

“MOST IMPORTANT TO FISHING SUCCESS”

The topic of the program addressed the question: **“What is most important in fishing success?”** Buck Perry states on page 3 of Volume 7, Part 1 (Mapping and Interpretation) of his Home Study Series that **our ability to interpret a fishing situation is the #1 skill** that we need. Our degree of success on any given trip “will be determined by how well we **understand how fish move and use the features of the bottom, the effects of weather and water conditions, and how well we can evaluate—and tie together—all these things** when we get **on the water**”. It is not just the ability to draw maps, although that is a part of it. This information is **available in** all of **Bucks’ material**, from the small pamphlet, the “Green Book”, to the Home Study Series. The use of this knowledge **requires practical application** of it on the water in each given set of conditions (**no two are exactly alike**). That is why successful fishing involves **a lifetime of learning**.

Next we addressed the quote: **“MOST of the time MOST of the water contains no fish”**. Pages 66-69 showed Pictures of a well known Midwest lake. He then outlined **2 much smaller holes** that produced **most of the lunker fish**. Map drawings of the structure showed only 5 or 6 small spots in each hole where adult fish were caught. Those areas, when superimposed on the whole lake, would be **just tiny dots**. These are the areas **where we need to concentrate our fishing!** This is true of all lakes. **Spoonplugging procedures guide us to learn these best areas** much more **quickly** than other fishing methods. Bob Lear brought up the question about what structure there would be in Big Manistique Lake. Some of our members had fished the lake before and pointed out specific structures and bottom changes that he might want to check out. They also gave him some trolling pointers to more quickly learn its’ structure.

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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”.