

## Hook, Line, & Sink "Him"

As a young fisherman, the H&H spinner bait was the bait of choice. Before the day of Cabela's and Academy, an angler could ride his bike to the lumber yard, buy this jewel in a variety of colors, and get change from a dollar bill. I can fish the rest of my life and not catch as many fish as I have caught on this lure and a Zebco 202.

Young folks always need the answer and why is the question. Why does this bait work? More specifically, just what is it supposed to be? It did not look like any of the other baits we used, things like worms, minnows, grass hoppers, chicken livers and such. We just knew it worked. It was also more exciting to cast and reel instead of the sit and wait method.

With age and a few more years of schooling, the science of the senses was taught. You remember; seeing, hearing, smelling, tasting, and feeling. That 6th one was just a ... long way off. When applying the H&H to the fish's senses we got our answer!

First, it was just too easy for a fish to see. It has a silver spoon that spins and reflects sun light and makes it all but impossible to ignore. It was moving, which draws attention far better than live bait, and let's be honest here, most live bait is dead and still.

Second, it makes noise that is heard. As the lure moves through the water and the spinner turns, noise is given off. Noise gets animals attention, even the underwater kind.

Third, there must be something in the skirt that felt good in the fish's mouth. They seem to hold it there, waiting to get the taste.

Years later we find that all senses were covered as they came up with flavored plastics and spray on smells.

And it always had the hook. It came in the packet, but had to be placed in the right spot. For an H&H, that was under the skirt. That starts another story.

In life young men find that there are many types of bait out there, just begging to be sampled. Things that make you feel GOOD. They taste GOOD. They smell GOOD. They look GOOD. They have lights and sounds that draw the attention. Some have short skirts and sprayed on smells, and just like a Sports Illustrated edition, they beg to be

looked at.

And, like under the H&H skirt, there is a hook. Unlike a pro fisherman, many of these hooks do not practice catch and release. The things that start as good now are habits. They become addictions. They consume time and money in a path to destructive behavior. Just a touch between the cheek and gum, and a man can try the rest of his life trying to spit it out.

1 Timothy 6:9 But those who desire...fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction.

Be smarter than a fish. Don't chase the baits of this life, they have hooks!