

Murat's double-jointed wooden swimming eel lure. Each plug body was hand-crafted and hand-tuned until the makers were confident that they had created the perfect big bait for fooling big striped bass. Typically a stamped metal lip was placed precisely in the front portion of the head to create a tantalizing swimming motion. Each manufacturer guarded proprietary methods, however, all of the lures on the market were quite similar in shape, design and size.



### Wood Prevails in the Plastic Age

Plug-making with wood and metal lips remained pretty constant for many years until the invention of molded plastic. But in the 1970s an old Yankee woodworker named Danny Pichney took the art of wooden plug building to another level. Not only did Pichney get his wooden



At top, Tatroo Surface Swimmer, Tatroo Marble Swimmer. Left, Pradco has reintroduced this 12-inch Creek Chub Jointed Pikie Minnow.

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