

Next Meeting November 4, 2015

Northern Illinois Spoonpluggers

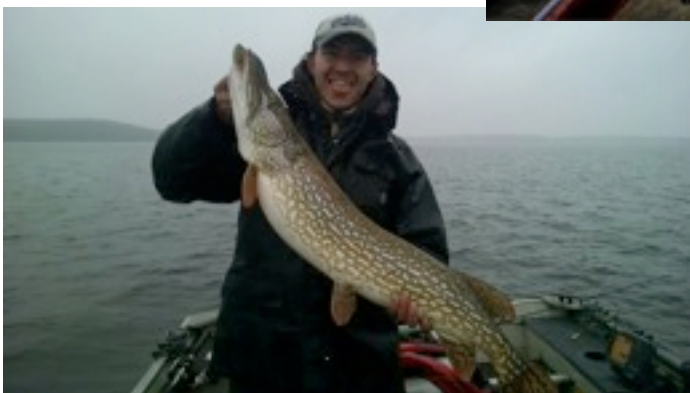
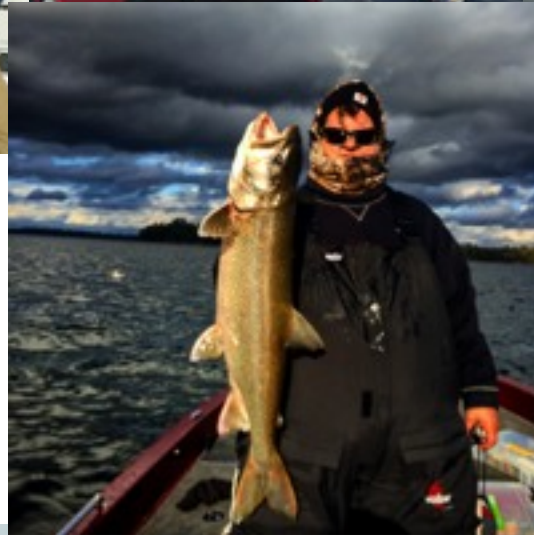
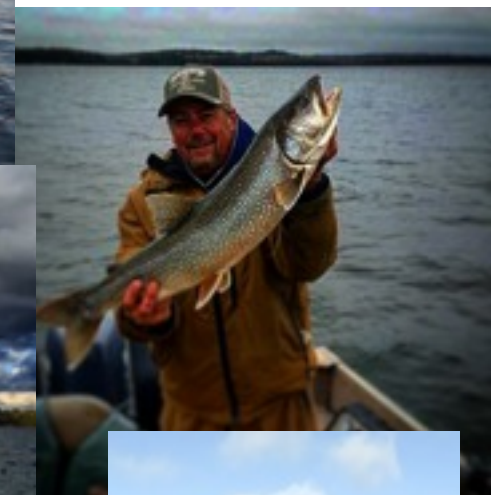
Meetings will be held at the VFW in McHenry 3002 w. IL. Rt. 120 the first Wednesday of "Every month" 7:30pm-9:00pm April-December

