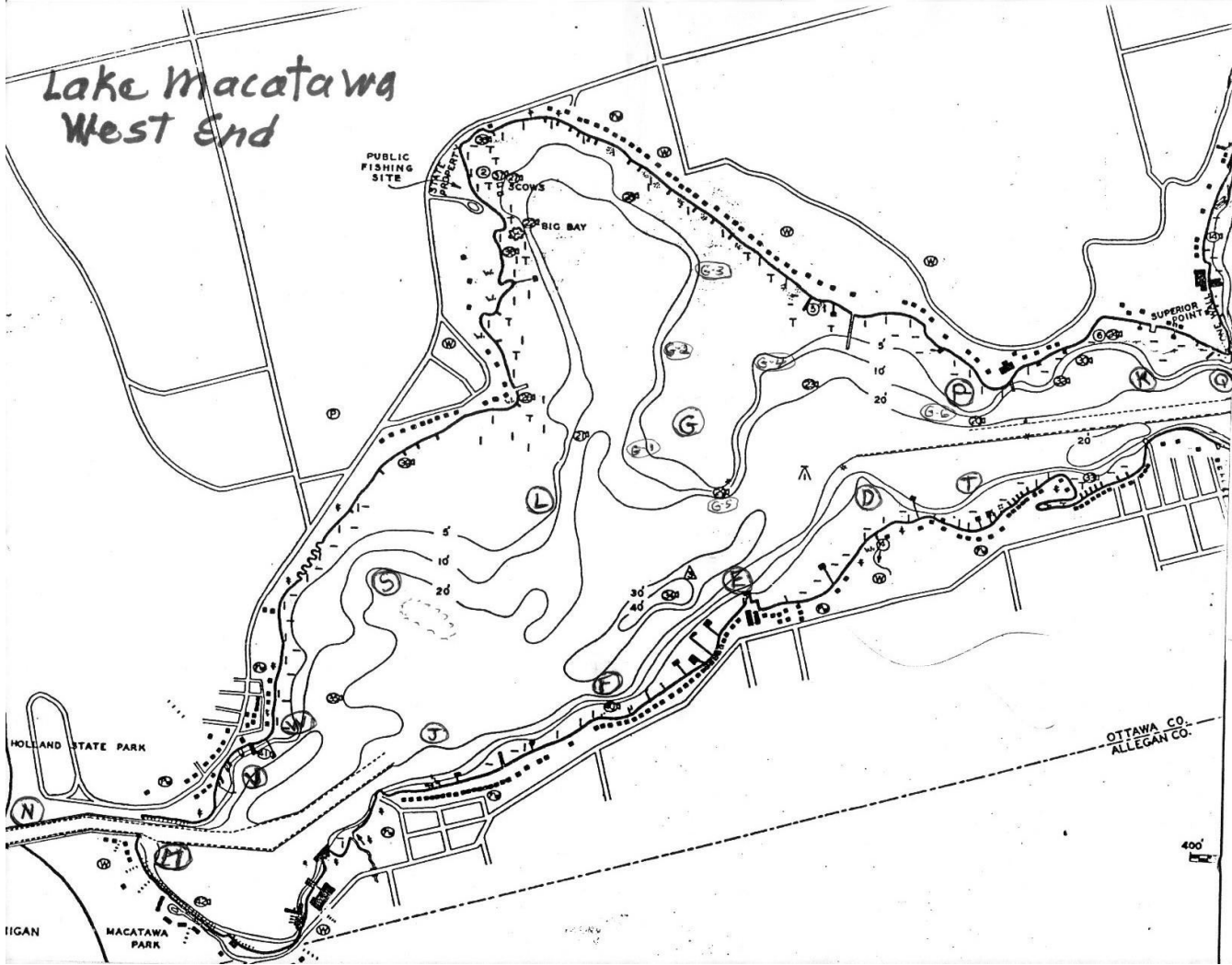


LUNKER HUNTER SPOONPLUGGERS MEETING JUNE 5, 2008

“STUDY LAKE: MACATAWA”

The study lake was **Lake Macatawa** near **Holland**. It is a **darkwater** lake connected to Lake Michigan that has a **clean bottom** for trolling and **learning to Spoonplug**. **Weeds** go to only **4 or 5 feet**. The **deep channel** access allows **large migratory fish** to move in and out freely. It has **large populations of baitfish** and **many species of gamefish**, including **smallmouth bass, walleye, pike, and musky**. Large **drum** and **catfish** are in good numbers and can offer much excitement when the gamefish are not active. It has **many good structure types**, including **wide sweeping bars, river channels, feeder cuts, and manmade rip rap**. Don Stephens showed a **video of John Bales drawing** and explaining some **structure** from Lake Macatawa and how it was fished. It was mentioned that **6-12 feet** were the **most productive depths** to fish this lake---making it considerably **easier to fish** than many of the clearwater lakes in the area. Next a **copy of the contour map was projected on the wall and numerous productive structures were pointed out**. Chase mentioned that he has caught his **largest smallmouth bass (5 lbs)** and his **largest walleye (10.5 lbs) from this lake**, as well as a number of **muskie, up to 23 pounds**. It is very **close to Grand Rapids** and has quicker **access to Lake Michigan** than at Grand Haven. Lake “Mac” should definitely be one of the lakes to check out at the Muskegon Outing!

Chase Klinesteker



Various Lake Structures are Lettered