

LUNKER HUNTER SPOONPLUGGERS MEETING SEPTEMBER 6, 2007

“CLEAR WEEDY LAKES”



Pike from Muskegon Lake, weedline 20 feet, caught at 32 foot breakline

Charlie Myers led a discussion on what to do **to catch fish on clear weedy lakes**. He projected on the wall a contour map of **Wabasis Lake** where he and other Lunker Hunters have caught some nice pike this summer. Wabasis has **weeds to 16 feet** with many structures, as well as an inside weedline. A number of **productive structures were pointed out** on the map. **Shorter lines were recommended**, as well as **using markers** for trolling passes. He also mentioned using a **flasher depth sounder** because it is quicker to respond to depth changes when trolling a weedline. **Some use wire line** or even **file sharp the Spoonplug lip to cut weeds** better. For those with 2 depth sounders, a **front mounted transducer** can give **slightly quicker** indication of the weeds. When trolling the weedline, the goal is to **get as close to the weeds** as possible **without continually fouling** in them. Charlie mentioned that trolling a deep weedline is **not recommended for beginning Spoonpluggers**. The mechanics of presenting Spoonplugs must be well **practiced on lakes** with hard **weed-free bottoms** before any attempt is made to troll deep weeds, or one will give up on Spoonplugging out of **frustration**. **Mona and Macatawa are 2 excellent lakes to practice on** because of their hard bottoms and darker water color. Roger also got up and pointed out his favorite areas on the map. He said his best action has been in the afternoon from 2-6PM. His largest pike there this summer was 37 inches, and he has fished Wabasis 15 times this year and hasn't been "skunked" yet! It was emphasized that the **person running the motor should have his rod on the inside against the weeds** for better control. Many thanks to Charlie and Roger for some great fishing information!

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