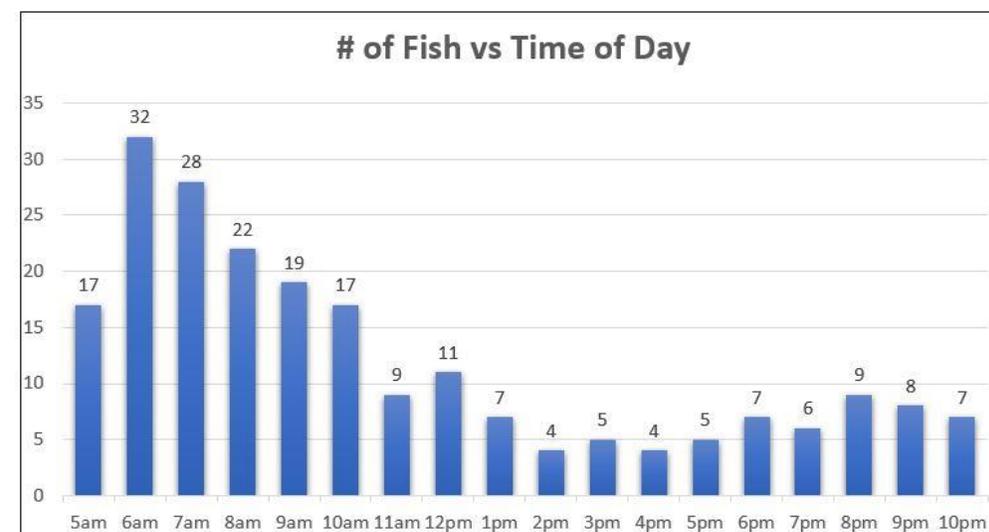


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Environmental Conditions Affecting Where to Find Fish.

- **Wind**, fishing down wind from grassy banks and in the bays that concentrate food can be super productive. When positioning yourself try to consider casting.
- **Water Depth**, fish tend to migrate over the course of the day. A tip, is to fish the shallows early and later in the day. Go deep during the mid-day.
- **Time of Day**, this works hand in hand with water depth. A common thread when catching fish is the word “transition”. Transitions from light to dark (think sunset) and dark to light (sunrise) is a perfect time to be fishing.
- **Air and Water Temperature**, the time of year can affect this (like when fish are spawning) Bass and panfish love 58 to 68 degrees f. Trout like it a little cooler around 38 to 65 degrees f.
- **Water Clarity**, this affects what your offering and how easily the fish can see you. Intuitively, flashy streamers and attractor patterns when the water is stained or a little muddy. Try to match the size and color with your fly when the water gets clear.



My “non- scientific ” fish vs time of day chart

Guide Secret – Observe your surroundings, listen, smell and relax. Casting is nearly impossible when you’re excited.

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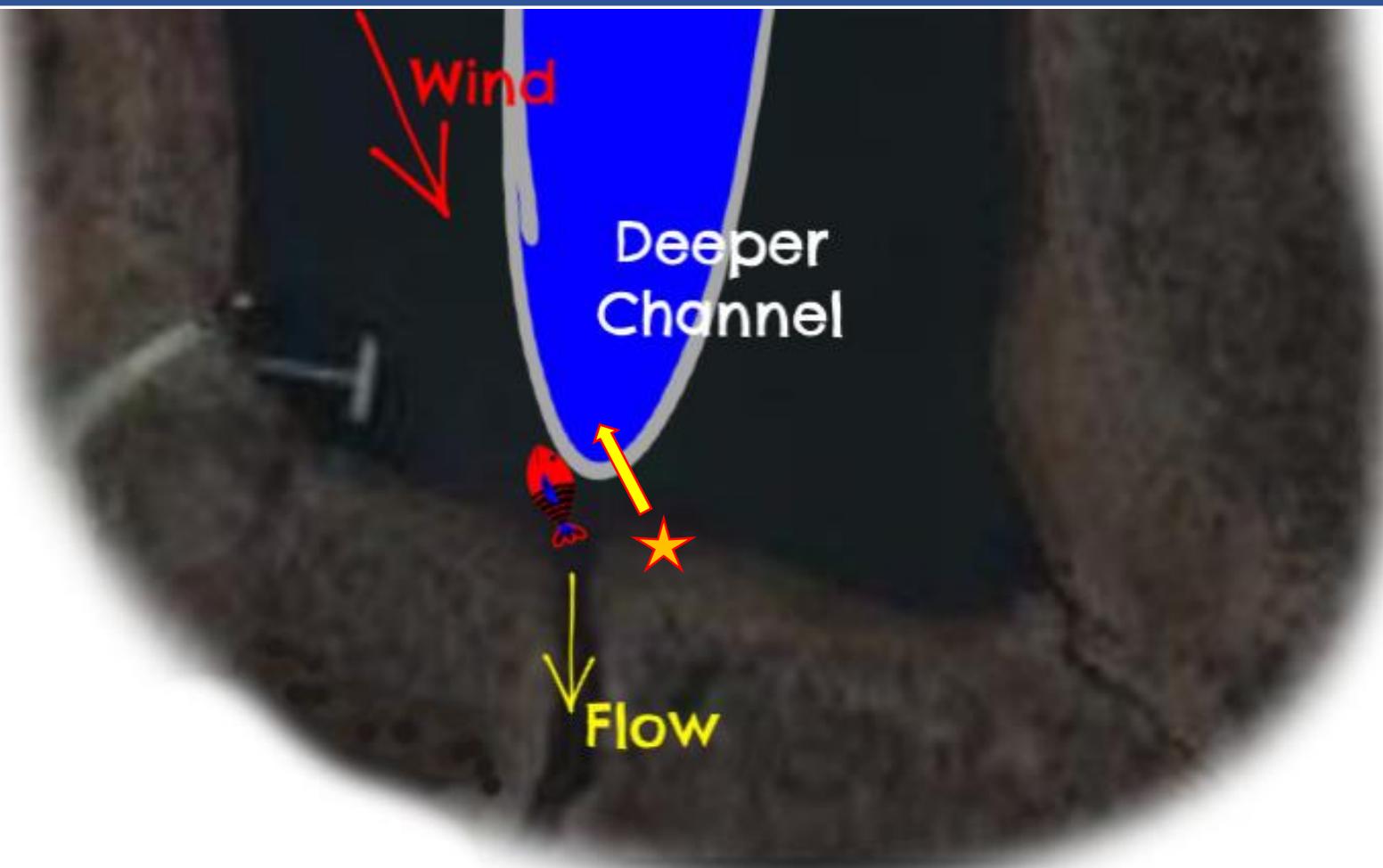


