybrid

	9	10	11	12	13	14
Total L.	185	127	227	179	141	133
Standard L.	154	106	188	155	117	112
Body D				34		
Head L.	38	26	46	37	28	25
Orbit L.	10	6.5	11	10	8	7
Upper Jaw L.	19	11	21	22	12	11
Dors. Orig. to Snt. tip	71	50	90	75	53	51
Dorsal fin basal L.	17	12	20	16	13	12
Dorsal fin depressed L.	26	18	33	27	22	18
Adip. fin depressed L.	11	5	11	9	6	6
Caudal peduncle D.	13	8	14	15	9	9
Caudal peduncle L.	29	19	32	25	23	20
Vertebrae						
1st Arch gillrakers (up)	8 0	8 0	7 0	5 0	8 0	8 0
(lower)	14 1	15 1	15 2	13 0	15 2	14 0
(total)	22	23	22	18	23	22
Branchiostegal rays right	10	10	10	11	9	10
(left)	10	11	10	12	9	10
Dorsal rays	12	12	11	12	12	12
Anal rays	11	11	11	11	10	10
Pectoral fin rays	13	14	14	14	14	14
Scales in lateral line	142	148	130	133	130	148
Scales above lateral line	37	29	38	40	30	34
Scales 2 rows above lat.						112
Pelvic fin rays	9	10	9	9	9	
Pyloric caeca	33	39	36	29	38	31
Dentition	6	?	3?	0	4	0
Pectoral	13	12	14	12	12	
Dorsal	12	10	10	12	12	
Anal	10	10	10	10	12	
L. Pectoral length		19		25	21	19

CHARACTER ANALYSIS SHEET - COLORADO COOPERATIVE FISHERY UNIT

SPECIES S. alpinus ^{golden trout} LOCALITY Sawtooth L. Idaho

COLLECTED BY _____ DATE _____

Cat. # _____ Measurements by _____ DATE _____

Specimen # _____

*hybrid 2 hybrid 3 4 5 6 7 8

	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
Total L.	274	339	233	196	392	156	212	149
Standard L.	234	289	199	164	457	131	176	121
Body D								
- Head L.	58	74	48	41	98	29	44	29
- Orbit L.	12.5	14	12	10	16	8	10	8
- Upper Jaw L.	30	38	25	18	53	13	20	12
- Dors. Orig. to Snt. tip	114	143	90	79	195	60	78	54
- Dorsal fin basal L.	28	31	26	20	51	16	20	13
- Dorsal fin depressed L.	44	48	41	29	74	25	29	21
- Adip. fin depressed L.	13	18	12	9	22	5	9	27
- Caudal peduncle D.	21	24	18	14	33	11	15	10
- Caudal peduncle L.	32	50	29.5	30	74	23	34	24
Vertebrae		60						
1st Arch gillrakers (up)	7/0	8/2	8/3	7/0	8/4	9/0	8/0	7/0
(lower)	13/0	12/0	12/0	13/0	12/0	16/2	14/0	14/3
(total)	20	20	20	20	20	25	22	21
- Branchiostegal rays right	10	11	10	11	11	11	9	9
(left)	11	11	10	11	12	11	11	9
- Dorsal rays	12	12	13	13	12	12	10	10
- Anal rays	10	10	11	14	12	11	9	11
- Pectoral fin rays	15	14	15	15	14	13	13	13
- Scales in lateral line	116	125	117	129	145	139	136	144
Scales above lateral line	41	47	41	43	40	35	42	29
Scales 2 rows above lat.					173			
- Pelvic fin rays	9	10	9	10	9	9	9	9
Pyloric caeca	31	27	33	47		42	39	39
Dentition	17	5	9	22	7	6?	7?	10?
? Pectoral	15	15	15	15	14	14	13	12
? Dorsal	9	9	9	10	9	11	10	10
? Anal	9	9	10	13	10	10	9	10
Pectoral length	39			27	63	24		21

5 largest - no teeth

2 fish in stomach

1 is 145 mm. alpinus

other too digested (ca. 120 mm).

CHARACTER ANALYSIS SHEET - COLORADO COOPERATIVE FISHERY UNIT

SPECIES S. ~~alpinus~~ ^{fontinalis} LOCALITY Sawtooth L., Idaho

COLLECTED BY _____ DATE _____

Cat. # _____ Measurements by _____ DATE _____

Specimen #

	12	13	14				
Total L.	175	219	212				
Standard L.	149	186	183				
Body D							
Head L.	40	55	47				
Orbit L.	10	11	11				
Upper Jaw L.	25	35	27				
Dors. Orig. to Snt. tip	75	88	84				
Dorsal fin basal L.	18	22	23				
Dorsal fin depressed L.	30	37	36				
Adip. fin depressed L.	11	12	11.5				
Caudal peduncle D	16	19	17				
Caudal peduncle L.	23	32	33.5				
Vertebrae							
Ist Arch gillrakers (up)	4 0	3 0	5 0				
(lower)	11 0	10 0	11 0				
(total)	15 0	13 0	16				
Branchiostegal rays right	10	10	12				
(left)	10	10	12				
Dorsal rays	11	10	12				
Anal rays	10	10	11				
Pectoral fin rays	14	13	14				
Scales in lateral line	112	103	104				
Scales above lateral line	36	43	42				
Scales 2 rows above lat.			143				
Pelvic fin rays	8	8	9				
Pyloric caeca	35	37	36				
Dentition	0	X	0				
Pectoral	14	14	14				
Dorsal	10	9	11				
Anal	10	10	9				
Pectoral length	27						

* - possibly many very tiny teeth

CHARACTER ANALYSIS SHEET - COLORADO COOPERATIVE FISHERY UNIT

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SPECIES S. fontinalis ^{brook trout} LOCALITY Sawtooth L. Idaho

COLLECTED BY _____ DATE _____

Cat. # _____ Measurements by _____ DATE _____

Specimen #

	④	①	⑤	②	③	⑥	⑦	⑧	⑨
Total L.	235	218	216	230	178	192	169	203	157
Standard L.	197	185	185	203	151	164	144	169	134
Body D									
Head L.	51	51	51	62	39.5	49	35	43	37
Orbit L.	11	11	11 11	11	10	11	10	9	10
Upper Jaw L.	30	30	28 32	40	24	29.5	19	23	22
Dors. Orig. to Snt. tip	89	89	119 91	99	68	82	67	76	58
Dorsal fin basal L.	25	23	30 23	37	20	19	19	20	18
Dorsal fin depressed L.	40	36	47 36	46	33	34	29	32	29.5
Adip. fin depressed L.	13	15	18 11	14	10	14	11	12	12
Caudal peduncle D	22	22	23 20	22	16	17	15.5	17	15.5
Caudal peduncle L.	34	30	31	33	28.5	30	26	30	25
Vertebrae									
1st Arch gillrakers (up)	9/0	7/0	8/0	8/0	8/0	5/0	7/0	7/0	5/0
(lower)	11/0	10/0	11/0	11/0	11/0	⑧/0	11/0	10/0	13/0
(total)	20/0	17	19	19	19	13/0	18/0	17/0	18
Branchiostegal rays right	9	10	10	10	19	11	11	11	10
(left)	9	10	10	10	10	11	11	12	10
Dorsal rays	11	11	11	11	12	12?	10	12	10
Anal rays	11	10	10	9	10	10	9	10	9
Pectoral fin rays	13	13	14	13	14	13	14	12	14
Scales in lateral line	109	115	115 115	111	112	113	113	106	109
Scales above lateral line	39	41	④8	52(?)	42	42	39	40	44
Scales 2 rows above lat.			173		139		151		125
Pelvic fin rays	8	9	8	8	9	8	8	9	8
Pyloric caeca	31	29	35	36	38	29	33	29	31
Dentition	0	0	1-2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pectoral	13	14	14	13	12	13	13	13	14
Dorsal	11	10	⑨	10	10	9	10	11	10
Anal	11	9	9	9	10	9	9	10	9

29 20 rakers but many rudimentary.

⑩	⑪
187	323
159	278
	45

39	82
9	12
21	53
71	140
19	37
31	57
11	17
17	29
27	43

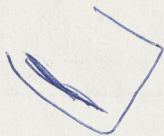
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112		115	
40		50	
10		9	
33		37	
0		0	
12		12	14
11		11	
10		10	

#15, ? - hybrid. ?

$\frac{7}{13}$ rel. long = #1
S. alpinus
 20 rakers

17 basi branch. teeth

♀ well developed eggs



snail cream + black border

vs,

only light cream

dent, + alp

body shape

spots

deep

chunky

larger

more numerous

slim

elongate

- small

spots

more massive dentary

longer jaw

red spots

more rudiment. raters



Dorsal

vs

plain



sq. vs. forked

but #5 alpinus

sq. tail.

+ deepen

body.

