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## **NORTHWEST**

### [Arrowhead Lake](#)

Bluegill - Fair: Catch 8- to 9-inch bluegills near structure in 5- to 10-feet of water. For deeper fish, drift a small jig tipped with a piece of crawler. Use a bobber if fishing closer to shore.

### [Black Hawk Lake](#)

Surface water temperature is around 80 degrees. **Bluegill** - Fair: Pick up bluegill just about anywhere along the shoreline in 2- to 5-feet of water. Use a small jig tipped with live bait or a small piece of crawler fished below a bobber off the floating fishing pier, the west stone pier,

and the inlet bridge. **Black Crappie** - Fair: Crappies are mostly off shore now, but a few are being picked up by shore anglers along Ice House Point. **Walleye** - Fair: Use leeches fished under a bobber and twisters near rock piles by Cottonwood Point and Gunshot Hill in the early morning. Try crankbaits in the dredge cuts and in areas near drop-offs like the north side of Ice House Point, the north side of Town Bay, out from Denison Beach, and near Shotgun Hill. **Largemouth Bass** - Good: Catch largemouth all over the lake using the traditional bass lures. Fishing Ice House Point and the lake side of the inlet bridge has provided good bass action for many anglers. **Channel Catfish** - Fair: Use cut bait, stink bait and leeches fished on the bottom along shore. Try also in the marina and near the floating dock in Town Bay. Catch fish up to 25 inches long.

### Brushy Creek Lake

Bluegill - Fair: Use a small jig tipped with a piece of crawler in 5- to 15-feet of water. Drift near structure, drop-offs and weed lines. **Black Crappie** - Fair: Try a small piece of crawler or minnow on a jig in 10- to 15-feet of water. **Largemouth Bass** - Good: Throw topwater lures, weedless baits, spinners and plastic worms along weed lines, near cover and wood structure. Fish deeper for larger fish. Pick up small fish in the shallows. **Walleye** – Fair. **Yellow Perch** – Fair.

### Storm Lake (including Little Storm Lake)

Surface water temperatures are around 80 degrees. Dredge is in operation in the northeast portion of the lake; boaters must maintain a 100 foot distance from the dredge, booster pump and dredge pipes at all times. Storm Lake has a daily limit of 3 walleye and all 17- to 22-inch walleye must be released; no more than one walleye longer than 22 inches may be taken per day. **Walleye** - Fair: Boat anglers are doing well trolling shad raps or drifting crawlers on the edges of the dredge cuts around the lake. **White Bass** - Fair: Use crankbaits; most action has been from boat while fishing dredge cuts. **Channel Catfish** - Fair: Use cut bait, stink bait or crawlers near rocks along shore.

### Swan Lake

Bluegill - Fair: Try areas with rocky structure and along weed lines in 3- to 7-feet of water near the jetties, the fish house, and the dam. Use a small jig tipped with a piece of crawler or minnow under a bobber. Expect 6- to 9-inch fish.

### Yellow Smoke Park Lake

Bluegill - Fair: Bluegills can reach 9 inches or more. Look for bluegills in 5- to 10-feet of water near the arm north of the swim beach and the coves on the south shore.

Surface water temperature in area lakes is around 80 degrees. For more information, contact the Black Hawk District office at 712-657-2638.

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### Bluebill Lake

Largemouth Bass - Fair: Bass are biting on a variety of baits fished near vegetation. Bluegill - Fair: Use a bobber and small piece of crawler near the edge of the vegetation.

### Clear Lake

The water temperature is 73 degrees. Early morning bite is best. Clean, **Yellow Bass** - Good: Drift a small jig tipped with a piece of crawler in 8- to 13-feet of water. **Walleye** - Fair: Use a

slip bobber and leech or minnow near the rock reefs. **Channel Catfish** - Good: Use cut bait, stink bait or chicken liver on the windward side of the lake. Late evening has been the best time.

### Crystal Lake

The boat ramp is closed for construction. It should be open by the weekend. **Bluegill**- Fair: Use a small piece of crawler under a slip bobber near the dredge cut.

For information in the north central area, contact the Clear Lake Fish and Wildlife office at 641-357-3517.

