

I'm currently finalizing preparations for a new seminar I intend to run in the near future. The focus will be on *The Importance of Timing in (Trophy) Trout Fishing*. I've placed the word Trophy in parentheses because some of the concepts relate directly to trophy fishing, while others are more general to trout fishing.

In the 4-hour meeting, I'll cover the way timing affects the choices of when to fish, where to fish, and how to fish. An outline of concepts to be covered is copied below. It's pretty well finished, but is still a work in progress.

During the meeting, I'll distribute materials to clarify the concepts, and will go over the documents in detail. I've set the price for the seminar at \$225, and will be using this blog and a subsequent email I'll send to my existing customers to test the interest level in the seminar.

I might do one, two or even three events in the next couple of months, depending on how many people respond with interest. Locations could include N Padre Island, San Antonio, Victoria and/or Houston.

Anyone interested in signing up to attend a seminar should call me at 361 688 3714 or email kevxl8@mygrande.net..

A Seminar on the Importance of Timing

1. Introduction

- a. Specific time of outing--Spot selection--Choice of strategy--Lure selection--Execution of presentation

2. Selecting the best time to fish

a. Seasonal issues

1. early vs. late outings

- a. refer to studies on fish's eyes
- b. stress important role of weather/water clarity
- c. lag of time between emerging light and water temp

2. seasonal wind patterns

- a. summer morning lull *Document: Hotlagspread*
- b. end of a dead-calm lull

3. frontal issues

Document: Coldfrontspread

a. pre-front

1. effect on tide levels

2. effect on water temps

3. effect on fish behavior

Document: list of good areas

b. passage of front

1. short-lived frenzy

2. topwater used in focused area

c. post-front

1. shut-down (duration)

2. the turn and what it means

Document: list of good areas

b. The moon's effect on selection of time

1. rising/setting, underfoot, overhead

Document: chart showing major/minor feeding periods

2. tide movement

a. importance of direction

b. importance of turn

Document: list of good places for rising tide and falling tide

3. Picking the right spot for the moment

a. Learning about the bays

1. Maps *Document: copied section of map*

2. Google Earth *Document: numberedgoogle2 and key*

3. GPS *Document: copied image of GPS data*

4. personal exploration

b. Keeping a fishing log

1. contents *Document: log template*

2. contemplation of content

c. Reading the signs in the moment

1. slicks

2. birds

3. color changes

4. presence of bait

4. Picking the right lure for the moment

a. generalizations related to season, time of day

- b. effects of depth (relate to season, temperature)
- c. effects of wind, clarity of water

Documents: Seasonlureplan and text

5. How timing plays a role in presentation and execution

- a. need for rhythmic movements
- b. need for breaking the rhythm
- c. timing related to hooksets/attempt to coax multiple strikes

Note: use rod and reel for live demonstration

6. Conclusion