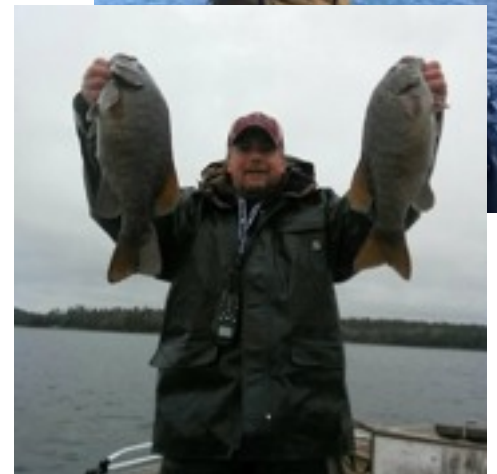
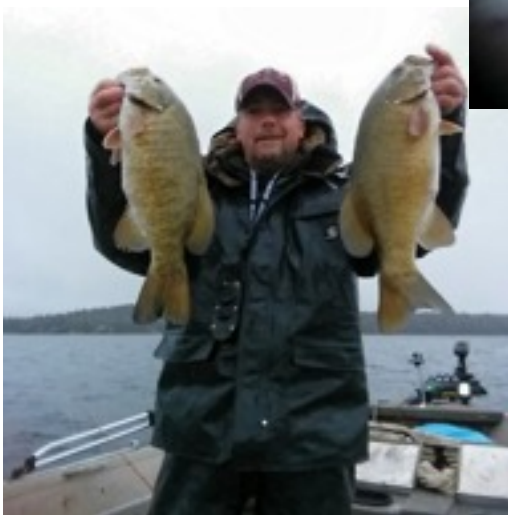
As we move into fall things start to change. The water is turning over in the North country. As the water temps. fall things become unstable for the fish. He will become active and catchable under stable weather conditions during the turnover period but his movements will be sparse and unpredictable. The deeper breaklines that are most prevalent in a lake or reservoir are the places to concentrate our efforts during this period. Lakes that had an algae bloom start to clear up forcing the Spoonplugger to fish deeper or head to areas where things are more stable. Keep in mind that your chances are always better fishing in lakes with good fish populations. Once the water has turned over the fish will become active for a good stretch before ice up. When the water temps dip into the mid to lower 40's you can expect some decent fish movements from time to time but still unpredictable. In lakes with Muskie the caster may out fish the troller at times, so keep one eye toward the shallower features when the deeper breaklines aren't producing. Try breaking out that old Bucktail or Spinnerbait and make a few casts over some of those key shallow features. You might be surprised!

Buck Sez

It's just as much a Sin to fish above them as it is to fish below them!

Spoonpluggers Chris Angsten and Jerry Borst hosted their 2015 Eagle Lake fishing trip. Those also in attendance were John Borst, Fran Meyers, Dave Erdly, Steve Craig and Geno Testone. It is to be hoped that more guys will be attending next year. I know I'll be there! You can see from the pictures many amazing fish were caught! Great Job Guys!





These
Spoonpluggers
caught an
ungodly
number of
trophy size
Northern Pike,
Walleye, and

Smallmouth Bass. The few of Muskies they caught were
like icing on the cake.

Buck Sez "Knowledge is the Key to Success"

Fishing success begins by believing
Buck Perry's words of wisdom.

BUCK SEZ

SPOONPLUGGER'S BASIC GUIDELINE

The "home" of the fish (where he spends the greater part of his time – a sanctuary from a changing or hostile environment) is somewhere in the deep, or deepest, water in the area being fished. When in the sanctuary depths, the fish are normally so dormant, and/or so deep, they are almost impossible to locate or catch. As fisherman we are saved due to the fact the fish do not stay so dormant, or so deep, all the time. Once or twice on an average fishing day they will become active and may move toward shallower water. We are saved again, because when the fish become active and move toward shallower water, they do not go in just any direction. The route they take has bottom features (structure, breaks and breaklines) that show them the way. As the fish move along a bottom feature (structure situation) they will pause or stop at things (breaks and breaklines) on the bottom. How far they go (along a migration route toward the shallows) and how long they stay (at a "break" or "breakline" before turning back to deep water) is dependent upon (controlled by) the weather and water condition at that particular time.

If you and I desire to consistently catch fish whenever or wherever we go fishing, we must control the depth and speed of our lures (or bait) on, and/or around the bottom features the fish are using in their movements and migrations.

WHAT IS INVOLVED HERE

1. THE MOVEMENT OF THE FISH
2. LAKE FEATURES - STRUCTURE, BREAKS, BREAKLINES
3. WEATHER AND WATER CONDITIONS
4. LAKE TYPES
5. MAPPING AND INTERPRETATION
6. CONTROLS AND TOOLS
7. PRESENTATION OF LURES
8. MENTAL ATTITUDE