

“WHAT IS YOUR METHOD?”



9 pound walleye, Spring Lake, # 250 Spoonplug (6-9 ft), 6 mph

Two fishermen were noticed the other day arguing about **whose “method”** or approach to fishing **is the best** and catches the most fish. There are **so many variables in methods, lures, fishermen, weather and water, lake types, fish, etc.**, that this argument **could go on forever!** Fishermen’s **goals** can be **as varied as people themselves.** Some are satisfied with catching panfish with a bobber, others concentrate on one species, big fish, tournament fishing, fly fishing, live bait, artificial lures, river, stream, or big lake fishing. They may fish in the surf, from a bank or pier, a float tube, or from a small, medium, or large boat. Equipment and lures can vary even more. Some people fish just to eat, others for the challenge.

This is **all** very **beneficial to fishing.** Imagine if the fly fishermen held many seminars and convinced all fishermen that fly fishing was the best and most enjoyable way to fish. There would be no room on the streams to fish and all the trout would soon be depleted! **The variety in approaches** to fishing that we have **allows for more room and resources for us all.**

Successful fishermen who make a living catching fish usually do so because they concentrate on a **fairly narrow approach to fishing.** They **gain** their knowledge from their experience and **from proven, time-honored knowledge** of **other successful fishermen** over many years. More important than the method is the

knowledge obtained. In reality, **there are no fishing "experts"**, as there is **so much more out there to learn** for us all. Those who become frustrated with their fishing **often try a number of different methods, never really concentrating on any one.** They may try to buy success in the latest or fanciest equipment. They often are seeking a "magic" lure or shortcut to success. However, time, effort, and study (**a working knowledge**) **is needed to become very good at just about anything, including fishing.**

I recommend the following to those who wish **to improve their fishing success:**

1. **Pick an approach** to fishing that **meets your goals.**
2. Pick an approach that has been **scientifically tested** and proven over time by many fishermen.
3. Pick an approach that is **concise and organized** for all the waters and species you will be fishing for.
4. **Stick with the approach that you have picked.** Learning takes time. Those who are the **most successful are** usually the most **persistent.**
5. Get on the water and **fish as much as possible.** Experience is the best teacher. **Read, study, and experience** the **knowledge already developed by successful fishermen before you.**

I have chosen Spoonplugging as my "method" of fishing, including the body of accompanying knowledge written by **Buck Perry, one of the most successful fishermen of all time.** It has been **tested and proven for over 70 years!** Its' focus includes the **largest fish of all species, on all waters, and under all conditions.** This alone encompasses a **lifetime of learning** and growth. **"Knowledge is the key to success"** rings true. The best part of my journey lies ahead!!

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