

SPOONPLUGGING STUDY GROUP JUNE 15, 2006

“WEEDS”

The subject was “Weeds” and we **watched** about an hour of **Buck Perrys’ videotape #6 from his lecture on weeds from the 1992 Spoonpluggers Jamboree**. This was one of his most informative tapes, especially for here up North where **we encounter lots of weeds**. Much **emphasis** was put **on observing terrain** (“slick” water, weedlines and points, reeds, underwater islands, etc.). From that we can **decipher whether the bottom is muck or hard sand, where there are weeds under the water, which direction the current flowed around a reed island, the location of saddles, areas with deep water near shore, and much more** information. Many slides shown in the program were examples of guidelines developed by Mr. Perry to help us be more successful in our fishing. These **guidelines** are facts about fish that **help us organize and coordinate what action we must take to result in better catches**. There are many guidelines in Mr Perrys written material, and by becoming familiar with them all, we can select those which apply to the situation at hand to help us **determine what we must DO to make a catch**. **Good water color is considered the #1 guideline to better catches**. **Fish movement is along the weedline base**. When casting weedlines, **anchor close to the weeds and cast parallel along the edge**. When **trolling, use as many markers as will keep you out of the weeds**. All **trolling passes outside of the weedline must be straight**. When there is little depth increase beyond the weeds, the home of the fish is in the weeds. **In a shallow weedy lake, when the fish become active they move to the edge of the weeds in small clear areas**. If fish are caught off weed points, it is best to **cast pocket areas between points**. **Different kinds of weeds can be breaks that fish will pause at during migration**. **Fish migrations will not go beyond an inside turn of a weedline**. The preceding statements are a few Spoonplugging Guidelines relating to weeds. Becoming familiar with these and many more guidelines requires study and much time on the water experiencing them. This is a fun and exciting time when we are learning and getting better and better at catching fish. **All the guidelines are in bold print in Mr Perrys’ book “Spoonplugging—Your Guide to Lunker Catches”**. **Pay attention and use them on every trip!!**

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