

LUNKER HUNTER SPOONPLUGGERS MEETING APRIL 4, 2013

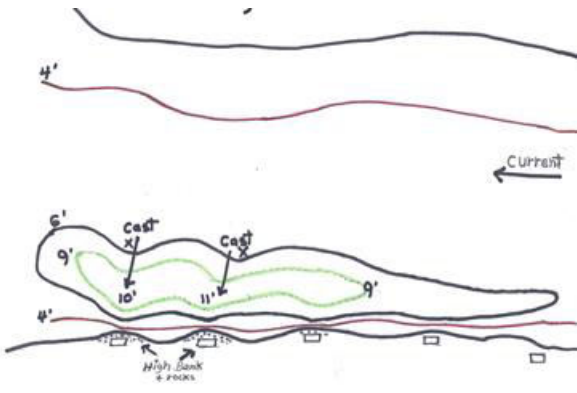
“SMALLMOUTH BASS ON THE GRAND RIVER”



20 inch smallmouth bass from the Grand River

The program was a **discussion of fishing for smallmouth bass in the Grand River**. It is definitely an **under fished resource**. A **map handout** of the river structures in the area of the **Rogue River launch** was passed out with a specific structure (#2) drawn on the back in detail. Chase described **how he would troll this river structure with different sized Spoonplugs to gather information and draw a detailed map**. He noted that **trolling passes upstream would differ in depth from trolling passes downstream with the same size Spoonplug** and gave the depth that could be expected with each. Once a **structure map** has been **drawn**, it is a simple matter to **determine the best spots for casting** by noting the deepest water and features relating to it. **Anchoring and casting with Spoonplugs, crankbaits, bladebaits, and jigs** will then check the area **for most depths and speeds**. When fishing any river, one must be aware of water depth enough to run the boat safely, but Buck Perry could always tell the **better Spoonpluggers** by checking their **motor propeller**. If it **was dinged** up, they were following guidelines, procedures, and **running the 500 properly!** Make sure you bring your **lure knocker** along, although the Grand usually does not present a big problem with snags. The Grand River is close by where the Muskegon Outing is held and would be a good option to try fishing. **Current and water color are 2 advantages of a river over most lakes**, especially **under cold front conditions**. Spring Lake is a bayou of the Grand River with access to the river itself.

Chase Klinesteker



Drawn map after trolling river hole with 1st 3 sizes of Spoonplugs