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### Center Lake

Black Crappie - Good: Cast mini jigs along the shoreline for excellent pole bending activity.

### East Okobojo Lake

Pan fish are very active on East Okobojo. **Yellow Bass** - Good: Yellow bass activity continues to be very good.

### Five Island Lake

Channel Catfish - Good: Recent surveys show good numbers of acceptable size fish.

### Spirit Lake

The fishing activity has slowed on Spirit Lake during the days; anglers are still having luck fishing after dark. **Walleye** - Fair: Walleye are active after dark, but have showed signs of slowing activity during day hours. **Yellow Perch** - Fair: Yellow perch are starting to become more active, but are not schooling very much yet. Anglers have had best luck jigging pilkies.

### West Okobojo Lake

Fishing has been very good on West Okobojo. **Yellow Perch** - Good: Fish outside weed beds. **Bluegill** - Good: There has been good activity in shallow areas such as the canals.

Iowa Great Lakes fish have been very active for the past couple of weeks. For more information throughout the week, contact the Spirit Lake Fish Hatchery at 712-336-1840.

## **NORTHEAST**

### Brinker Lake

Black Crappie - Fair: Try in 8- to 12-feet of water for good crappie action.

### Casey Lake (aka Hickory Hills Lake)

Largemouth Bass - Fair: Use sub-surface artificial baits and plastics off of the jetties and dam. **Bluegill** - Fair: Try off of the jetties and in the cove areas in 2- to 4-feet of water. **Channel Catfish** - Fair: Use stink bait, chicken livers and leopard frogs.

### Cedar River (Nashua to La Porte City)

The Cedar River is falling quickly; conditions should improve with the dry forecast.

### **Manchester District Streams**

Anglers are doing well catching trout on imitation hoppers on Spring Branch Creek and other area streams; there is a banner crop of grasshopper this summer. **Brown Trout** - Good: Use imitation hoppers on the surface.

### Maquoketa River (above Monticello)

The Maquoketa River is falling rapidly; conditions should be excellent by the coming weekend.

### Shell Rock River (Greene to Shell Rock)

The Shell Rock River is being reported as being in good condition. Angling opportunities may be good on this river for walleye or smallmouth bass this weekend.

### Wapsipinicon River (Tripoli to Troy Mills)

Recreation is not recommended over the coming weekend on the swollen Wapsipinicon River as flows remain dangerous. **Northern Pike** - Good: Use large spinnerbaits or live chubs under a bobber.

Most rivers are falling quickly and clearing up; the extended forecast looks great for this weekend. Trout streams remain in excellent condition. Contact the N.E. District Office at 563-927-3276 for more information.

## **MISSISSIPPI RIVER**

### Mississippi River Pool 9

River level has fallen to 8.2 feet at Lansing and is predicted to remain stable this week. Water temperature is near 80 degrees. **Bluegill** - Excellent: Some larger bluegills are being picked up near structure on the side channels. Use a small hook tipped with a small piece of worm fished under a slip bobber. **Channel Catfish** - Good: Try nightcrawlers or stink bait fished on the bottom in areas of moderate current where side channels form an eddy. **Freshwater Drum** - Excellent: Lots of drum are still being caught in the swifter current breaks. Bounce a nightcrawler along the bottom or try crayfish for bigger fish. **Smallmouth Bass** - Fair: Smallmouth fishing should pick up as water clarity improves over the next week. Fish rock piles at the tips of the islands and backside of islands with current. **Largemouth Bass** - Fair: Largemouth fishing is expected to pick up as river levels recede and water clarity improves. Use jerk baits in protected backwaters with clearer water. **Walleye** - Good: Walleye fishing is improving as the water stabilizes. Try fast trolling crankbaits or bait-rig off the bottom. **Yellow Perch** - Fair: Perch are sitting in 4- to 5-feet of water in the backwaters. Use small minnows or worms fished on the bottom. **Northern Pike** - Fair: Northern pike fishing is picking up in the shallows or in the mouths of tributary streams. **Flathead Catfish** - Fair: Try live shiners or small bluegill in woody debris to attract flatheads in slack areas off the side channels.