Wallace vert. counts

	60	61	62	63	64	65	
Sunapee	1		3	1	3	6	63.6

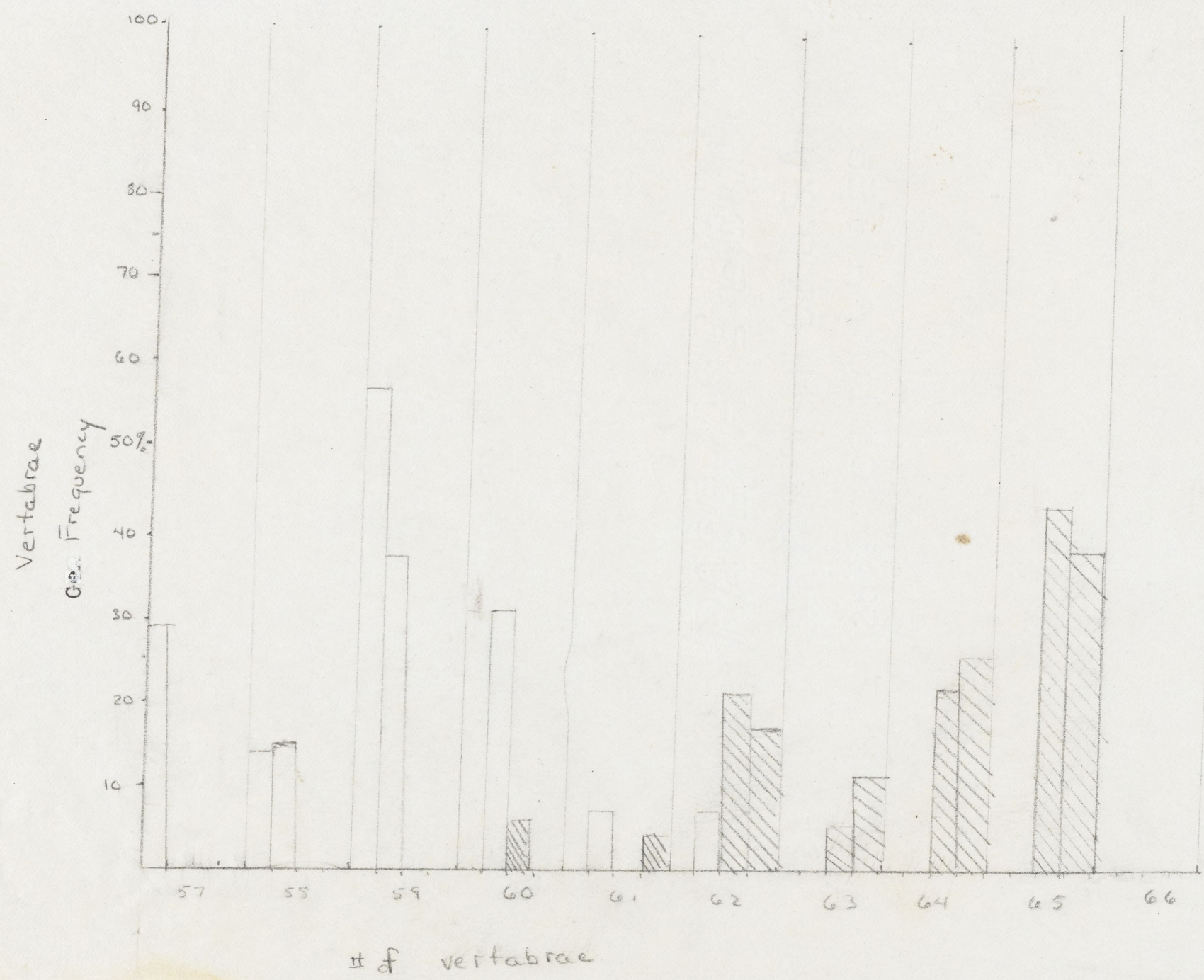
57 58 59

break

4 2 8

58.3

160 mm



S. alpinus oquassa

S. fontinalis

	<i>S. alpinus</i> oquassa						<i>S. fontinalis</i>					
	1	2	9	12	45	Average values	11	1	12	13	10	Average values
Body $\frac{D}{SL}$ ^{19.5-22.6} % _{20.8-28}	22.6	20.4	19.5	19.5	18.5	20.1%	28.5	21.1	20.8	24.3	22.6	23.5%
* $\frac{JL}{HL}$ %		54.2	48.7	59.4	45.0	52.7%	63.0	60.8	61.0	63.6	57.9	61.3%
* Dorsal Dep. L % $\frac{SL}{SL}$	18.3	18.7	18.8	18.2	17.9	18.4%	22.3	20.0	21.5	21.6	21.3	21.3%
* $\frac{Ped\ depth}{SL}$ %	8.1	8.3	9.1	9.1	8.6	8.6%	10.6	11.4	10.7	10.3	10.3	10.7%
% $\frac{Ped}{Bd}$	55.8	40.7	46.7	46.7	46.7	43.3%	37.2	53.8	51.6	42.2	45.7	46.1%
* $\frac{Fork\ L}{TL}$ %	59.7	57.4	47.0	66.7	51.6	56.5%	64.4	78.8	71.4	73.0	71.4	71.8%
% $\frac{Fork\ SL}{crotch\ L}$		18.5	23.1	18.8	19.2	19.9%	15.6	16.7	12.5	16.7	18.8	16.1%
% $\frac{Nares\ W}{HL}$		15.3	12.8	13.5	12.5	13.5%	17.3	12.7	14.6	14.5	13.2	14.7%
* $\frac{Anal\ Basal\ L}{SL}$ %	8.6	7.9	8.4	9.1	9.9	8.8%	7.3	10.8	10.1	11.4	11.6	10.2%
x $\frac{Neave\ fossa\ L.}{lower\ jaw}$		7						5	6	7	5	6
tongue teeth		10	10	8	12	10		10	9	8	8	9
* 4th rear gillrakers			10/10	7/9	9/9	9/9		8/8	8/5	7/8	6/7	7/7.5
x % $\frac{Head\ L}{SL}$		24.9	25.3	24.0	24.7	24.7%	29.6	27.6	27.5	29.7	24.5	27.8%

11 possible hybrid

ERIC
WAGNER

"NATURE
BOY"

VLA DYKOV, V. D. 1954. Taxonomic characters of
 the Eastern North America Chars. D. Fish. Res. Bd. CANADA
 p. 904 - 931 v. 11.

S. aureolus In 1877 Bean estab. *S. aureolus* (golden or
 Sunapee Trout). ~~Forsy~~

1854 - Girard described the blackback trout from Moosemeagontis
 Lake, one of the Rangeley lakes, Me.

	dia		Sac Fry		pigment
	Eyed egg		Total L. mm	wt. (g)	
<i>S. font.</i>	4.0	.040	13.9	.040	
<i>S. aureolus</i>	4.7	.050	15.0	.033	
			17.1	.055	

Body Proportions

Greatest body depth - in case of pair - characteristic
 the young of *fontinalis* are stouter than young
 of *S. alpinus*

S. fontinalis Fork depth < 3% of fork length
S. alpinus - strongly forked.

Caeca counts not signif
 in this study but showed important
 in other studies (Vladykov 1954)

Table 2. Observable differences between Salvelinus fontinalis and Salvelinus alpinus oquassa.

Characteristic	<u>S. fontinalis</u>	<u>S. a. oquassa</u>
Dorsal Color	Dark Mottling	Uniform Dark Green
Tail Margin	Nearly Square	Forked
Ventral Fin Color	White, then black anterior margin	Only white anterior margin
Body Depth ¹	Deep	Slim

¹Body depth is useful in smaller specimens but loses diagnostic value as size increases.

vladikov - info on fry diff.

characters in Kendall 1971

SIGNIFICANT

	T.L. (inches)	Head Length/SL.
	Snout (mm)	Jaw Length/Hd L.
b/a	HL/SL.	Caudal peduncle/SL
		lower arch (1)
v/a	Anal Basal L./S.L.	Total 1st Arch
n/a	upper jaw L.	upper arch (2)
		Lower arch (2)
gill rakers		total arch 2 —
Branchiostegals		upper arch 3 95%
		lower arch 3
Dorsal } total Rays		total arch 3 —
Anal }		upper rear 3 97%
		Lower rear 3
		lower arch 4
		total 4 —

These characters to compare Kendall's #5 with mine

Total 4 upper arches
 Total 4 lower arches
 Total of totals for each arch

- Anal Rays 95%
- Pectoral 95%
- Pelvic 95%
- Scales above 95%
- lateral scales
- teeth 95%
- Anal Basal length 95%
- TL - Fork length
- TL
- Dorsal depressed length/SL

Table 1. Selected ranges and averages of diagnostic characters of Salvelinus alpinus oquassa and Salvelinus fontinalis.

Characteristic	<u>S. a. oquassa</u>		<u>S. fontinalis</u>	
	range	\bar{x}	range	\bar{x}
Head length/Std. L. (%)	22.8-25.3	24.0	24.5-30.9	27.4
Caudal ped. dep./Std. L. (%)	7.3-9.2	8.4	9.4-11.4	10.5
1st Arch Gillraker upper	7-9	8	6-9	7
lower	12-16	14	9-13	11
total	20-25	21	15-21	18
4 Arch Total upper	26-32	29	21-30	25
lower	46-55	49	35-44	42
total	72-86	78	56-73	65
4th Rear Gillrakers upper	7-10	9	5-8	7
lower	8-10	9	6-8	7
Dentition	0-13	5	0	0.0
Fork L./Tail L. (%)	41.7-66.7	51.5	54.5-78.8	70.3

Report of the Bureau of Fisheries 1904

Washington, Gov. printing office

1903-4
artificially
propagated.

{ Golden Trout; Sunapee Lake Trout (*Salmo aureolus*)
can. Red Trout (*S. mersteni*) also
Hybrid (*S. fontinalis* + *aureolus* listed)
Trout

Golden Trout - 36,000 Fry
30 fry, yrly, + Adult

Can. Red Trout - 13 fry, yrly, Adult

Idaho recieved 251,200 eggs + fish (sp. unknown)

1905 157,490 fry to Nashaw, N.H. station

269 F/Y/A

Idaho 125,000 F + eggs

Hybrid listed here as well as Red + Golden as being propagated.

Baird, Cal

269 Golden Trout

1905-1906 Golden, Red, + Hybrid listed as propagated

218,265 Fry

~~1905~~ 1906-1907

213,163 Fry

Sun./can. Red/Hybrid
prop.

Attempts made to collect eggs of Golden Trout
(*Salmo roosevelti*)
from Volcano Creek, Calif.

Brood fish secured + sent to 3 stations
for artificial propog.

Nashaw N.H.

Lake
Sunapee, N.H.

Sept 17 - Nov. 24

Brook Trout
Sunapee Tr
+ landlocked salmon

} Source?

Cheney, A.N. 1897. Forest & Stream. XLVIII. 31.

- sunapees hard to strip if held in captivity.
- U.S. Fish Commission had collecting station of Floods Pond.
- largest taken = 3 lbs.
- Mr. Race of Green Lake Station reports that sunapee eggs are easily cultivated - eggs very vigorous & young fish easily reared.
- fish released at 8 months of age.
- very susceptible to temp. change

Commissioners Report. 1896. U.S. Commission of Fish & Fisheries. Wash. D.C. pages 12, 14 & 15.

- Fiscal 1895 on hand 6,480 golden trout fry
- took from Floods Pond:
 - L.L. salmon: 4 adults = 11,000 eggs
 - brook trout: 119 adults = 46,000 eggs
 - * - golden trout: 60 adults = 34,000 eggs
- distributed 21,700 fry & fingerlings and 10 adult & yearling golden trout
- brood stock returned to pond
- Green Lake hatchery

* golden trout is still used by some in Maine to refer to the Sunapee char

Report of the U.S. Commissioner of Fisheries. 1925. Dept. of Commerce. Bureau of Fisheries. Wash. D.C. pages 445, 464, 465.

- Federal Hatcheries handled 100,000 silver trout fingerlings in 1925.
- In Jan. 1925, the Quinault (Wash.) Station received 260,000 silver trout eggs from Lake Whatcom Hatchery of the Washington Fish Commission, the fish were to be marked and stocked as fry into the lower Quinault River near the ocean.
- The Rogue River (Oreg.) substation also received some silver trout eggs "from other stations".

silver salmon

* Sunapee char are often referred to as "silver trout" in some of the old literature
J.W.K.

Report of the U.S. Commissioner of Fisheries. 1926. Dept of Commerce. Bureau of Fisheries. Wash. D.C. pages, 331, 348.

- * Federal hatcheries handled 232,700 silver trout fingerlings in 1926.
- The Quinault (Wash.) Station reported stocking silver trout (marked RV - AD) resulting from the eggs received from the State of Washington in 1925. This would be an 89.5% survival to SY size if this is the same lot of 260,000 eggs mentioned in the 1925 report.

silver salmon

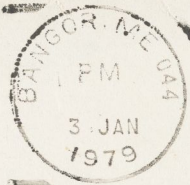
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284 STATE STREET
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333

T. T. Combs - 1901
- red trout - 4 lbs. by smelt
- ditto lake
- cold water fishes - Rocky Mts
glacier relicts.

- status of Anville?
Simpson

Dr. Robert Behnke
Colorado State University
Fort Collins, Colorado
80523



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STATE OF IDAHO

DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

SALMON SUBREGIONAL OFFICE
P. O. BOX 1336
SALMON, IDAHO 83467

October 10, 1980

Mr. Eric Wagner
120 Garfield St.
Fort Collins, CO 80524

Dear Mr. Wagner:

I'm returning a copy of your letter with your questions answered on it. As you can see, we don't have much information on the fish in Sawtooth Lake. We have not attempted any ecological studies on sunapee trout until now. I just returned from collecting fish for age and growth, food habits, etc. I collected sunapee trout from another lake, so Idaho has two populations.

Sunapee are not sought by anglers because they don't know they are there. The populations are not threatened by fishing. The Sawtooth National Recreation Area already received very heavy use and we do not want to generate further problems by publicizing that there is a unique fish there.

I see no problem with writing a paper for your class, but I would appreciate it if you would not write any papers for public release.

Sorry I can't be of more help.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kent Ball".

