

# "WHY SPOONPLUGGERS LEARN MORE"

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Pike From Reeds Lake

- 1) **WE COVER MORE TERRITORY**--- Trolling is our teacher. Spoonpluggers cover more ground with a lure in the water and learn more about the lakes' structure. This gives us a greater chance of finding catchable fish.
- 2) **KNOWLEDGE**--- We have an effective and scientifically based body of knowledge discovered by Buck Perry that guides us in our fishing. These facts about fish have repeatedly been proven true and effective for over 50 years. This includes the basic movements of fish and what makes him "tick".
- 3) **DEPTH CONTROL**--- Because fish move periodically, usually changing depths, we check all depths on structure, never assuming at what depth the fish will be.
- 4) **SPEED CONTROL**--- We check all speeds. We don't assume fish will take a slow or fast presentation. If we don't check depths and speeds on each structure, we are not Spoonplugging!

- 5) **SIMPLE PRESENTATION**--- Our lure presentation procedures are simple, effective, and repeated on each structure situation. This repetition helps us compare information and learn more from our fishing experiences.
- 6) **USE STRUCTURE AS OUR GUIDE**--- We use structure as our guide as to where the fish will be. Suspended fish are often trash fish or very inactive fish. Most active fish are close to the bottom on structure, and can't be seen easily on a depth sounder. By studying structure we are concentrating on the key to locating fish, the where in fishing, that 10% of the water that contains 90% of the fish. Drawing maps of each structure fished greatly speeds up the learning process.
- 7) **QUALITY TOOLS**--- Spoonplugging equipment is designed to thoroughly and accurately control depth and speed, the two most important controls needed to catch fish. As with any job, well designed quality tools get the best results. Simple directions on how to use these tools are covered in Buck Perrys' study material.
- 8) **CONFIDENCE**--- The knowledge and experience we gain Spoonplugging gives us the confidence to fish any situation, expecting that if anyone catches fish, we will be among them. Confidence helps in further learning.
- 9) **BIG FISH**--- Of the predatory species, the biggest fish in an active school are the most aggressive, fastest, and are usually caught first. Always including faster speeds in our presentation gives us a better chance at triggering and catching them.

**CONCLUSION**--- By following Buck Perrys' Spoonplugging Guidelines, you **WILL** become a better fisherman. The key is in **accepting those guidelines**, then **experiencing them on the water** to gain more knowledge.