

LUNKER HUNTER SPOONPLUGGERS MEETING JANUARY 4, 2007

“HOW IMPORTANT IS WATER COLOR?”



Nice bass from a dark water color lake (2 foot visibility)

The **question** was asked of each person present, “**How Important is Water Color?**” Charlie Myers put it simply that it was **easy vs. tough fishing**. Bob Streck mentioned that he fishes clear cold brooks for trout and that he **catches most of the largest trout after a rain clouds up the water**. Dave Harding **fishes mudlines in Lake Michigan and weedlines in salt water where the water color is darker**. John Steponavitch fishes Lower Herring Lake which is very clear, but he has noticed that the **panfish really turn on after a good wind has riled up the shallows** and made the water cloudy. Tom Moore lives on and fishes Fremont Lake which is very clear. He feels **his success relays much on fishing at night and low light times of dawn and dusk**. Brian Fredrick fishes the Kalamazoo River and Lake Macatawa, both having dark water. He feels that **daytime fishing is much better in this darker water**. He catches a lot of fish around the mudline in Lake Michigan. The only time he **feels clear water lakes might have a slight advantage is in late fall**. Terry Velting feels that **clear water makes the fish much spookier and more difficult to catch**. Don Stephens felt that **if we had paid more attention to water color many years ago, our fishing knowledge and success would have progressed much faster**.

There you have it, experience and **testimonials to the benefits of fishing darker waters**. Of course, we could have just read Buck Perrys’ “Green Book”, written in 1965, to learn that and much, much more about fish behavior, but then we are fishermen-----.

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