Kent Ball
Regional Fishery Biologist

KB:nb

120 Garfield St.
Fort Collins, CO 80524
September 30, 1980

Mr. Kent Ball
Regional Fishery Biologist
Idaho Dept. of Fish and Game
P.O. Box 1336
Salmon, Idaho 83467

Dear Mr. Ball,

I am a student at Colorado State University examining trout specimens for Dr. Behnke under work study funds. I am writing a technical paper on the discovery of the Sunapee Trout in Sawtooth Lake for my technical journalism class. The possibility of submitting an article to the "Progressive Fish Culturist" exists. I was wondering if you had any recent data concerning this fascinating fish. Some questions I have are:

- 1) Do you have any coloration descriptions of live fish? *No*
- 2) Is there much color variation? *yes*
- 3) Are there any distinguishing characteristics that are vague on preserved specimens? *No*
- 4) What do anglers use to catch Sunapee Trout? *Very few are being caught*
- 5) When do anglers fish for them and how? *They don't fish for "them", they just sit -*
- 6) Have there been any observations of spawning? *No*
- 7) Do brook trout spawn at similar sites and times as the Sunapee? *I have no idea on sites - time similar*

Mr. Kent Ball

-2-

September 30, 1980

- 8) Any data on diet for brook and Sunapee trout of Sawtooth? *No*
- 9) What are brook trout habits in Sawtooth Lake? *nothing unique*
- 10) What are the present management practices? *statewide bag limit +
general season 6 fish/day May 24-Nov 30*

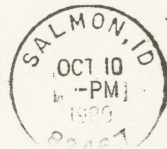
If you could answer any of these questions I would be grateful. Any other information would be greatly appreciated. I will, of course, send you a copy of my final report. The paper is due on Nov. 7. Thank you for your help. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Eric J. Wagner

Eric Wagner

STATE OF IDAHO
Department of Fish and Game
Salmon Subregional — P.O. Box 1336
Salmon, Idaho 83467



TO: Mr. Eric Wagner
120 Garfield St.
Fort Collins, CO 80524



DEPARTMENT OF
INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE

284 STATE STREET
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GLENN H. MANUEL
Commissioner

J. WILLIAM PEPPARD
Deputy Commissioner

34 Idaho Ave.
Bangor, Maine 04401

August 6, 1979

Dr. Robert Behnke
Colorado State University
Fort Collins, Colorado 80523

Dear Dr. Behnke:

It's too bad that there wasn't more time before you had to leave Orono last week. The fish Jon Stanley told you about was examined by me and turned out to be a Sunapee charr. It was caught in a gill net from 75' - 95' deep in Green Lake, Ellsworth, Maine. There were several lake trout in the net also and even 2 lake trout in the Sunapee. The fish was a mature male, 380 mm long and weighed 630 g. Sunapee were reported by Cooper in 1942 but have not been collected there for many years. This specimen was obviously a Sunapee with none of the lake trout features one might expect in a hybrid.

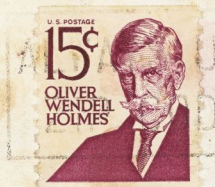
I'll discuss this further with you in West Yellowstone.

Sincerely yours,

Frederick W. Kircheis
Fishery Biologist

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Green L. Sinspee

380 mm.
630g.

~~State street 1942~~
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Sinspee living w/ Lake Trout
w/ out hybridization
- Preying upon Lake Trout

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Dear Bob:

Thank you very much for the photocopy of the Sunapee charr stocking information. I am pleased to have the source of the Sawtooth fish finally cleared up. I don't know when lake trout were first put into Sunapee Lake. Is there any chance that the Sawtooth fish could have any lake trout genes?

Have a Happy New Year.

Sincerely yours,

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Any chance that Sunapee in Sawtooth have
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~~Fix
Window
B. effect~~



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Dear Bob:

I am enclosing, under separate cover, the specimens of "sunapee" charr and brook trout from Sawtooth Lake, collected in Oct. by Kent Ball. I separated them as 14 of each species. They are so separated in the large bags. I used dorsal fin markings and dorsal surface markings to separate the two. ~~The~~ Maybe you should check my ID.

The fish have been soaking in water, so they are ready to be put in alcohol.

The vertebrae counts are as follows

Sunapee	hybrid?						$\bar{X} = 63.6$
	60	61	62	63	64	65	
	1		3	1	3	6	

Brook Trout	57	58	59	$\bar{X} = 58.3$
	4	2	8	

The "sunapee" with 60 vertebrae was the second largest sunapee. I recounted a number of times but still get 60.

I will be interested in hearing what counts you get for pyloric caeca and gill rakers. Kent found some stocking information that I will copy and get to you.

I'll keep in touch

Sincerely
Dick

Wallace

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SUNAPEE CHARR

(Salvelinus alpinus)

other scientific names: Salvelinus alpinus aureolus

Salvelinus aureolus

Salvelinus sunapee

Salvelinus sunapeus

Salvelinus sunapeensis

Salvelinus aureolo

Salvelinus oquasso

Salvelinus stagnalis

Salmo sunapee

Salmo oquassa

Salvelinus agassizii

Other colloquial names: Sunapee Trout ✓

Golden trout ✓

White trout ✓

Silver trout ✓

Silver salmon

Sunapee - lake trout

American saibling

Sunapee saibling

Sunapee char

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both #12, fontinalis

1 & 3 "alpinus" may be hybrids, markings, sq. tail, body shape

	* Sunapee						(63.5) % 60
	60	61	62	63	64	65	
	1		3	1	3	6	63.6

* spec. #1 identified as hybrid spec. #2 - lowest caecal count.

branch	57	58	59	58.3
	4	2	8	

base branch teeth = 1 of 15 (check #13 - may have teeth)
branch tract w/ basibranchial teeth 2 of 13 "golden"
w/o basibranch. - incl. largest spec. - both "hybrids" have
most teeth 9, 17 (others 1-7)

largest specimen w/ 2 fish in stomach - one is
"golden" 145mm other digested = 120mm.

forked tail - mottled D. & C. clear fins
vs. sq. only white deep body spotting? slim

Short, thick
rakers . . . font. $\frac{13}{1} \frac{14}{1} \frac{15}{1} \frac{16}{1} \frac{17}{1} \frac{18}{4} \frac{19}{4} \frac{20}{1}$ 17.3
long, thin.

both "hybrid" 21p. $\frac{20}{5} \frac{21}{1} \frac{22}{4} \frac{23}{2} \frac{24}{1} \frac{25}{1}$ 21.5
20 13.6

* #12, 179mm. of alpinus = fontinalis / hybrid
18 rakers
no teeth
29 caeca
mottled markings

* 1, 3 hybrid 233, 271mm.
shape fins etc. / most teeth?

* 2 w/ 60 vert. lowest caecal count 27

verify #12)
check spott dif.
body depth
tail fork

- lay out all spec.

Sawtooth L. 172 acres no inlet
Chillis Nat. Fisheries Salmon R. 1935 survey depth
300 acres cl. .
S. about 8 mi. S.W. 1925 . Sunapee . stocked
Stonkey, Id. 1941 7000 Brook from It ogerman hatchery.
Angler report catching (An. Platts) .
1935 - US Bur. Fish. Surv. - Roderheffer -

* Upper Sawtooth h. - fed by snow melt - drains into
lower Sawtooth (a small, shallow, one acre pond) - impossible
falls separate -

* - examine food -

* summarize size

Survey data July 13-15 1935
very cold water - surface 50° at 3 P.M. July 13
thermocline formed at 40-50 ft.
max. depth 254 ft. - most entire lake > 50 ft. - shoal area
< 3% O₂ 8.9 at surface 8.05 at 108 ft.
no food seen, no vegetation
stomachs of Sunapee trout show adult caddisfly, stonefly,
& beetles.

el. 9000 ft

- Stocking - 1925 1000 Sunapee golden trout stocked -
20 hr. gill net set caught 12 8-9 in. spec., & very
thin, slender, few smaller fish seen in outlet.

- Rec'd stocking Calif. golden trout -

- no other stocking records -

- 1977 2 gill nets fished 10-90 ft. + 10-60 ft.

11 Sunapee + 26 brook trout.

1978 -

108-216 mm. (167.6 mm)

3 gill nets .25-50 ft. 20-60 ft. (2) at south end

all fish caught (N228) I examined.

+ Kirchner - letter to Bell

+ Selvelius moving.

Flood Pond Me. via Craig Brook Nat. Hotel.

* Check US Fish Comm. Rep 1925 for stocks

- Kirchner - 1895 Flood Pond used.

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Rombough, P. J., S. E. Barbour, and J. J. Kerekes,

Morphometrics, meristics and incidental life history

of an isolated population of landlocked Arctic char,

S. a., from Candlestick Pond, Gros Morne National

Park, Newfoundland. submitted J. E. R. B. C. - rev. for

rev. July 24, 78. -
90 ha lake, headwaters Humber R., el. 460m - falls
45 km. down from lake.

S. a., S. fontinalis & Salmo salar in pond.

oldest age 7, largest 164mm wt. 42g.

food - Aug. Cladocera, - June insects
sex, mature age III 18 F.L. Aug 19-20 118.6mm

McPhail's west Arctic group alpinus = malina

- Oguzsuz group: European - w/ salar osmerus - Lak. x ^{introduction} E. Arctic
largely replaced by fontinalis.

D 10.76, A, 9.35, V, 8.89, P, 12.62

rzkers 5-8 7.41
12-17 13.08
18-25 20.54

branch. 7-9 8.51
Osece 25-41 32.53

Salvelinus (+ S. trutta)

(+ sympat. Alpine
Coregonus)

① * Somape, aquaculture / fontinalis

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- Candlestick Pond - slow growth, short life
(max. size 164 mm; max. age 7; sex. mat. 3 fecundity 103)
- S. salar, S. fontinalis

- Rakers - N=32 \bar{x} 20.5 (18-25)

- Calca . 15 \bar{x} 32.5 (25-41)

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Sau table pg. 1539

Some characters of *S. alpinus* - *S. nivalis* - Canad. Nat. Mus 2

	Nelson L. N=3	Chesterfield Inlet (3)	Falstøil ⁸	Finn circ.
incisors	23-26 (24.3)	23-26 (24.5)	20-24 (22.1)	18-20 (19)
caeca	30-36 (33)	40-46 (42)	22-33 (27)	29-36 (32.5)
	long thin	short fat	long thin	long thin

body form -
morphol -

- malmoid, high arctic, alpinoid, alpinoid
 groups - not specific status -

S. e. oquassa

rakers

1st 2nd 3rd 4

8/3 9/5 8/4

6/10

13/0 13/8 13/7

11/16

8/1 8/2 8/2 5/8

13/0 11/8 11/7 9/7

21 19 19

7 holes in lower jaw

4-6 holes

x = > 5% separation

90

HdL / StdL	24.9	29.6
DO - Snt TP / S.L	49.1	50.0
* Body D/sl	20.4	28.5
orb. L / HdL	18.0	19.8
* JL / HL	54.2	63.0
DDL / SL	18.7	22.3
ADIP / SL	6.6	8.03
Ped D / SL	8.3	10.6
Ped / BD	40.7	37.2
* Fork L / TL	57.4	64.4
raker / orals	18.5	15.6
Tongue Th	10	8
Pect. L / SL	15.2	13.9
Nares W	11	14
Ai Bas L	23 7.9	27 11.3

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Discovery of the ^{New England} Sunapee Trout in Idaho

- What is Trout of Sawtooth L.?
- How do you know?

- _____ 1978 Mr. Kent Ball, I.F.S., gillnets Sawtooth L.
description - size, elevation, county, etc. Besides brook trout,
Salvelinus fontinalis, ^{specimens of} another species of Salvelinus occur. -
Specimens sent to C.S.U. for identification.

~~Of a~~ Topography of lake - no native fishes (must be stocked) - Genus Salvelinus, only S. confluentus, bull trout native to Idaho. ^{obviously} Not bull trout.

... Stocking history. . . . Sunapee stocked 192 -
brooks stocked 194 - . . .

Compare specimens w/ data from Brown Sunapee specimens (Kendall, etc.) . . .

- brook trout data / Sunapee (Sawtooth L.) data
- hybrids ?

