

"LURES: CHOOSING AND USING"



25-20 ft, 20-15 ft, 15-12 ft, 12-9 ft, 9-6 ft, 6-4 ft, 4-2 ft.

An effective set of tools to cover a wide range of depths and speeds

We look at **lures as tools** used **to control the depths and speeds** of our presentation. To get a fish to **strike our lure**, we must put it **in front of the fish (depth)** and **move it at a speed to trigger a reflex strike**. That **speed** will **vary** from **dead slow to very fast** according to the weather and water conditions at that time and the activity level of the fish. We **cannot easily predict** what **speed** will trigger fish nor at what **depth** they will be found at any given time. Therefore to fish in the most **thorough** way, we **need to check all depths and all speeds**, casting and trolling structure, **to have the best chance** to catch a fish. This is, in effect, the **essence of Spoonplugging!**

Buck Perry **classifies artificial lures into 4 types: topwater, weedless, jump, and free-running bottom-bumping**. **Topwater and weedless** are self-explanatory and they are **needed less frequently** since numbers of big fish are seldom in these areas

("the home of the fish is deep water"). **Jump lures** are generally used for **slower presentations** when the fish are deep or in the shallows. That **leaves the free running-bottom bumping lures (crankbaits)** for **most of our fishing** during the majority of the fishing season, as they work at the widest range of speeds. **Most crankbaits will change depth when speed is changed** and don't allow accurate control of depth and speed at the same time. The **Spoonplug crankbait** was designed by Mr. Perry as a tool to **maintain depth while speed is changed**. By using the 7 sizes Spoonplugs to control depth, **speeds can be changed and checked at the same time as depths**. A smart Spoonplugger will **use Spoonplugs 90-95% of the time**, both **casting and trolling**, when fishing in **the warmwater season**, since they have the widest speed range and the most accurate depth control of any lures available. In this manner **new structures are quickly learned and fished at the same time**. This concept **does not eliminate any lures** presently **in your tacklebox**. All lures that you use in your presentation should be **selected to control the depth and speed** that you are checking.

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