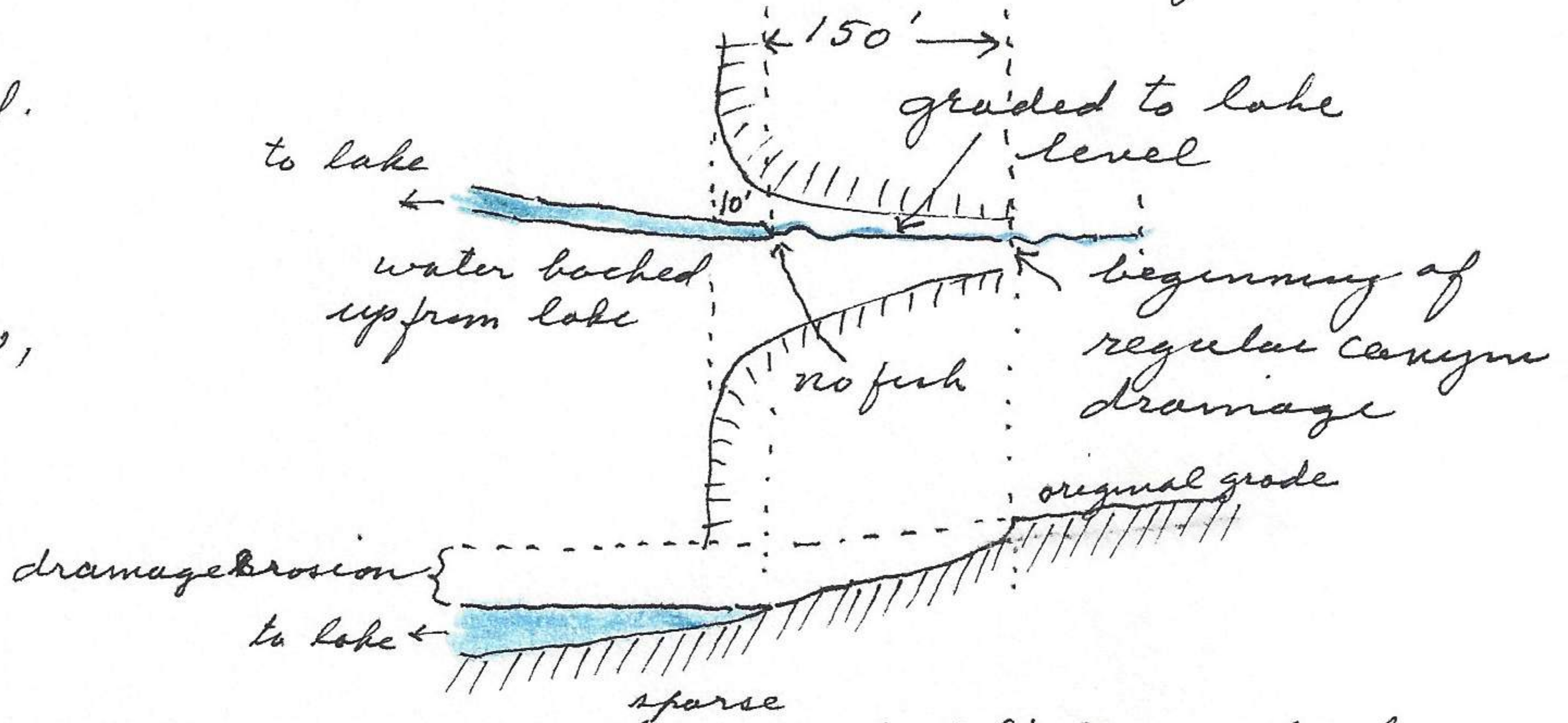
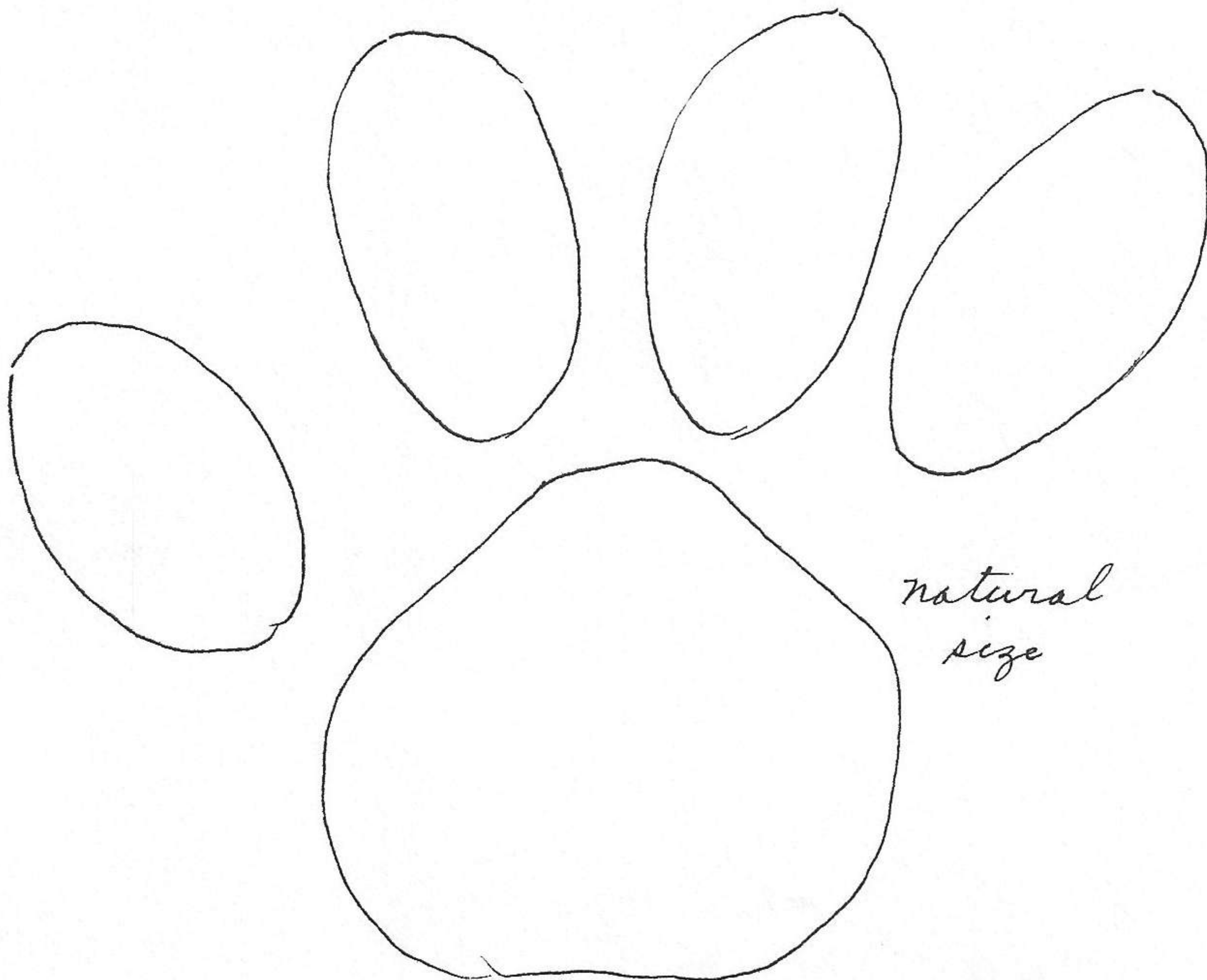


