

“INTERPRETATION”

BUCK SEZ:

“When it gets right down to brass tacks, the most important key to fishing success is the interpretation of the features (structure, breaks, breaklines, and deep water) found in a body of water.

Some dictionary definitions of the word “interpretation” are: see, read, decipher, understand, explain, make clear, solution, diagnosis, and answer. For us, the best definition might be to just “figure out” a fishing situation to make a catch. This includes considering lake type, season, structure type, depths, movement pattern, lure presentation, etc.

Weather, water, species, lure types, presentations, etc. ALL are secondary to mapping and interpretation of structure”.

MAPPING & INTERPRETATION DIRECTIONS

- 1. Select areas on the contour map where fish have been caught or the map indicates bottom structure (where the bottom is different from the surrounding area). These can be numbered or lettered.**
- 2. As you fish each structure, note the form of the bottom, breaks, and breaklines. To be productive, a structure must have a pathway from the deepest water in the area to the shallows (8-10 feet or less). Simple hand drawings done either on the water or later at home can help one remember the structure on future trips. If done in pencil, maps can be changed on later trips to improve them. Final interpretation results when fish are caught on specific areas of the map. These areas can be pinpointed with rifle sightings or GPS and recorded.**