

March 10th fishing report:

Wait, wait, wait, just waiting for the ice to melt. That has been the story lately. As long as I'm waiting, I figure I might as well pass the time by fishing. The trout bite is still going great at Big Blue. It's really been pleasant lately, most days having the entire lake to my self, averaging about 20 trout per hour. I've had best luck using an 1/8th ounce black hair jig when I start fishing. I have been able to pull 5-10 fish out in just about as many minutes once I find them. After that they become a little spooked, and from there it is powerbait for the rest of the time or go in search of new fish. I haven't made it over to Clear Lake lately but have got mixed reports. Some walleye are still being caught but a lot of undersized fish. I hope the ice anglers didn't take too many out this winter. Scott Grummer with the DNR estimates as many as 20,000 fish were caught there this winter! With most of the roads melted off access to the trout streams should be pretty good now. Also, keep an eye out for the rivers to open up, there should be a great walleye/northern bite going on as soon as the ice goes out. Personally I can't wait to get over to the Upper Iowa River. The Northern should be making there annual run up there from the Mississippi. Well, time to go get the tackle ready. Good luck everyone!