

LUNKER HUNTER SPOONPLUGGERS MEETING FEBRUARY 3, 2011

“DETROIT RIVER WALLEYE”



1991 Spring Detroit River walleye on 3-way rigs and stickbaits-- Don, Bill, and Chase

A **video** of fishing Trenton Channel of the Detroit River for spring walleye taken in **1991** was **shown**. This fishery will soon be coming up. Don Stephens, Chase, and Bill Riley were in the boat and the technique of lure presentation in fast current was gone over. The **current** was **about 6 mph** and the **jig fishermen were not doing very well** catching fish. Drifting jigs with the current was **simply too fast** a speed at that time. Using our Spoonplugging **wire rods, 3-way rigs, 2-3 ounce of weight, and stick baits**, we could **creep slowly up against the current**, giving the fish time to take the lure. Bill and Don were very familiar with the structure, which really helped. Following current and bottom structures more easily, we could **control accurately where we put the lures**. Care needed to be taken to **just tick the bottom occasionally**, as there were **large rocks present** that easily gobbled up rigs. Bill Riley seems to have that “touch” for catching fish, and we were giving him a hard time about it. As if to prove the point, **Bill managed to catch 2 keeper walleye on one lure right on film!** Don and Bill gave “**impromptu**” seminars at the boat launch when they came in with numbers of walleye and others didn’t.

Chase Klinesteker