- Why don't they hybridize into hybrid swarm like cutthroat & rainbow ? - - niches in large lake - pelagic vs littoral zones.

ecological relationships between brook trout & Sunapee - predator-prey

... summary of bluebacks (Maine) & Sunapee - predaceous? size, what Kendall found Sunapee L. (U.S. Bur. Fish. Rep.)

- Historical review Sunapee trout - first name, - distribution (Kendall) natural history, interesting facts, etc. - extinction in Sunapee & Averill lakes - only Flood Pond now (Kirchis)

- Past stocking

Why so difficult to get established? - needs large, deep, cold lake

~~predator~~ - Size in Sawtooth indicates management potential in similar Rocky Mtn oligotrophic lakes - - some discussion on

- classification - formerly *S. aureolus* - now *S. alpinus agassizii*
(Behrke 50)

Sawtooth L. -- characteristics, physical, chemical,
biological.

relation relict Arctic charr &

brook trout

Kendall 1914, 192 -

Waters MS thesis blueback

FRBC - Candle Pond New Brunswick -

- typically

brook trout

dominant

larger

- but Sunapee??

- Mysterious fish (deepwater charr) - blueback

believed extinct - then discovered in 1950 -

Summary of Information

8 Feb 1979
From: R.L. Wallace
Univ. Idaho

Sawtooth Lake - about 8 mi WSW of Stanley, ID
- elevation 9000+ ft.
- about 172 acres
- no inlet
- Salmon River drainage
- maximum depth - 254 ft

Fish Stocking - lake barren until first stocked
- 1000 sunapee trout stocked in 1925
- brook trout (7,000 from U.S. Hagerman Hatchery) stocked in 1941
- no other stocking

Recent Fish Collections

1977 - a collection was made in the fall
- 2 experimental gill nets, each 125 ft were used
- these sinking gill nets were set perpendicular to shoreline
- one from about 10 ft to 90 ft of water
- the other from about 10 ft to 60 ft of water
- sinking nets, resting on the bottom
- both were fished in the N.E. corner of the lake

Catch: the 11 sunapee trout plus 26 brook trout

Sunapee: Poor sample, poorly preserved

Brook trout: TL ranged from 108-216 mm TL ($\bar{x} = 167.6$) - frozen, then thawed & measured, then preserved

1978 - another sample was taken
- the same 2 experimental sinking gill nets plus 1 100 ft experimental sinking net
- one net set in from 25 out to 50 ft of water
- another in from 20 to 60 ft of water
- the third about the same depth
- all nets were set in south end of lake

Catch: all fish caught were preserved and sent to Wallace at U.I., and on to Behnke at C.S.U.

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The Canadian red trout

353-356 Sn.

Titcomb 1901 Sixth Ann. Rep. For., Fish,

Game Comm., St. N. Y.

red trout" Four lakes ⁱⁿ ~~near~~ St. Alexis township, Quebec.

All lakes w brook trout, which reach 5-6 lbs,
exhibited at Pan Am. exposition

Propagated in hatchery - - best caught thru ice
never taken on fly - seem to be bottom feeder

- Would hit fly in hatchery pond - brook trout at
surface, red trout on bottom

- Stocked. Lake Caroleus - rich lake, abund.

veg., food. & one of 4 lbs caught on minnow

- L. Ferron w/ abund. smelt, red trout

stocked ^{avidly} eat smelt - to 4 lbs. take fly a

minnow &

cold water fish like manaycush..



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Dear Mr. Ball:

Thank you very much for your letter! I have been trying to learn of the results of those stockings for a number of years and yours is the first report that I have had which indicates any possibility that the Sunapee has survived in Idaho. The fish sent to Idaho in the 1920's came from Floods Pond in Otis, Maine, via the Federal Hatchery at Craig Brook, Orland, Maine. I don't know if the hatchery shipped eggs, sac fry, or fingerlings, but I suspect that it was the latter, since this was the most common method used at that time.

Enclosed please find a bibliography and some reprints which I use in my lectures. I have marked some of the items which might provide you with the most useful information. The National Geographic article has some pretty good color photos of Sunapee charr but there is quite a lot of color variation between fish as you might imagine.

It is possible that the brook trout and the Sunapee charr of Sawtooth Lake could hybridize. Some hybridization work has been done in Sweden in controlled tests which prove that crosses between landlocked charr and brook trout can survive. However, the spawning characteristics and spawning times (at least here in Maine) are enough different to make such hybridization unlikely. The trout spawn in redds, with a one-on-one spawning technique, in late September and early October. The charr spawn in a manner similar to lake trout: scattering the eggs over a rocky bottom, several males attending each female, and the season being late October through late November. However (again!) the spawning habits of the landlocked charr are quite variable on a world-wide basis. In Norway and Sweden there are reports of redd-building charr and of broadcast spawners. One Sunapee from Floods Pond which was placed in a raceway environment proceeded to construct a redd in the presence of one male. So it is possible that some brook trout did spawn with some Sunapee charr in Sawtooth Lake. It is impossible to say that they didn't, since nothing is known of the spawning habits and fish characteristics in that lake.

Kent W. Ball
March 7, 1978

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As to your last question, I am not a taxonomist and have no basis except gross observation to make an opinion on the status of these fish. If one takes the definition of "reproductive isolation" as the basis for speciation, then the Sunapee is a different species from the Arctic charr. There are no reports of Arctic charr which spawn in the manner which I have observed the Sunapee charr using. They, therefore, would not interbreed even if they happened to come in contact with each other during the spawning season. But, using my previous paragraph as reference, the spawning habits of the "Arctic charr complex" are so plastic that anything is possible and the fact is that no one knows whether or not they would interbreed. In my own mind I tend to consider the Sunapee charr and the blueback charr (and all the other "species" of landlocked charr in Canada and the rest of the northern hemisphere) as Arctic charr in the same manner that the landlocked Atlantic salmon is considered to be no different from the anadromous Atlantic salmon.

I would very much like to be kept informed about the Sunapee charr in Idaho. If you locate other populations or learn interesting facts about the biology of the critter in Sawtooth Lake, please let me know and I'll do the same for you, if you are interested.

Sincerely yours,

Frederick W. Kircheis
Fisheries Research
Biologist

FWK/jpn
encl.
cc: Dr. Behnke

P.S. In case you haven't already done so, I'd like to suggest that you contact Dr. Robert Behnke, Colorado Cooperative Fishery Unit, Colorado State University, Fort Collins, Colorado 80521, concerning the Sunapee-brook trout hybrids. I know he would be interested and perhaps could give you some useful information.

W.C.
Kendall 1912

Fishes + Fishing in Sunapee Lake

U.S. Fisheries Bureau
Rpt.

Sunapee Lake

Physical

8 mi long $1\frac{1}{4}$ mi wide

65 to 80⁺ ft deep

2100 in the deepest

In Forest + Stream of March 18, 1886 Quakerbos states that all fish in Sunapee attain an unusual weight.

Size attributed to smelt.

1867

Black Bass, ¹⁸⁶⁸ head locked Salmon, Smelt introd. in 1870

Blueback introd. in 1878 Round white fish 1881

~~Whitefish~~ - 1871 not found

Loch Leven trout 1888-9

~~Wall-eyed pike~~ 1876

Brown trout 1888-9

~~Rainbow trout~~ 1888-9

Chinook salmon 1904

Grayling 1906

Silver salmon 1909

L. Trout?

S. fontinalis native to Sunapee
yet artificially propagated

5-6 lb fish not rare

Brook Trout - omnivorous - also eats smelt - larvae
ascend brooks to spawn

Kendall believes white trout were once small like the Blueback of Rangely

if brook trout reached a large size before smelt were introduced - small white trout may have been forage fish

But decreased with other introductions

Blueback - described by blackback in 1854 - ascends streams to spawn in Oct
caught in dipnets by the barrel
salmon wisped out blueback

after introduction of smelt in 1895 the numbers increased rapidly

in 1901 to 1904 the few bluebacks found in Rangely stream weighed
1-2 lbs or more. - attributed to smelt

report of the State Fish Commissioners of New Hampshire indicate on Apr. 26, 1878
3,000 + June 3, 1879 4000 Blueback planted in Sunapee L.

Sunapee

(KENNALL 1912)

Known in Flood's Pond, Me long before European stock
Several reports indicate that Sunapee trout were native to the lake
prior to blueback introduction. (Forest & Stream Dec 18, 1890 Dr Bean)
p. 435
1st distinguished in 1881. 2-3 lb.

average increase of 1 lb/yr under favorable conditions

are smelt, even small Sunapee trout (5 1/2 - 8 1/4") ^{lives} 60-90 or 100' deep

Chironomus Entom ostrac.

1 - 1 7/8" - Chironomus larvae

Several shippings required ~~for~~ get all eggs

average size of Sunapee taken by ~~several~~ fish culturist ~ 1 lb
3 are larger & many smaller

1st white trout eggs taken in 1887 & made 1st plant in 1888

State Commission operated at Sunapee L. until 1900 & in that time
planted 985,000 fry - No mention of where planted

In 1902 U.S. Bureau of Fisheries assumed work as a field station.

1st plant was made by Bureau in 1903 & operations continued until

1911. in this time 1,079,873 young white trout (mostly fry)
were planted in the lake.

In 1890, 90,000 were planted by the State in other waters, but
2,530,070 eggs taken from 4,500 Sunapee from 1904 - 1911 ^{none in Sunapee}

Mr De Rocher (U.S. Fisheries station at Nashua) in charge of Sunapee station

Fish are 2-3 lbs on average some 7 lb, when 1st started work in 1904
now they average 1 1/4 lb.

Sunapee in chinook stomachs

The Sunapee Saibling: A Fourth New England variety of *Salvelinus*



STATE OF IDAHO

DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

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P. O. BOX 1336
SALMON, IDAHO 83467
February 5, 1979

Mr. Dick Wallace
Department of Zoology
University of Idaho
Moscow, ID 83843

Dear Dick:

Sunapee trout were stocked in Sawtooth Lake in 1925 and brook trout (7,000 from U.S. Hagerman Hatchery) were added in 1941. Therefore, they have been living sympatrically for 37 years.

Yes, anglers have caught Sunapee trout from the lake. Bill Platts remembers catching them and thought they were smelt. Stacy Gebhard's daughter caught one from the bank in 1976.

I cannot say for sure how the size of the Sunapee and brook trout compare. All of the fish I collected in 1977 and 1978 were forwarded to you except the 1977 brook trout which are out in the freezer. None of these fish were measured by me. If you need length frequencies, you will have to get the Sunapee measured by Bob Behnke. I can measure the brook trout. Let me know if you need lengths.

Sawtooth Lake doesn't have an inlet.

Time permitting, I hope to spend some time at the lake. ^{in 1979} If you have any specifics you want from the lake, let me know.

I'm returning the copy of Salvelinus taxonomy. I read most of it and it is very interesting but pretty heavy reading. Thanks for the opportunity to review it. I should have taken it home - it's not the kind of thing to read at the office with continual interruptions. If you have it, please send me the literature citation. I photocopied part of it and may want to cite it in the future.

Sincerely,

DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME
Joseph C. Greenley, Director

Kent W. Ball
Regional Fishery Biologist
Region 6

cc: Jeppson
encl: Letter to & from Fred Kircheis
Behnke's manuscript

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER

Biol. Survey Conn. Watershed. 1939

sunapee in SACD + Connecticut watershed's
Sugar R. System

Dan Hole, Averill, Flood's Pond only known lakes w/ sunapee

12 fish taken in survey (gill nets 60-80ft)

largest 336mm

KENDALL 1912

Differentiating Characteristics

<u>brook</u>	<u>sunapee</u>	<u>Blueback</u>
"rivulations" (at all ages)	no rivulations many dark splotches. Slender form basibranchial teeth	blue back
	Anal 8 larger	Anal 10 8-10"
	Spawns on lakes & shoals	stream spawner
	gillrakers shorter & curled	more numerous & not curled.

