

“JUMP LURES”



**Jump Lures was the subject** of the program. According to how and where they are used, **all artificial lures fall into one or more of the following 4 categories: 1) Weedless, 2) Topwater, 3) Jump, and 4) Free-Running, Bottom-bumping.** The weedless and topwater lures are self explanatory. The **free-running, bottom-bumping lures** are generally called **crankbaits** and include the **7 sizes of Spoonplugs** as well as Hottentots, Rapallas, Bombers, etc. **Jump lures include all other weighted lures that are usually fished by jumping them and letting them sink back to the bottom structure.** This can include **jigs, spoons, blade baits, and S-Series Spoonplugs.** They are used to **fish the bottom at slower speeds.** Fish usually strike these lures as they are **settling back to the bottom.** A Spoon can be vertical jigged or cast and jumped off the bottom and it is a jump lure. Some may use spoons above the bottom with a constant swimming retrieve, in which case it would be classified as free-running. **Samples of different jump lures were passed around to examine.** We then read **Terry O'Malleys' article "Casting a Jump Lure"** in the July/August '06 issue of "National Spoonplugger". Terry **put the emphasis on the weight of the lure, not the type.** He mostly uses jump lures of **½ to 1 ounce** and likes them to **"cast like a bullet, and sink like a rock"**. A heavier lure can check slightly faster speeds and **gives good feel of the bottom,** especially in deeper water. **Extremely slow speeds could be checked if necessary with light lines, weights, and live bait,** but it is **inefficient unless the fish have been pinpointed.** **Fan casting with jump lures** after checking the faster speeds with various sizes of Spoonplugs (depths) is **part of our procedure to fish a structure thoroughly.**