## **Mississippi River Pool 10**

Lynxville water level has fallen to 14.2 feet and is predicted to remain level next week. Water temperature is 80 degrees at the lock and dam. **Bluegill** - Excellent: Some larger bluegills are being picked up near structure on the side channels. Use a small hook tipped with a small piece of worm fished under a slip bobber. **Channel Catfish** - Good: Try nightcrawlers or stink bait fished on the bottom in areas of moderate current where side channels form an eddy. **Freshwater Drum** - Excellent: Lots of drum are still being caught in the swifter current breaks. Bounce a nightcrawler along the bottom or try crayfish for bigger fish. **Smallmouth Bass** - Fair: Smallmouth fishing should pick up as water clarity improves over the next week. Fish rock piles at the tips of the islands and backside of islands with current. **Largemouth Bass** - Fair: Largemouth fishing is expected to pick up as river levels recede and water clarity improves. Try jerk baits in protected backwaters with clearer water. **Walleye** - Good: Walleye fishing is improving as the water stabilizes. Try fast trolling crankbaits or bait-rig off the bottom. **Yellow Perch** - Fair: Perch are sitting in 4- to 5-feet of water in the backwaters; use small minnows or worms fished on the bottom. **Northern Pike** - Fair: Northern pike fishing is picking up in the shallows or in the mouths of tributary streams. **Flathead Catfish** - Fair: Use live shiners or small bluegill in woody debris to attract flatheads in slack areas off the side channels.

## **Mississippi River Pool 11**

Mississippi River at Guttenberg has dropped over 3 feet this week at 5.9 feet and remains level. Water temperature is 74 degrees at the Lock and Dam. **Bluegill** - Excellent: Some larger bluegills are being picked up near structure on the side channels. Use a small hook tipped with a small piece of worms fished under a slip bobber. **Channel Catfish** - Good: Try nightcrawlers or stink bait fished on the bottom in areas of moderate current where side channels form an eddy. **Freshwater Drum** - Excellent: Lots of drum are still being caught in the swifter current breaks. Bounce a night crawler along the bottom or try crayfish for bigger fish. **Smallmouth Bass** - Fair: Smallmouth fishing should pick up as water clarity improves over the next week. Fish rock piles at the tips of the islands and backside of islands with current. **Largemouth Bass** -Fair: Largemouth fishing is expected to pick up as river levels recede and water clarity improves. Try jerk baits in protected backwaters with clearer water. **Walleye** - Good: Walleye fishing is improving as the water stabilizes. Try fast trolling crankbaits or bait-rig off the bottom. **Yellow Perch** - Fair: Perch are sitting in 4- to 5-feet of water in the backwaters: use small minnows or worms fished on the bottom. **Northern Pike** - Fair: Northern pike fishing is picking up in the shallows or in the mouths of tributary streams. **Flathead Catfish** - Fair: Try live shiners or small bluegill in woody debris to attract flatheads in slack areas off the side channels.

Levels are low on the Upper Mississippi and are predicted to remain stable this week. Water clarity has improved this week; lots of vegetation can make fishing a challenge from shore. Look for fish to move to deep cooler water mid-day. Early morning and early evening bite is best. Water temperature is in the mid 70's to 80 degrees.

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## **Mississippi River Pool 12**

River levels dropped and levels are now at 5.9 feet at the Dubuque Lock and Dam and 8.4 feet at the RR bridge. Water clarity is still murky, but is improving; there is still some debris in

the water. Water levels are predicted to keep falling this week. Water temperature is around 79 degrees. **Channel Catfish** - Excellent: Channel catfish are biting on worms and stink bait; move often if you do not find biting fish. **Freshwater Drum** - Excellent: A simple egg sinker and worm rig works best. **White Crappie** - Fair: A few nice white crappie have been reported all spring. Some crappie are being reported off snags in backwater sloughs. **Walleye** - No Report: Changing water levels and floating weeds have limited fishing for walleyes most of this spring. Populations are very good. The wingdam patterns should return soon. **White Bass** - Fair: This spring has seen a nice run of white bass on Pool 12. Some white bass were caught along main channel rock lines before the large rain event. **Bluegill** - Good: Angle near the mouths of large backwater complexes as bluegills should be in these areas as water recedes. **Flathead Catfish** - Excellent: Pull worm rigs near rocky habitats. Lots of flatheads have been caught this year. **Smallmouth Bass** - Good: Throw spinners or small crankbaits around rocky areas with strong current in the evenings. **Largemouth Bass** - Fair: Largemouths have pulled out of the shallow backwater areas and are on trees and sandy shoals often chasing minnows.