Young are distinguished from brookers by fewer parr marks

"In consideration of the experience which I have had with the American saibling, I would select it in preference to any other fish if I desired a salmonoid to rear from fry and obtain the best results in size and percentage matured,"

Mr. Merrill to Dr. Quackenbos:

good experience rearing "I believe it to be one of the best subjects for the fish culturist among our Salmonidae, especially when the fry are reared to the yearling stage, ..."

saibling fry not affected by high temp.

"The American Saibling" Second Annual Report of the Commissioner of Fisheries, Game & Forest of New York for 1896, p 185-91.

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21 November 1978

Dr. Robert Behnke
Department of Fish & Wildlife Biology
Colorado State University
Ft. Collins, Colorado 80523

Dear Bob:

I assume the brook trout and sunapee trout arrived okay. I am enclosing copies of portions of 2 biennial reports (Idaho). The 10th report shows a picture of a native cutthroat taken from one of the high lakes in the Sawtooth region of central Idaho (Salmon River drainage). It sure looks like typical westslope spotting pattern to me. I thought you would be interested in seeing that.

The other report (11th) has the stocking data for the sunapee trout. Kent Ball made the copies of these reports. I will have to get the complete citation to be included in any publication.

I am also enclosing 3 slides of westslope cutthroat from the St. Joe River. You may have these to add to your collection of pictures.

Let me know the counts of the two samples. It will be interesting.

Sincerely,

Richard L. Wallace
Associate Professor of Zoology

RLW/dpa
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February 9, 1979

Dr. R. J. Behnke
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Dear Bob:

I am enclosing some material for you concerning the sunapee trout project:

- 1) a copy of a letter from Kent Ball to me with some answers to your questions
- 2) part of a 1935 report on a survey of Sawtooth Lake
- 3) a summary of information on the lake and the two recent fish collections (1977 and 1978).

One discrepancy appears. Kent Ball told me the lake was about 172 acres, but the survey (1935) notes the size at about 300 acres. I am not sure which is correct.

Kent sent me a number of additional pictures of the fish collected in both 1977 and 1978. I am duplicating some and will send a few to you as soon as possible.

Concerning your Western Salmo monograph, I have Section I (59p), Section II (pgs 1-141) and the part on rainbow and redband trouts (pg 173-195). Would you send me a copy of the missing section (pg 142-172) and anything else you have added after pg 195? I would appreciate it. Also, a U.S.F.S. employee in McCall, ID has asked me to summarize and send him the description (characters) and distribution of westslope cutthroat and redband trout. I have the information for the westslope but do not have all of the information on the redband trout. Would you be kind enough to jot down the expected meristic characters (I think I have enough on coloration) of the redband that would be found in the middle Snake River (i.e., Salmon, Payette, Boise, Owyhee, Malheur Rivers)? Do you have any evidence of redband populations (largely pure) in any of these areas in addition to the Owyhee and Salmon Rivers? Especially the Payette, Boise, and Weiser River drainages? This same biologist told me he will be going into some steep, isolated tributaries of the Snake River in the Hells Canyon area this summer and that he will collect some trout for me. That is an interesting area for westslope-redband trout. I will keep you posted.

I am still working on the north Idaho samples from Jim Cooper. Hope to finish them by April. He told me recently that he has another 30-40 populations he would like me to look at, so it appears I will be busy with Idaho fish for another year or so. I want to get into the Kootenai drainage

Dr. R. J. Behnke
February 9, 1979
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in B.C. this summer, if possible, to get some collections of both cut-throat and redband, if possible. I also am working on obtaining some summer steelhead samples from interior B.C. Again, I will keep you posted.

Thanks for anything you can send me from the above requests.

Best regards,

Dick

Richard L. Wallace
Associate Professor of Zoology

RLW:hs
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STATE OF IDAHO

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SALMON, IDAHO 83467

November 20, 1980

Mr. Bob Behnke
Dept. of Fishery and Wildlife Biology
Colorado State University
Fort Collins, CO 80523

Dear Bob:

Thank you for the copy of Eric Wagner's paper on the Sunapee charr. I may wish to refer to it in the future, but not without his permission.

I gill netted Alice and Vernon Lakes in September. Alice has viable reproducing populations of brook and Sunapee charr. I collected 12 Sunapee and 34 brook charr from Alice Lake with two 125' experimental nets. Vernon Lake has been stocked with Henrys Lake cutthroat and it was the only species I collected. Is it possible that the Sunapee coexists with brook charr, but can't compete with cutthroat? It's interesting to note that Mr. Locke stocked "one pack load rainbow trout and one pack load silverside shiners" in Alice Lake in 1924, the year before he stocked the Sunapee there.

All of the specimens I collected this year were sent to Dick Wallace. We are in the process of a life history comparison of both species from Sawtooth Lake.

At this time I do not have any plans to net the other lakes originally stocked by Mr. Locke in the Redfish Lake drainage. Each lake received only 50 fish and the chances of their survival is very slim.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kent".

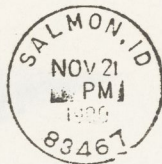
Kent Ball
Regional Fishery Biologist
Salmon Subregional Office
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KB:nb

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Kent Ball

Alice L. has
sunspes w/ brook trout
(stocked 1924 w/ rainbows)
Nemnon L. no sunspes found
only cutthroat,
- other lakes
Locke stocked w/
only 50 sunspes
in Redfish L. area
these not sampled.



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34 Idaho Avenue
Bangor, Maine 04401

January 3, 1979

Dear Dr. Behrke:

Thank you for your informative letter of Dec. 4, 1978. Please excuse the delay in responding but I have been researching the possible source for those Sunapee Char in Idaho. I could find nothing about the definite source for the Idaho stock (see the attached photography) but I do not know of any Federal operation on Sunapee Lake, N.H. Perhaps someone in the N.H. Fish & Game Dept. could help you there.

In response to your hypothesis re: the predator-prey relationships in Sawtooth Lake; I would need more information. Here in Maine, I have been making Sunapee Char transfers into waters with only brook char in them. The results,

from my standpoint, have been disappointing. The Sunapee behave much as was reported for the bluebacks in the Dracyleys. Growth is slow, condition factor is low and the fish keep to deep water where they are difficult to catch. Seasonally, late spring & early fall, the Maine bluebacks and Sunapees are readily caught by anglers near the surface. As water temperatures begin to rise above 10°C the charr move to deeper water where their food supply is restrictive and where anglers have difficulty in catching them. Wherever smelt (Osmerus mordax) are present the growth on Sunapees & condition factor are much improved. We also have had substantial growth improvements in blueback charr



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when smelts have been stocked to provide a deep water forage species. It seems to me that the limiting factor for charr growth is not the presence of brook trout but the absence of a sufficient food supply in the hypolimnion below 10°C.

I hope this rambling letter is of some value to you. If funds were not so tight I'd love to see Sawtooth Lake and its Saugee Charr. I am having great difficulty in

establishing a self-sustaining Squeeze
water and perhaps I could get
some valuable insite in Idaho.

Perhaps some day.....

Sincerely yours,

Fred Kirckin

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- * Not surprising if hybrids
- Bull chess, S. confinis 1 January
- Japan - several generations - plus
- No sterility even sometimes

Monographic Biology -

hybrids - markings
 wavy vs. clean
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 ♀ pelvic

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- description -
- vent.
- 58-60 E0
- 63-65 E-
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Bill plots -

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SUNKHAZE STREAM CHAPTER

POST OFFICE BOX 92
BANGOR, MAINE 04401

14 January 1980

Mr. Jerry Gibbs
Update Trout/Salmon Editor
Outdoor Life
380 Madison Avenue
New York, New York 10017

Dear Mr. Gibbs:

Reference your article "LOST SUNAPEE TROUT FOUND IN IDAHO", on page 48 of the December issue of Outdoor Life.

Sunapee Trout were named after the water in which they were originally found in the 1860's, namely Lake Sunapee in New Hampshire. The fish were also known to exist in one Vermont Lake, one other New Hampshire lake and Floods Pond in Maine. In or around 1925 these trout disappeared from Lake Sunapee due to hybridization with stocked Lake Trout and the fish that are now in Sawtooth Lake, Idaho, probably came from Floods Pond because at around that time, eggs from Maine were shipped to a Federal Hatchery in the State of Washington and from there eggs were supplied to a hatchery in Oregon and from the Oregon hatchery were introduced into Sawtooth Lake. *SILVER SALMON not silver trout*

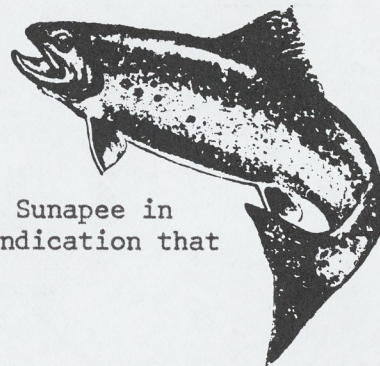
We have a State Fisheries Biologist in this area, Mr. Frederick W. Kircheis, who has been working with Sunapee Trout since 1969, and through his efforts Sunapee Trout have been planted in South Branch Pond, Baxter State Park; Coffee Pond, Sebago Lake area of southern Maine; and Twin Ponds - Upper & Lower - to the northwest of Millinocket Lake. Although Mr. Kircheis has planted the Sunapee Trout in other lakes and ponds within the State of Maine, the waters mentioned above are where the fish seem to be doing the best. I might add that the Sunapee is surviving and doing very *WELL* in Floods Pond.

In September of 1979, our Chapter of Trout Unlimited, made monies available to Mr. Kircheis for a trip to Sawtooth Lake, Idaho. Mr. Kircheis made the trip in the company of Idaho Biologist Kent Ball. The purpose of the trip was to see what characteristics Sawtooth Lake held that might give Mr. Kircheis a clue as to where he might find, in Maine, the type of water in Sawtooth and also what factors were concerning the survival of Sunapee Trout in Sawtooth. However, because the trip into Sawtooth had to be made by horse back they were unable to take a canoe or foldboat to enable them to get out on the water for a realistic survey.

Here are a few facts concerning Sunapee Trout:

1. 1,000 Sunapee charr were stocked in Sawtooth in 1925 by S. B. Locke, U. S. Forest Service Examiner headquartered in Ogden, Utah.

2. Locke surveyed the area in 1924 and stocked the Sunapee in 1925, and stocked 1,250,000 *SMELT* smelt in 1927. There is no indication that these *SMELT* ever survived.



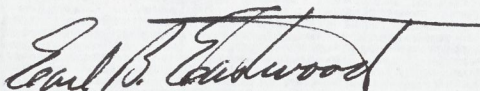
"LOST SUNAPEE TROUT FOUND IN IDAHO" (CONT'D)

3. Rodeheffer surveyed the lake in 1934 and caught 12 Sunapee 8-9" long.
4. In 1941 7,000 Eastern Brook Trout were stocked in Sawtooth Lake.
5. Kent Ball surveyed Sawtooth in 1977 (October) and took 28 Brook Trout and 9 Sunapee.
6. Kent Ball again surveyed Sawtooth in October 1978 and took 16 Sunapee, 7 Brook Trout, and 3 fish which Bob Benhke feels were Brook TroutXSunapee hybrids.
7. Kent Ball surveyed again in August 1979 and took 1 Sunapee and 29 Brook Trout in 6 to 50 feet of water.
8. Upper Redfish Lake Inlet was stocked with 500 Sunapee in 1925. No record of any recovery.

Extensive research by Mr. Kircheis has enabled me to put forth the information contained herein.

I might add that when I saw the article concerning "Lost Sunapee Trout" in the December issue, my wheels started turning and, knowing that Sunapee were still alive and kicking here in Maine, had to hopefully set the record straight.

