

LUNKER HUNTER SPOONPLUGGERS MEETING MAY 3, 2012

“WEATHER PROGRAM”



Bright sun with deep blue sky = tough fishing!

Terry Velting gave the **program** titled: “**Weather or Not**”. He stated that **weather and light** are **linked**, forming **key factors in fish behavior**. Fish do **not easily adapt** to changes, **especially in light**. A **cold front removes moisture** in the atmosphere, which **increases the intensity of light**. The bright light from a clear blue sky can severely **affect fish** and cause them to **become dormant**. All species are affected, but **largemouth bass** react most **severely**. **Clear water** makes them **especially sensitive** to light changes. **Fishes eyes are designed for a low-light environment** and they do not have pupils or eyelids as we do to help them adjust to changes, so they **drop deeper or bury their heads in the weeds or mud** bottom. It may take **several days** for them to adjust. That is why Mr. Perry has stated that **dark water color** is the

single **most important choice** we have to improve our catches. The **best fishing** is usually on the **hottest, muggiest day of the year** because the **light** condition is **good** and fishes' **metabolism** is at its' **highest**.

Our seasonal guidelines are that **in colder weather**, fish movements are shorter in both **distance and time**. In **Hot weather**, fish move longer distances and stay for longer on their daily migrations. Terry listed several **factors to look for** if we want **better fishing**: **darker**, **warm front**, **cloudy**, **high cirrus clouds**, **increased temperature**, **low pressure**, **light wind**, **dingy water**, **warm water**, **light pollution**, **sloping bottom**, **clean bottom**, **hard bottom**, **uneven bottom**, **deep holes and channels**, **new lakes**, and **light boat traffic**. The **opposite of each of these makes for tougher fishing** e.g. lighter, cold front, sunny, no clouds, etc. Thanks, Terry. We all need re-reminding of how **important** weather is in our fishing.

Chase Klinesteker



Haze, high cirrus clouds, and contrails = better fishing