### [Mississippi River Pool 13](#)

River levels fell dramatically after two previous weeks of high water after big rains in the Mississippi River watershed. Levels are falling and are at 6.8 feet at the Bellevue Lock and Dam. Expect another one foot drop in levels. Water clarity still somewhat poor but is improving; there is still some debris. Water temperature is around 80 degrees in the main channel. **Northern Pike** - No Report: Use flashy white lures in the mouths of cooler tributary streams. **Channel Catfish** - Excellent: Use worm rigs and stink bait above log jams and rock piles to lure the catfish out. Move often if you don't find fish. **Freshwater Drum** - Excellent: Use egg sinker rigs with worms. Drum bite in all types of river conditions. **Walleye** - No Report: Rising and falling river levels have limited walleye fishing, but the wingdam bite should return. **Smallmouth Bass** - Good: Throw crank baits or spinners near rock piles with strong current. **Bluegill** - No Report: Receding water levels will pull the gills out in the shallow backwater areas. Angle near the mouths of large backwater complexes as bluegills should be in these areas. **Flathead Catfish** - Excellent: Smaller flathead catfish are hitting on worms; mostly by people fishing for channel cats. Try large live bait fished in the evening hours for bigger flatheads. **Largemouth Bass** - Good: Largemouth bite was very good just before the big rains; it is expected to be good again once clarity improves.

### [Mississippi River Pool 14](#)

Water levels have fallen dramatically this week and are still receding. Levels are at 6.8 feet at Fulton, 11.6 feet at Camanche and 5.7 feet at LeClaire. Water clarity is somewhat poor with lots of floating debris, but conditions are improving. Water levels are predicted to recede again this week. Water temperature is 81 degrees in the main channel. **Largemouth Bass** - Good: Bass had moved out of the large shallow areas into deeper adjacent habitats. **Freshwater Drum** - Excellent: Freshwater drum are biting on worm rigs. Catch drum in nearly all moderate current areas. **Channel Catfish** - Excellent: Use worm rigs and prepared stink baits fished close to shore or along rock lines. **Walleye** - No Report: The recent water level changes have hampered walleye anglers, but the wingdam bite should return soon. **Flathead Catfish** - Excellent: Some people are trot lining flathead catfish using large bullheads as bait. Flathead are active most during the night and evening

hours. **Smallmouth Bass** - Fair: Try along rock piles with current. **Bluegill** - No Report: The bite should return now that river levels have receded.

### [Mississippi River Pool 15](#)

This reach of river was in moderate flood stages last week. Levels are falling fast and are at 9.2 feet. Water clarity is poor with lots of floating debris. Water levels are predicted to recede rapidly this week. **Channel Catfish** - Good: Try stink bait along the rock piles near Campbells and Arsenal Island. **Freshwater Drum** - Good: Freshwater drum bite well this time of year.

Put them on ice immediately if you are going to clean them. **Flathead Catfish** - No Report: Use large live bait fished near shore during the night and evening hours.

The main channel water temperature is still at 81 degrees. Fishing conditions radically changed this week as water levels decreased greatly within this river reach. The River is still somewhat turbid and some debris is still floating, but conditions are improving. If you have any angling questions, please contact the Bellevue Fisheries Station 563-872-4976.

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### [Mississippi River Pool 16](#)

Tailwater stage at Lock and Dam 15 in the Quad Cities is 9.41 feet and is falling. Flood stage is 15 feet. River stage is 10.5 feet at Fairport and flood stage is 14 feet. We have received reports that the docks were starting to be put in at the Marquette St ramp in Davenport. **Channel Catfish** - Good: Use nightcrawlers or stink bait above brush piles in the sloughs in the Andalusia Islands. Try also around the mouth of Sunset Marina. **Largemouth Bass** - Fair: Try fishing with plastics around brush piles and logs in the Andalusia Island complex. **White Crappie** - Fair: . Use minnows or plastics around brush piles in the Andalusia Island complex. Try also in the Andalusia Harbor.