Sincerely yours,



Earl B. Eastwood

Secretary

Sunkhaze Stream Chapter, Trout Unlimited

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- Sunapee Trout -

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September 25, 1980

Eric Wagner
120 Garfield
Fort Collins, Colorado 80524

Dear Mr. Wagner:

re: your letter of September 16, 1980

Since I last talked with Dr. Behnke in Montana I have had the opportunity to visit Sawtooth Lake with the regional biologist, Kent Ball. If you plan to publish anything concerning the Sunapee charr in Sawtooth Lake, I suggest you communicate with Mr. Ball at the following address: Salmon Sub-regional Office, P. O. Box 1336, Salmon, Idaho 83467.

As to your questions:

1) As far as I know there is no direct interaction between Sunapee and brook charr. They inhabit different areas of the lake, eat different food organisms, and spawn in different areas and in a different manner. I know that Dr. Behnke feels that some of the fish from Sawtooth Lake that he saw were hybrids, and they could be, but I have never seen such a thing here in Maine.

2) Sunapee charr are easily caught through the ice in winter. The rest of the year they inhabit quite deep water and can be difficult to catch. Maine anglers traditionally use raw lobster meat for bait while still-fishing for "silver trout" as they call the Sunapee.

3) In Maine, the Sunapee are reproducing in Floods Pond, a native water for the species, and in the South Branch Ponds, two waters which were stocked with Floods Pond fish. I am stocking five other waters with Floods Pond stock at this time. Kent Ball was going to examine some other waters in Idaho where records show that Sunapee were stocked at one time. He may have more information on that area for you.


Eric Wagner
September 25, 1980
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4) I don't understand your question "Economic status". There is no great demand for angling Sunapee charr due to their relative scarcity, inaccessibility, and angler ignorance of their existence.

5) I suggest managing the species for the greatest protection possible while still allowing angler harvest. No different species should be stocked into waters containing Sunapee charr and separate populations of charr should not be mixed.

I am enclosing some additional information for your use. Please feel free to contact me if you have further questions.

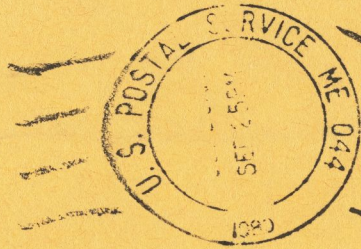
Very truly yours,



Frederick W. Kircheis,
Fishery Research Biologist

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cc: Kent Ball

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January 21, 1981

Mr. Robert Behnke
Dept. of Fishery & Wildlife Biology
Colorado State University
Fort Collins, Colorado 80523

Dear Bob:

Thank you for the note re: the stocking history of Sunapee Lake, N.H. It does seem that the Idaho Sunapee must indeed be the "Type" species for this fish and we are all fortunate that they have survived the ravages of mankind.

Enclosed are some maps, old and new, of the Rangeley Lakes System. If you haven't already, you might enjoy the following reference: Kendall, W.C. 1918. The Rangeley Lakes, Maine; with special reference to the habits of the fishes, fish culture, and angling. U.S. Gov't Printing Office. Document No. 861, Washington, D. C. I have a copy which was loaned to me by Kendall Warner but you may be able to get ahold of a copy out there somewhere.

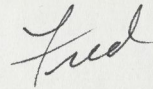
I've been thinking about your hypothesis re: the amount of littoral vegetation and proportion of hypolimnion in a water and the size of the blueback and/or brook charr which might be present. I think that the Rangeley Lakes are not much different from Sunapee Lake. I have never been to Sunapee Lake but the descriptions I have read and the photos I have seen lead me to believe that it is one of our typical oligotrophic lakes which are so common in the Northeast. Certainly Black Lake, a current home for a native blueback charr population where the brook charr are quite large (5+ lbs) and the blueback charr are quite small (4-6" avg.) has a large proportion of hypolimnion and very little littoral vegetation.

I am more inclined to believe that basic fertility and structure of the food chain have much more to do with the relative size structure of the brook charr vs. the blueback charr than any interaction between the two species. Many of our blueback waters (all of which also contain brook charr) are situated in sterile environments. There is very little feed in the deep waters where the blueback prefers to live and therefore the fish growth is limited. Where we have had smelt introductions into these waters the growth of the bluebacks is reported to have improved. I feel that this improved blueback growth is due to the more adventurous nature of the smelt. The smelt commonly travel back and forth from the surface of these waters where food organisms are more abundant, to the cold depths where the bluebacks make their living by feeding on zooplankton, diptera larvae and, when available, smelt.

Mr. Robert Behnke
January 21, 1981
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I would very much enjoy discussing this matter with you sometime. If you ever get another chance to visit the University of Maine I'd make the opportunity available for you to visit some of our Sunapee and blue-back waters to see first hand what kind of habitat we are dealing with.

Sincerely,



Frederick W. Kircheis,
Research Biologist

FWK/jpn
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P.S. Just this summer I documented reproduction by three year classes of Sunapee charr in a water where I have been stocking fall fingerlings since 1972.

UPPER RICHARDSON LAKE

(Molechunkamunk Lake)

Richardsontown (T4 R1) and Magalloway (T5 R1)

Twps., Oxford Co.

U. S. G. S. Oquossoc, Me.

Fishes

Salmon

Brook trout
(squaretail)

Brown trout

Hornpout
(bullhead)

Smelt

White sucker

Longnose sucker

Minnows

Fallfish

Lake chub

Creek chub

Pearl dace

Finescale dace

Redbelly dace

Common shiner

Fathead minnow

Physical Characteristics

Area - 4200 acres

Temperatures

Surface - 73° F.

108 feet - 51° F.

Maximum depth - 108 feet
Mean depth - 44 feet

Suggested Management

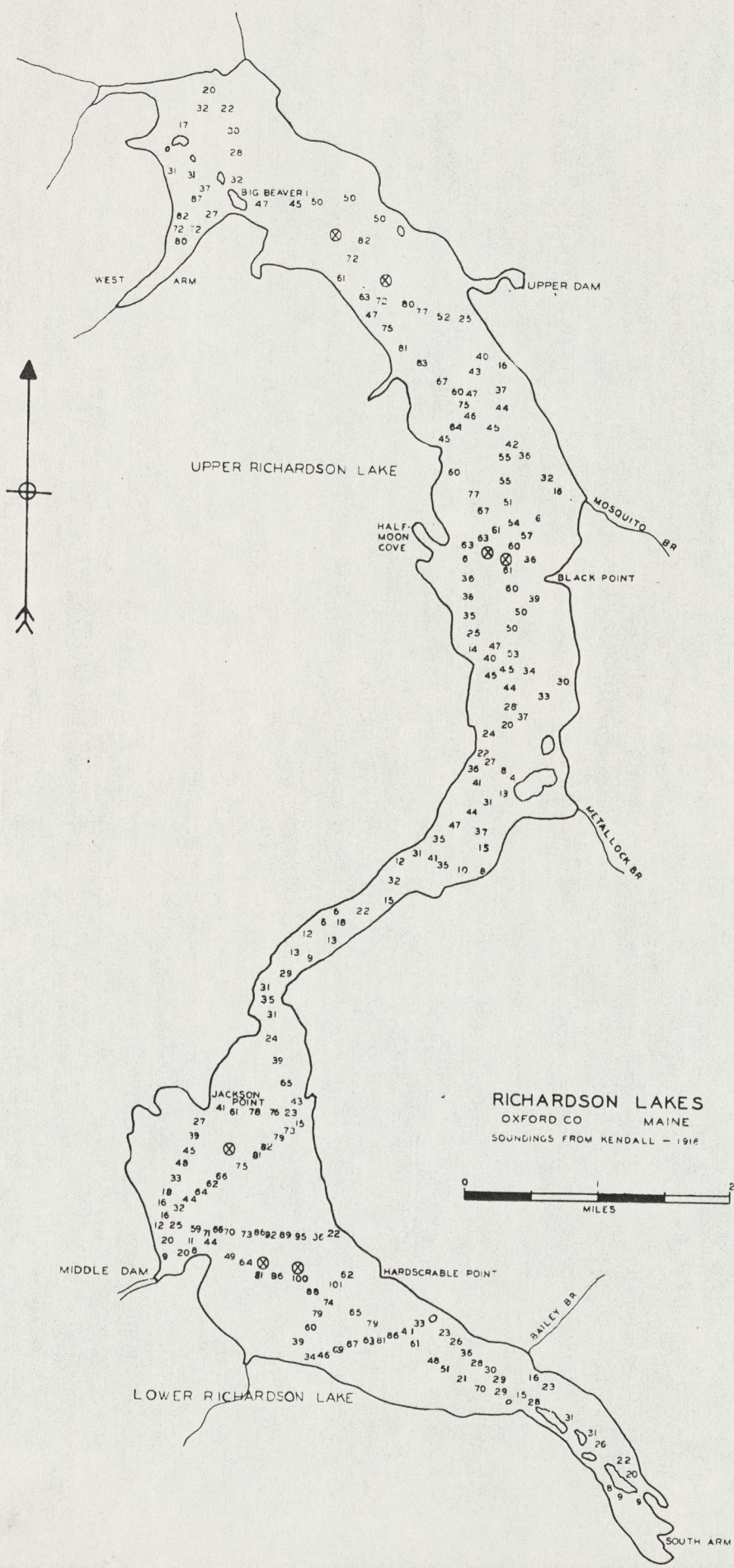
Prior to the construction of the 22-foot dam at Middle Dam, Upper and Lower Richardson Lakes were separate bodies of water connected by a short stream. At present they are essentially one lake with two distinct basins and a shallow narrows between. The two parts, Upper and Lower Richardson Lakes, will be considered separately in these reports.

Upper Richardson Lake provides excellent water quality conditions for cold-water fishes. Tributary streams are reported as only fair spawning areas and should, consequently, be

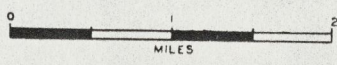
managed for their maximum possible production of young trout and salmon. Management should include scrupulous maintenance of unobstructed migration routes and stable water levels.

The ill-advised introduction of warm-water fishes into Upper Richardson Lake or any of the Rangeley Lakes would probably have disastrous effects on the salmon and trout populations. Game wardens and sportsmen should keep constant vigilance to prevent such introductions.

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RICHARDSON LAKES
 OXFORD CO MAINE
 SOUNDINGS FROM KENDALL - 1918



MOOSELOOKMEGUNTIC and CUPSUPTIC LAKES
 (Lower Oquossoc Lake, Lower Rangeley Lake)
 Richardsontown (T4 R1), Adamstown (T4 R2), and
 Lower Cupsuptic (T4 R3) Twps., Oxford Co.;
 Rangeley (T3 R1) and Rangeley Twps., Franklin Co.
 U. S. G. S. Rangeley, Oquossoc, and Cupsuptic, Me.

Fishes

Salmon	Minnows
Brook trout (squaretail)	Fallfish
Brown trout	Creek chub
Smelt	Blacknose dace
White sucker	Pearl dace
Longnose sucker	Redbelly dace
	Common shiner
	Fathead minnow

Physical Characteristics

Area - 16,300 acres	Temperatures
Maximum depth - 132 feet	Surface - 70° F.
<i>Mean Depth - 60 feet</i>	117 feet - 45° F.