billed gulls, 10 ducks? sp. This is an average condition and will vary to more or fewer birds from time to time. *Microtus ochragaster* runway on slope of knoll in fine matted grasses. Left 12:15 and dropped off ridge to N to telephone or power lines running E-W. From here can see cormorant, 2 green-wing teal, 8 greater scaup, and 16 gadwalls. Coyote tracks measured: 81 mm long x 59 wide. Set of deer tracks measured 78 mm and another 68 mm. In flooded field between line and next drainage to S observed 2 bluebirds, 4 wood ducks, 6 shovellers, 2 green-winged teal, 8 blue-wing teal, 4 mallards (2 pairs), 9 gadwalls and 3 ring-billed gulls. I find that immature eagles in trees are difficult to see today because of poor lighting (dark day). 12:47 drainage with rock crossing, good deer trail, 2 field sparrows, can hear great horned owl in trees at lake on W side. Continued to second drainage arriving at 12:56. Only birds were 2 pairs mallards in milo field.

This drainage has some unusual features, first it follows an old fence row, straight to E to lake. The upper 150' graded to lake level. Continued S.



Good microtine activity all along in fine grass, matted, with overhead weeds 3'-4' high. Actually many used trails all way. 2 red-headed woodpeckers, 2 mallards, 1 microtine holes had dirt pellets piled outside of hole as if carried out by mouth. 1:12 2 wood ducks. 1:16 next small drainage to S and beginning of old road large or drainage ditch. At this point recorded tracks of a bobcat? could be a dog? although I could not see claw marks in mud imprint. 1:25 end of fence tree line as it meets water, pied billed grebe. One immature eagle flew S, above water then W. Left 1:30. black capped chickadee 1:40 upper slope of field at base of ridge. Excellent full view of Big Slough area both N & S. Rain clouds making area dark. No gulls



natural size