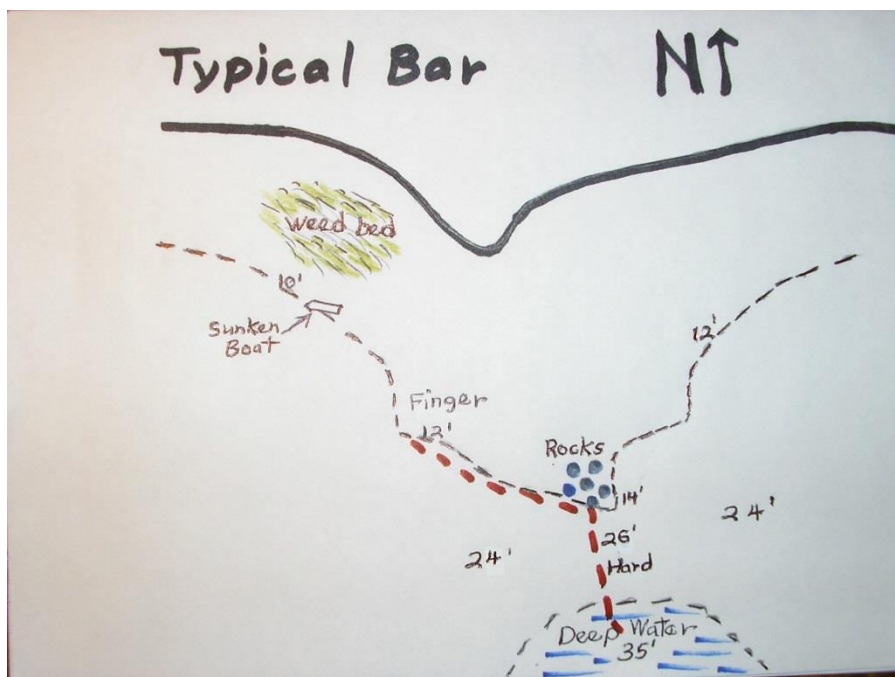


## “A FISH MIGRATION ROUTE”



Drawn map of partial fish migration route, ideal weather could put them in the weedbed

Chase handed out a **sheet** for the program on “**Basic Movements of Fish**” that summarizes some of Buck Perrys’ material in his book “Spoonplugging, Your Guide To Lunker Catches”. Included were a few glossary terms and thoughts describing basic movements of fish. In our programs we are planning to “**get back to basics**” as Buck had always stressed, going through the “Green Book” subjects in order. **Understanding glossary terms** is essential to grasping Spoonplugging concepts, so we went over the list first. Then “Basic Movements of Fish” was read and discussed. There was much discussion on **what a cold front is**. The conclusion was that **weather is complex and no 2 days are ever the same**. Using **observed light as our guideline** helps us simplify things so we can focus on other factors of fish behavior. It was brought up that **shallow water fish behavior differs from that in deep water**, and even that can vary somewhat due to water clarity and other conditions. Buck Perrys’ Guidelines are just that: **general guidelines under most conditions**, but not specific absolutes in all situations, something important to remember when studying his material.

**Fish** are similar to deer in that they **move along pathways** on the bottom of the lake. We often forget that **fish do not move constantly or consistently**, and actual **activity periods are relatively short**. When they are in a neutral or negative mood (inactive), we are required to **get the lure directly in front of the fish** (depth), and move it at the velocity (speed) needed at that time and under those conditions to trigger a reflex strike from the fish. In short, Bucks Guideline to “**check all depths and all speeds**” makes perfect sense here. The **importance of weather stability** was also gone over, as well as the **types of structures fish use** in the summer as opposed to those used in fall and winter.

All in all, we had a lively and interesting discussion on the basic movements of fish, and the members seemed to enjoy “Getting Back to Basics”!