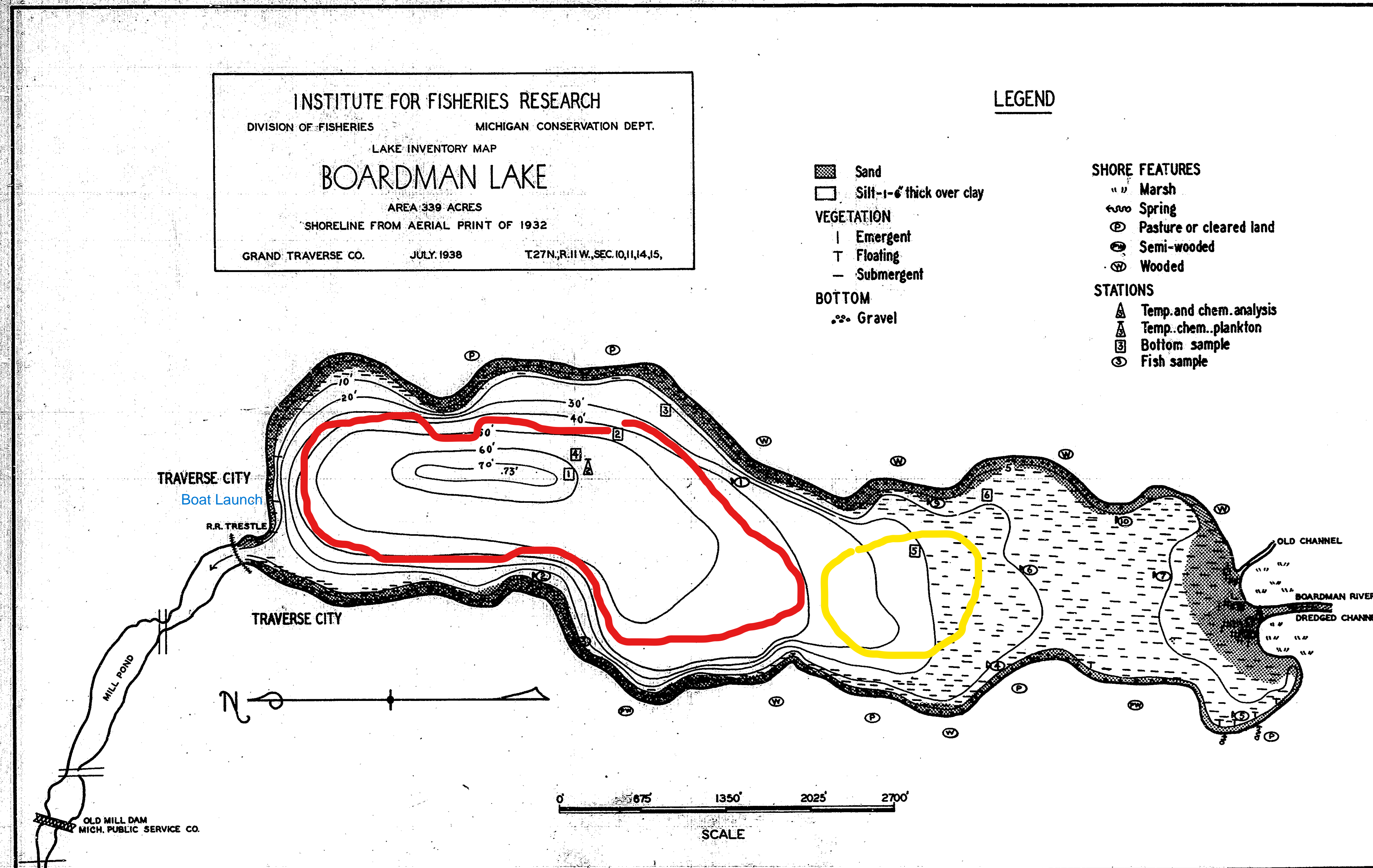


Boardman Lake - I've only fished this lake twice so I honestly couldn't tell you a whole lot. I can tell you that the launch is not the greatest. I had a 14 foot boat and I had back my truck up to the exhaust and still had to get out to push the boat off the trailer! I was running a weekly league event out there and just about everyone caught fish. There is no size limit on northern pike on this lake. You will catch lots of smaller pike on hot-n-tots and jointed rapalas trolling. Spinnerbait fishing would work great too! Troll the contour I've marked in red. Don't go too shallow or you will weed up. There are some thick weeds there. No one will talk to me about the walleyes in this lake. The DNR planted millions of fry in the 80's. I know a few people who irregularly walleye fish it and do good so it's on my list of things to do if it weren't for that pesky launch. It's also discouraging that the city's waste water treatment plant is right next to the boat launch and the Boardman River. Another suggestion would be to try the area in the yellow for the larger northern pike in the spring before the weeds take over but be careful with the stumps as well. A master angler registered their catch of a 44 inch, 22 pound pike in 1998. They're in there along with some nice brown trout! I ice fished it once just off the launch and there were a ton of people but all the perch were about 5-6 inches. Great for the predator fish, not for me.



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