Temperature Chart

Water Temp	Stage	Location	Top Presentations	Best Lures
45°-50°	Pre-Pre-Spawn	Deep, 15ft or more	Jigging, Ned-rigging, Drop Shotting	Jigs, Finesse plastics, jerkbaits
50°-55°	Pre-Spawn Begins	points and ledges off flats	Slow, Deep presentations, reaction baits shallow	Jigs, diving crankbaits, spinnerbaits, shallow cranks
55°-60°	Prespawn	Shallow water near cover	Working fast reaction baits	Spinnerbaits and shallow cranks
60°-65°	Spawning Begins	Sight-fishing beds	Sight-fishing beds	Creature baits, works, jigs
65°-70°	Peak-Spawn to early post-spawn	throughout shallows, near cover	Sight fishing, finesse, topwater	Plastics, buzzbaits, other topwaters
70° and up	Post-spawn	Shallow shady cover, deeper structure	reaction baits shallow, slow presentations deepr	Buzzbaits, frogs, jigs, plastics, crankbiats

Line Selection

Technique	Pound Test	Line Type
Pitching to Sparse Cover	15-to 20-poun	Fluorocarbon
Pitching to heavy cover	20-pound or 65-pound	Fluorocarbon or braid
Frogs over matted grass	65-pound	Braid
Cold water jerk baits	8 to 12-pound	Fluoro or Mono
Deep diving crankbait	8 to 15-pound	Fluoro or Mono
Shallow crankbaits	10 to 17-pound	Mono
Lipless crankbaits	12 to 20-pound	Fluoro or Mono
Topwaters	15-pound or 30-pound	Mono
Spinnerbaits	15 to 20-pound	Mono
Senkos	8 to 20-pound	Fluoro
Drop Shot	4-10 pound or 10-20 pound	Fluoro leader Braid Backing
Shaky Head	8 to 10-pound	Fluoro

Spinnerbait Blade Types

Type	When to use
Willow	Less vibration Faster Retrieve Use Warmer Weather
Colorado/-Indiana	More vibration Slower retrieve Stained water or dim conditions

Number of Blades

Number of Blades	When to use
Single	Murkey or low visbility
Double	When a smaller presentation is needed Clear Water Cool Water

Spinnerbait Blade Colors

Color	When to use
Gold	Low light conditions Stained water Cloudy days Early morning/late evening
Silver	Clearer water Sunny conditions
Colored	Muddy water Night fishing

Fishing Line Basics

Type	Benefit/Use
Monofi-lament	More buoyant and likely to float Stretches slightly Great for top water lures
Fluoro-carbon	Stiffer with little stretch Nearly invisible in the water Perfect for lures used under the water

Fishing Line Basics (cont)

Braided	Lot more visible Weeds or Heavy Cover No Stretch Extremely Strong

Jerkbait Color Selection

Conditions	Color
Bright Days and Clear Water	Translucent
Cloudy Conditions	Solid colors or those with flash
Stained Water	White or Colored Bottom
Windy Conditions	Flashy

Crankbait Color Selection

Conditions	Color
Rainy or Cloudy	White
Stained or Muddy Water	Brightly colored crankbait with as orange or chartreuse
Sunny	Silver (If bass feed on shad)
Sunny	Green/Red/Brown (If bass feed on crawfish)

Soft Plastic Rigs

Rig	Description
Carolina Rig	Tie about 18 inches of clear leader between the rigged hook and a small barrel swivel. On your main line, thread first a brass Carolina weight (or a lead sinker), followed by a small, red glass bead. Then tie your main line to the other side of the swivel.
Texas Rig	Bullet Weight above a Hook with worm, hooked straight to make it weedless into the body
Tube Rig	Small internal jighead

Soft Plastic Rigs (cont)

Drop shot	Tie your hook with a long tag end and add a drop shot weight to the tag end
Ned Rig	Soft plastic turd bait on a flat-h-eaded Ned Head Jig
Wacky	Hook soft plastic bait through the middle of the bait, can add a nail weight in the plastic end if needed
Neko Rig	Hook soft plastic bait through the middle of the bait, can add a nail weight in the plastic end if needed, recommend to put a rubberband in the middle to make work last longer
Tokyo Rig	Hook has a rigid metal wire coming off the eye, bend the wire to keep the weight in place

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