### [Mississippi River Pool 17](#)

Tailwater stage at Lock and Dam 16 in Muscatine is 8.90 feet and is falling. Flood stage is 15 feet. River stage is 10.55 feet at Muscatine and flood stage is 16 feet. The ramp at Big Timber is open. **Channel Catfish** - Fair: Use nightcrawlers or stinkbait around brush piles and snags along the main channel and side channels. **White Crappie** - No Report: Try minnows or plastics around brush piles in Cleveland Slough and Big Timber. **Largemouth Bass** - No Report: Look for largemouth bass in the backwaters. Try fishing around brush piles and logs in Cleveland Slough and Big Timber.

### [Mississippi River Pool 18](#)

Tailwater stage is 10.35 feet at Lock and Dam 17 at New Boston and is falling. Flood stage is 15 feet. River stage is 10.58 feet at Keithsburg and flood stage is 14 feet. The Toolsboro landing is open. **Channel Catfish** - No Report: Try nightcrawlers or stink baits above brush piles and snags along the main channel and side channels. **White Crappie** - No Report: Look for crappies in brush piles in the backwaters; use minnows or plastics.

### [Mississippi River Pool 19](#)

Tailwater stage is 6.84 feet at Lock and Dam 18 and is falling. Flood stage at Lock and Dam 18 is 10 feet. River stage at Burlington is 12.14 feet. Flood stage at Burlington is 15 feet. River stage is 526.33 feet at Fort Madison and flood stage is 528.0 feet. **Channel Catfish** -

No Report: Try nightcrawlers or stink baits in snags and brush piles along the main channel and side channels.

River stages have fallen below flood stage. Water clarity is improving. Main channel water temperature is around 80 degrees. We have not received much for fishing reports lately with the recent high and muddy water conditions. If you have questions on fishing Pools 16-19, contact the Fairport Fish Hatchery at 563-263-5062.

## SOUTHEAST

### Hawthorn Lake

Largemouth Bass - Fair: Try topwater lures in the mornings and evenings along the shorelines. As the day heats up, use rubber worms or spinnerbaits along rip-rapped shorelines and around submerged rock piles. **Bluegill** - Fair: Use small jigs tipped with live bait around the fishing jetties and along the dam. Sorting is needed for larger fish. **Channel Catfish** - Fair: Try nightcrawlers or stink bait in 4- to 6-feet of water.

### Lake Keomah

Bluegill - Slow: Try small jigs tipped with live bait along the shorelines. **Largemouth Bass** - Fair: Cast the shorelines early in the mornings and later in the evenings; fish deeper as the day heats up. **Channel Catfish** - Fair: Try nightcrawlers or liver near the shorelines in about 4- to 6-feet of water.

### Lake Sugema

Black Crappie - Fair: Use live bait presentations around structure. Sorting is needed for larger fish. **Walleye** - Slow: Drift or troll nightcrawler rigs along the dam. Try trolling crankbaits in the same area. **Bluegill** - Fair: Use live bait and a small jig. Sorting is needed for larger fish. **Largemouth Bass** - Fair: Try topwater lures fished in the mornings and evenings. Use spinnerbaits or crawdad imitating baits along rip-rapped shorelines and around the jetties.

### Lake Wapello

Largemouth Bass - Fair: Use spinnerbaits or crankbaits around the cedar tree piles and along the shorelines. As the day heats up, try rubber worms in the same areas, only deeper. Use topwater lures in the mornings and evenings. **Channel Catfish** - Fair: Use chicken liver or cut bait fished in 6- to 8-feet of water.