Suggested Management

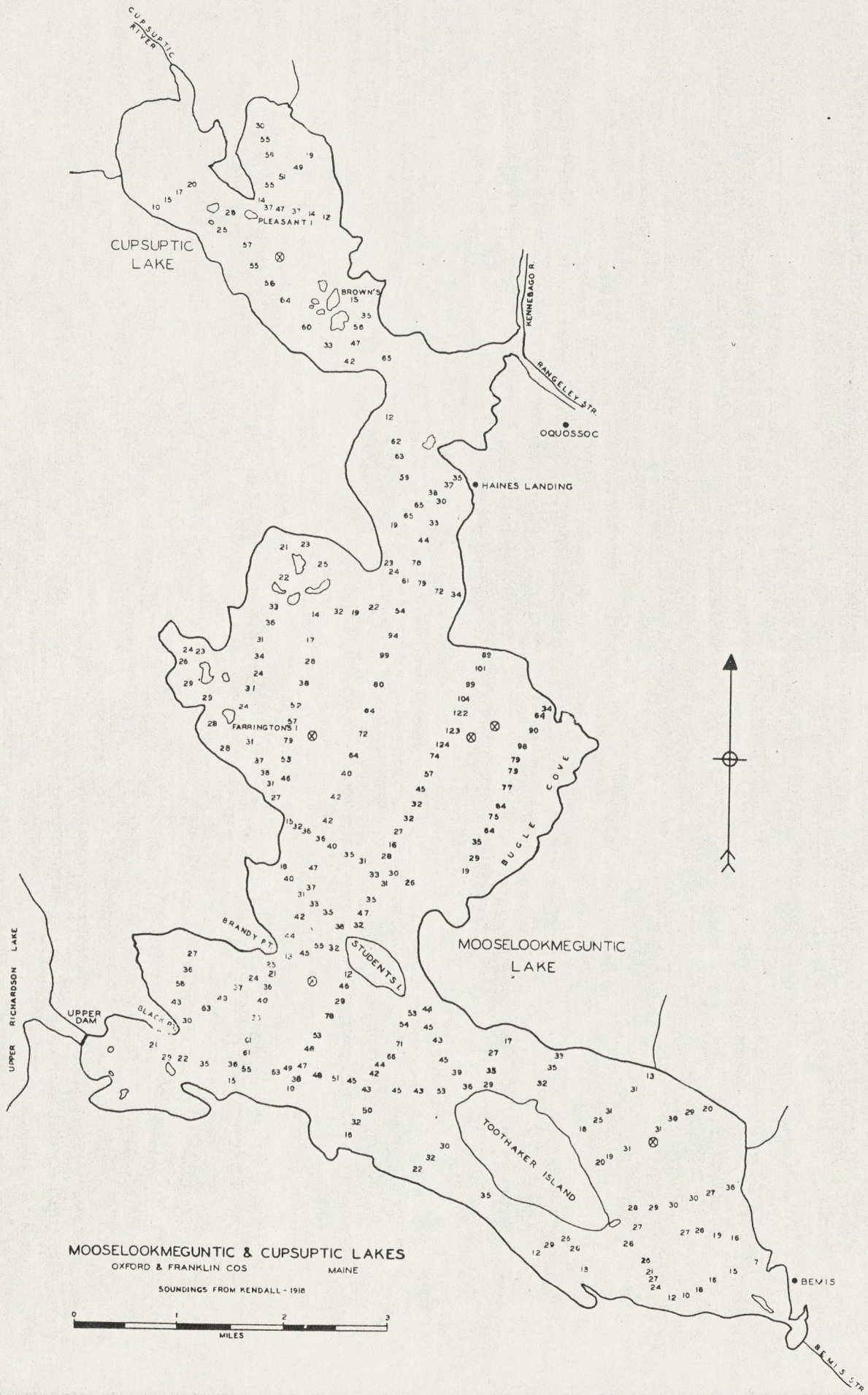
Mooselookmeguntic and Cupsuptic Lakes are separate bodies of water that have been joined to make one lake by raising the water level of Mooselookmeguntic Lake by some 14 feet. This water level is maintained by a 20 foot dam at Upper Dam, the outlet of Mooselookmeguntic Lake. The two basins will be considered together in this report and the name Mooselookmeguntic will refer to both lakes.

Mooselookmeguntic Lake, as with all the Rangeley Lakes except Aziscohos, provides excellent temperatures, dissolved oxygen levels, and gen-

eral water quality characteristics for cold-water fishes. These conditions, plus the absence of competing warm-water game fishes, provide a habitat that produces good salmon and trout fishing.

The 1939 survey showed Mooselookmeguntic Lake to have many tributaries which provide excellent spawning and nursery areas for trout and salmon. Management of Mooselookmeguntic Lake should certainly involve elimination or circumvention of obstructions and maintenance of stable water levels in these streams. This recommendation is particularly pertinent to Kennebago River, Cupsuptic River, and Bemis Stream, the main spawning areas for Mooselookmeguntic Lake and probably the best spawning streams in the Rangeley area.

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RANGELEY LAKE

(Oquossoc Lake)

Rangeley Twp., Rangeley Plt., and Sandy River Plt., Franklin Co.
U.S.G.S. Rangeley and Oquossoc, Me.

Fishes

Salmon
Brook trout (squaretail)
Brown trout
Yellow perch
Hornpout (bullhead)
Alewife
Smelt
Eel
White sucker
Longnose sucker

Minnows
Creek chub
Lake chub
Fallfish (chub)
Common shiner
Golden shiner
Blacknose shiner
Blacknose dace
Redbelly dace
Finescale dace
Banded killifish
Freshwater sculpin

Physical Characteristics

Area — 6000 acres

Temperatures

Surface — 73° F.
149 feet — 46° F.

Maximum depth — 149 feet
Mean depth — 60 feet

Principal fishery: Salmon, brook trout

Rangeley Lake has been a nationally famous fishing water since the mid-1800's and was originally known for the many large (8-12.5 pound) brook trout it produced. Rangeley had no salmon and no smelt at that time and the brook trout fed on the small (6-9 inch) blueback trout, (*Salvelinus oquossa*). Salmon were introduced into the Rangeley Lakes in 1873 and these rapidly increased in numbers and size through the early 1900's. The largest salmon taken by an angler (16.5 pounds) was reported in 1903 and the largest salmon known from Rangeley Lake (18.5 pounds) was taken by hatcherymen in 1905. The blueback became virtually extinct about 1905, coincident with the great increase in numbers of salmon. Their extinction was presumably the result of competition from salmon and overfishing. Smelt were introduced about 1895, became numerous by about 1900 and have taken the place of the blueback trout as food for both brook trout and salmon. Brook trout predominated in the anglers' catches until the early 1900's when salmon became predominant. Since 1918, salmon have been taken more commonly

than brook trout although in some years good catches of trout occur.

From the standpoint of water quality, Rangeley Lake is still highly suitable for trout and salmon, being virtually unchanged from the time the lake was first studied by the Department in 1939. However, the ability of Rangeley Lake to produce salmon and trout has been reduced through the unauthorized introduction of a number of fish species. Kendall, a renowned pioneer fishery biologist, reported in 1905 only nine of the 21 species now present. The most recent introduction was the banded killifish — first seen in 1975. The species having the most pronounced effect was the yellow perch, first reported in 1953. Perch increased rapidly in numbers and size during the early 1960's, feeding heavily on smelt. Smelt numbers began to decline noticeably, resulting in slower growing salmon. At this writing, the perch have stabilized and smelts are making a recovery but have not yet reached their former abundance.

The tributaries of Rangeley Lake are good spawning and nursery areas but their small size limits the number of salmon produced. Dodge Pond Stream produces mostly salmon and has one of the highest densities of young salmon in the state. South Bog Stream is the major source of brook trout. No salmon have been found there. Greenvale Stream produces both trout and salmon, with salmon outnumbering trout in most years. Hatchery salmon are stocked in the lake to supplement the wild population.

A long term study has shown that Rangeley Lake is best managed as a separate unit rather than in conjunction with the other lakes and streams in the drainage. The study, which followed the movements of salmon and trout from 1957 to 1966 when Rangeley Lake fish had free access to all parts of the drainage via a system of fishways, demonstrated that there were in this particular case, no advantages. Therefore, maintaining a screen at the outlet of Rangeley Lake is preferred to maintaining the fishway in Rangeley dam.