Structure and Transitions

In the picture to the right you can see multiple structures coming together.

- Wind, blowing food with it.
- Deep Channel, protecting fish.
- Outflow concentrating food.

Position at ★ and cast ↗ Then let the current and wind drift your fly into the fishy water.



Guide Secret – Combining multiple structure and environmental characteristics improves your odds.

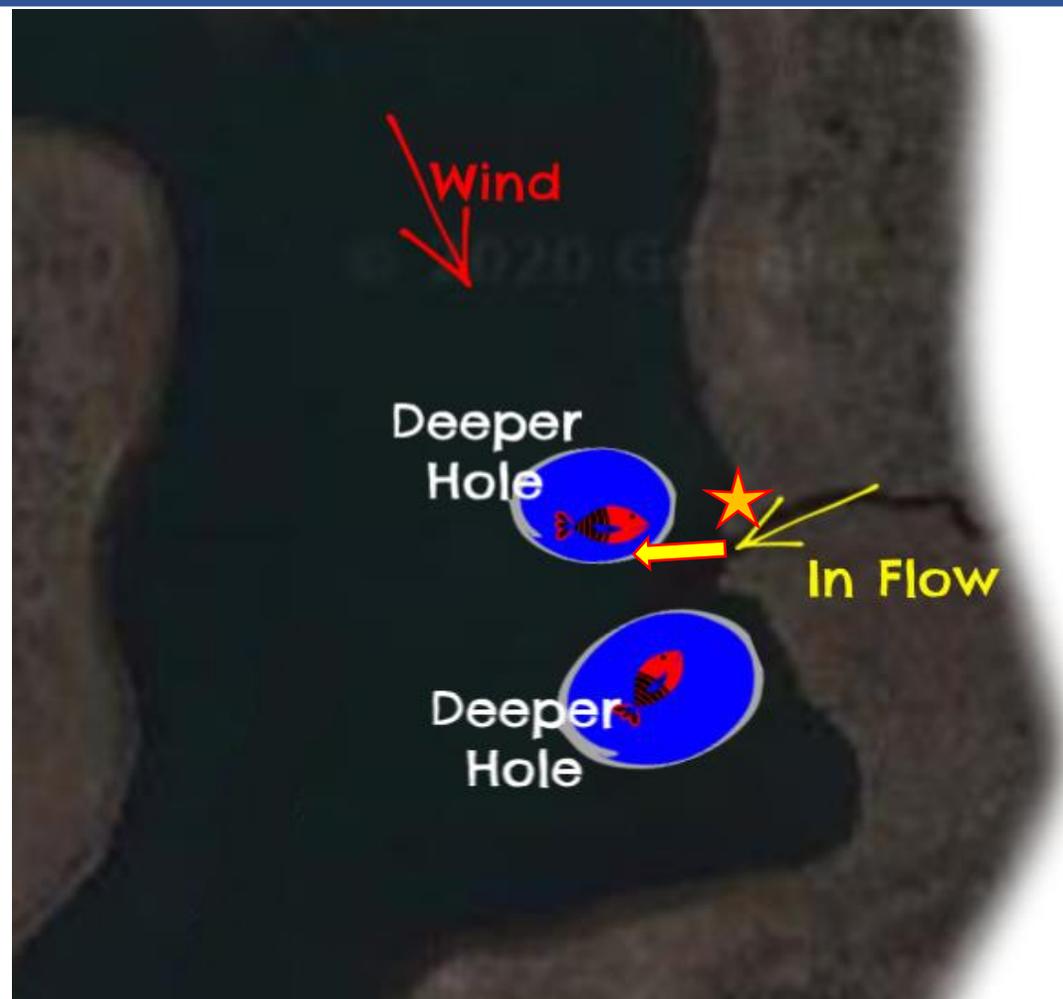


Structure and Transitions

In the picture to the right you can see multiple structures coming together.

- Deeper Holes, providing a transition for cooler water and protection.
- In-flow creating a “food train”.

Position at ★ and cast  Then let the current and wind drift your fly into the fishy water.



Guide Secret – If possible try to cast with the wind. A roll-cast is super effective with the wind.