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It's been awhile since my last report. In that time, the weather has gotten a little colder, I've had some great hunting trips that have cut into my fishing time, and Thanksgiving is right around the corner. With all of the interruptions, however, the fishing has remained pretty darn good! I took some of my own advice from last months report and went over to take advantage of the shallow water walleyes in Clear Lake. I already had taken my boat in to be winterized so I was shore bound. It didn't make much difference as in short order I had my limit of walleyes along with a feisty foot long striper and letting go about a dozen sublegal fish. The fish were a little touchy as it took quite a bit of finess and concentration to detect the bites and hook them the day I was out. I had best luck with three inch minnows three feet below a very light float. I did have some larger sucker minnows and caught one of the keepers on those. My leftover suckers I gave to my dad who caught a 12 lb northern in one of the small ponds we fish! He had caught a couple of 5 lbers earlier in the week on Mepps spinners. Nice fish putting the feedbag on before winter. As I write this I am anticipating the first stocking of the winter trout for Blue Pit in Mason City. I expect it should come between today and Thanksgiving. Get your small spinners ready as they are usually the ticket for this first stocking with the open water. Another secret out of the bag is the Rice Lake walleyes. This lake has really come on in recent years and I expect to make a lot of trips there over the next year. Until next report, good luck to everyone, thanks for coming back to the website, and Happy Thanksgiving!