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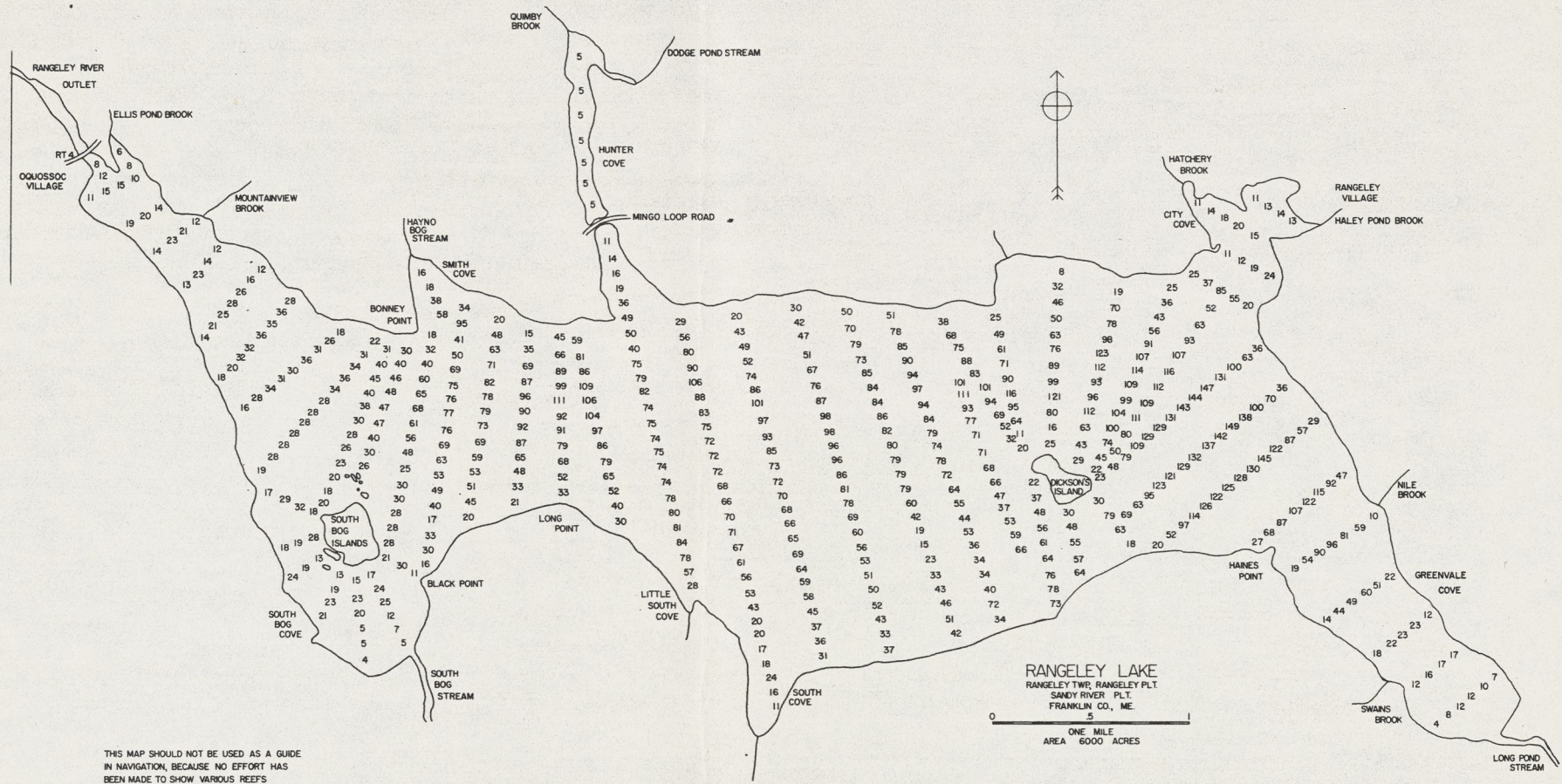
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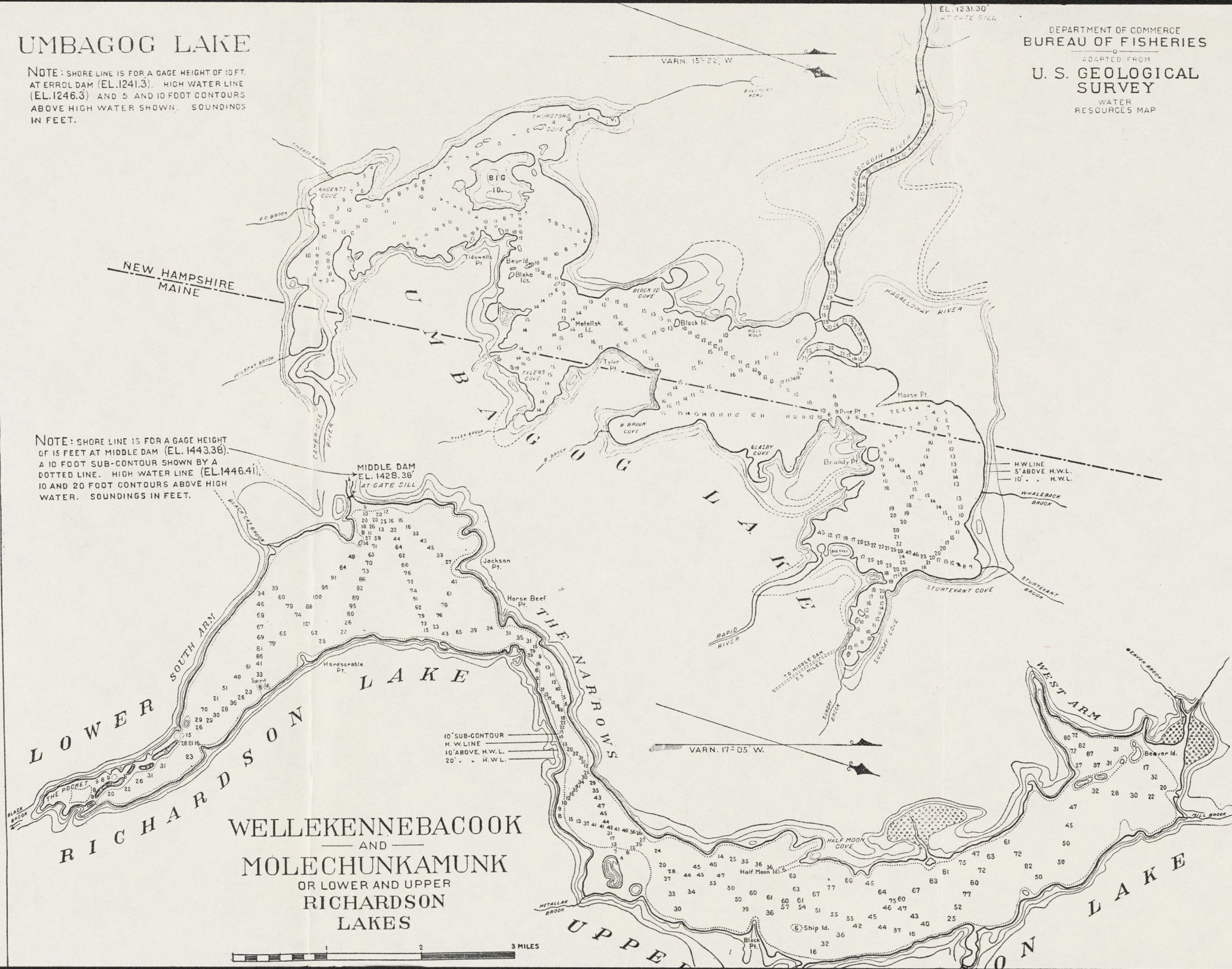
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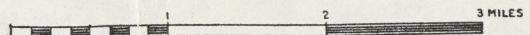
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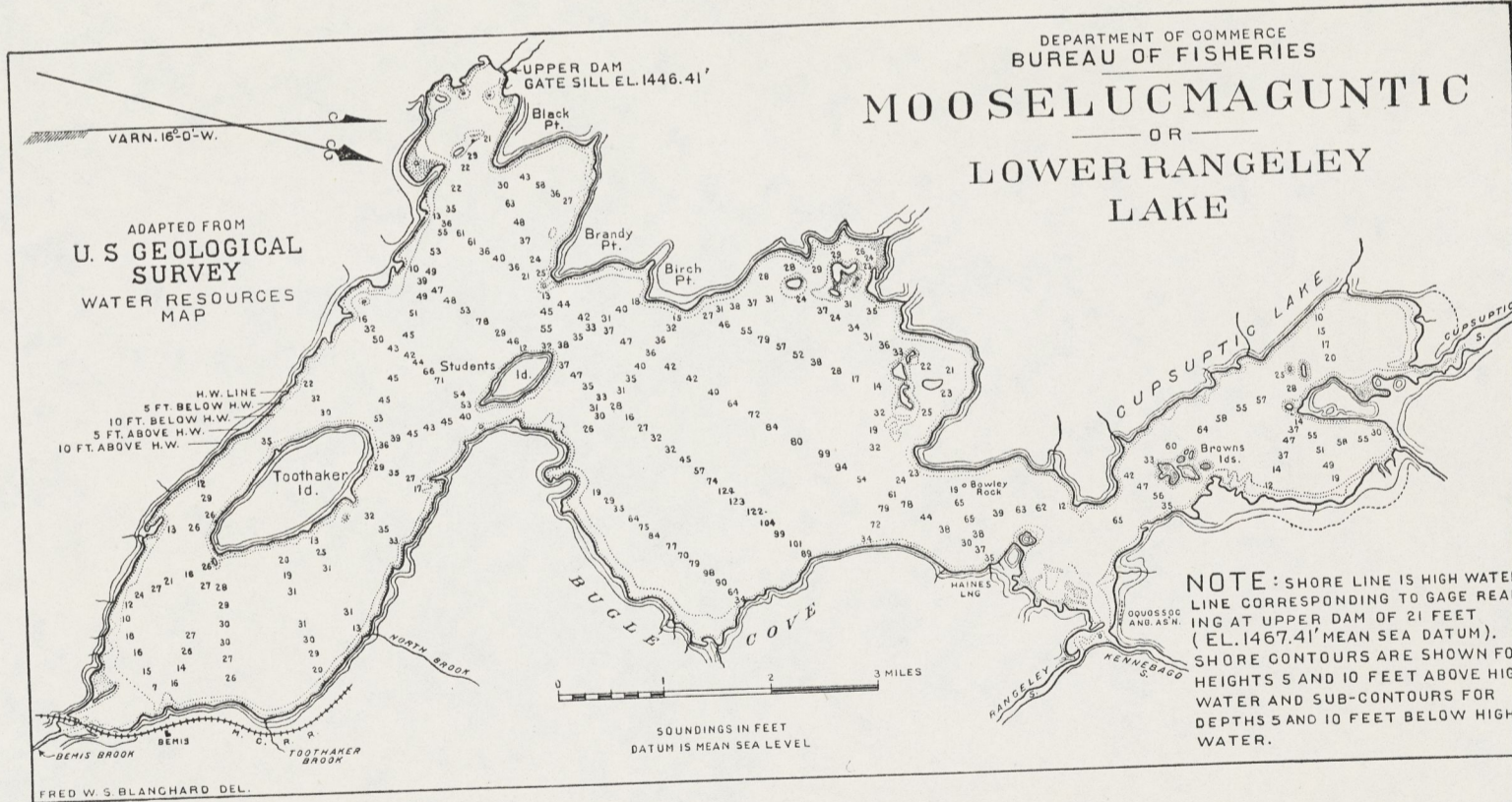
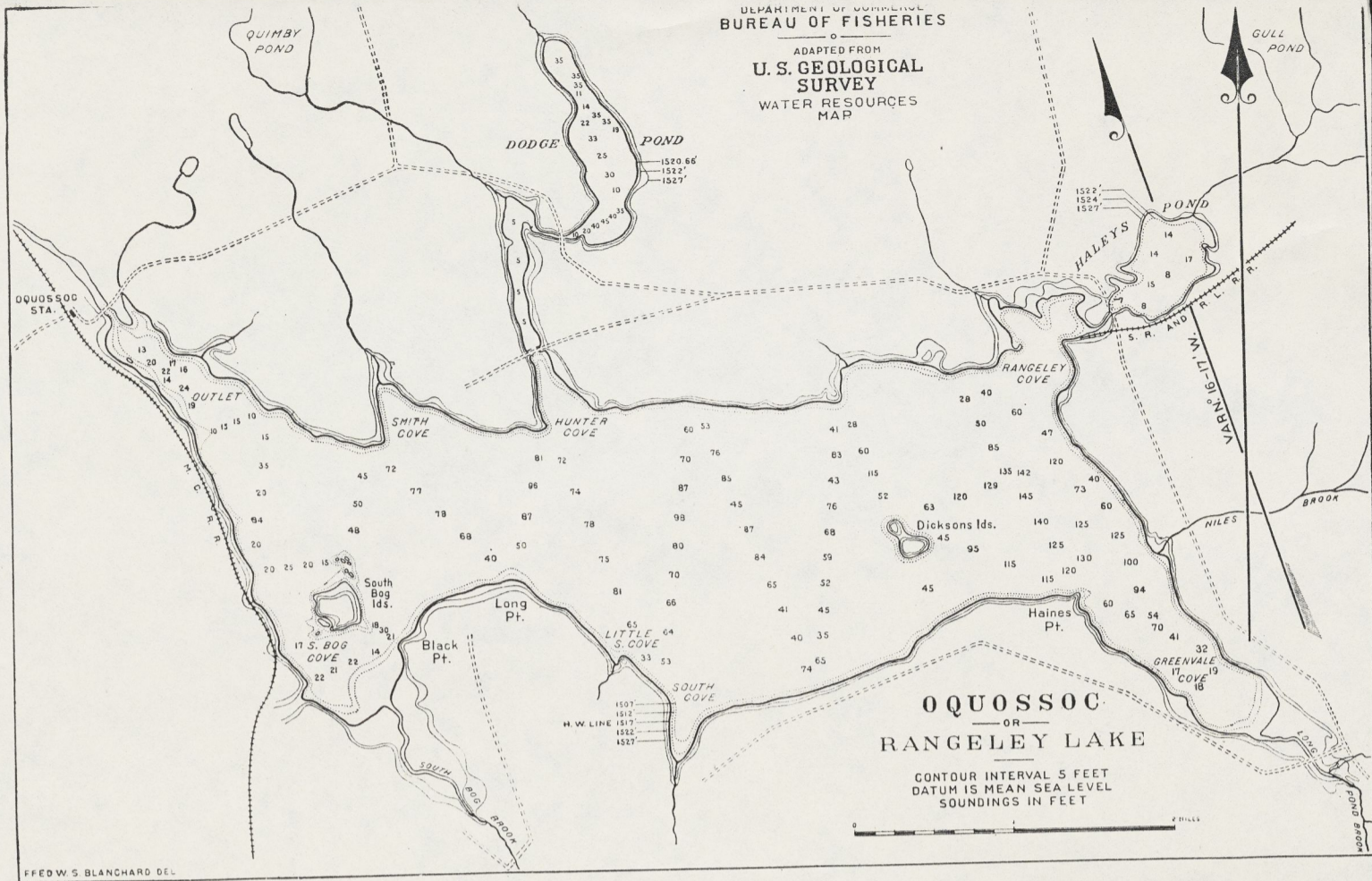
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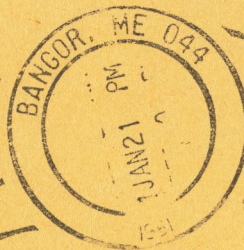
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