

Below, I've included the first part of a list I generated this morning. It includes Operating Principles I Use on a daily basis when fishing. The total list includes 46 more principles (54 total), related to the following domains: Timing of the Outing/Timing of Moves, Selection of Location, Observation of Signs (reading the water), Lure Selection, Color Selection, Presentations and Navigation. I've developed these concepts over the last two decades, while writing feature columns and books and in the production of DVDs. This list condenses them into one easily digested document. The document is part of the package of data and files included with the purchase of an *Inshore Angler's Personal Trainer* plan.

A List of Operating Principles I Use

Timing of the Outing/Timing of Moves

1. Always incorporate either sunrise or sunset into an outing.
2. Dawn is generally the best time to catch a trout.
3. Late-afternoon is best in winter, after a front peters out.
4. Fishing in the dark is often better when the water is ultra-clear.
5. Make a fairly quick move (within say a half hour or so) if the first spot selected for the day does not look right or produce the desired results.
6. Always consider long-term track history, recent results, signs of life, bite frequency and type of fish caught when deciding whether to make a move.
7. "Don't leave fish to find fish." This truth applies when the fish caught are the right fish. If we catch some of the right fish, then stop catching, it applies. But, if we're catching too many of the "wrong" fish, and they are easy to catch, I will leave fish to find fish.
8. Don't move when a "stimulator" is in play.