### Rathbun Reservoir

The current lake level is 904.39 msl. Normal operating elevation is 904.0 msl. Lake Rathbun contains zebra mussels so make sure to properly drain, clean, and dry equipment before transporting to another water body. **White Crappie** - Fair: Crappies are suspended, so try crankbaits along submerged points and underwater islands. Some fish can still be caught shallow, but sorting is needed for larger fish. **Channel Catfish** - Good: Use nightcrawlers or cut bait. **Wiper (Hybrid Striped Bass)** - Fair: Troll crankbaits along submerged points and rock piles. **Walleye** - Slow: Troll crankbaits around submerged points and rock piles.

### Red Haw Lake

Bluegill - Fair: Try small jigs tipped with live bait along the edge of the vegetation or areas that are open in the vegetation. **Largemouth Bass** - Fair: Cast the shorelines in the mornings and



evenings with topwater lures. **Channel Catfish** - Fair: Use cut bait or chicken liver around the fishing jetties.

Contact the Rathbun Fish Hatchery at 641-647-2406 with questions about fishing in south central Iowa.

## SOUTHWEST

### Big Creek Lake

Walleye - Fair: Troll live bait rigs and cast or troll shallow diving crank baits on the upper end of the lake. **White Bass** - Fair: Troll shallow diving shad imitating baits out from the beach and up to the marina. There are some good size white bass (up to 16 inches).

### Des Moines River (Saylorville to Red Rock)

Channel Catfish - Good: Use stink baits and cut baits.

### Des Moines River (Stratford to Saylorville Lake)

Water levels are getting low enough to make boat fishing challenging. The Highway 30 ramp is dry. **Channel Catfish** - Good: Use stink baits or cut bait.

### Don Williams Lake

Black Crappie - Fair: Anglers are averaging around 10 fish in an hour. Drift tube jigs and twister or paddle tail jigs 3- to 8-feet down in 10- to 20-feet of water throughout the lake until you find schools of fish.

### Hickory Grove Lake

Bluegill - Fair: Drift small jigs tipped with crawlers in the middle portion of the when tree shade covers portions of the lake. Drift within or on the edge of the shade.

### Red Rock Reservoir

White Bass - Good: The hot weather white bass bite is on. Troll small shallow diving rattle baits or spoons around large points, out from the beach and dam, and along the windblown shoreline. Troll in depths of 5- to 15- feet. Use colors imitating young gizzard shad. **Channel Catfish** - Good: Drift cut creek chubs or shad above the mile long bridge in 6-12 feet of water.

### Roberts Creek Lake

Black Crappie - Fair: Slowly drift the lower half of the lake with small twister tails or tube jigs. Fish are suspended 3- to 10-feet deep.

### Saylorville Reservoir

White Bass - Slow: White bass bite has been slow this summer. **Channel Catfish** - Good: Drift cut creek chubs in the upper end of the reservoir above and just below the mile long bridge.

The fishing for white bass in Red Rock Reservoir and channel catfish in Red Rock and Saylorville Reservoirs is good right now. For information on Central Iowa lakes and rivers,

contact Andy Otting or Ben Dodd at 515-432-2823.

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### Green Valley Lake

Largemouth Bass - Excellent: Largemouth bass of all sizes have been caught with crankbaits fished near cedar tree brushpiles or finesse plastics fished along weed edges. **Black Crappie**- Good: Catch crappies up to 8 inches using small jigs or spinners fished along the fishing piers, weed edges or cedar tree brush piles. **Channel Catfish** - Fair: Channel catfish of all sizes have been caught with stink bait fished along windblown points early in the day. **Bluegill** - Fair: Catch bluegill up to 8 inches with nightcrawlers under a bobber fished along rock piles or earth mounds.

### Lake Icaria

Channel Catfish - Fair: Channel catfish of all sizes have been caught with cut bait or stink bait fished along windblown points. **Black Crappie** - Fair: Catch crappie up to 10 inches with jigs or minnows fished near cedar tree brush piles.

### Lake of Three Fires

Largemouth Bass - Good: Catch largemouth bass up to 18 inches with finesse plastics fished along rocky shoreline areas early in the morning and late in the evening. **Bluegill** - Fair: Catch bluegill up to 8 inches using small jigs tipped with a nightcrawler fished along rocky shoreline areas early in the morning and late in the evening.

### Little River Watershed Lake

Largemouth Bass - Fair: Catch largemouth bass up to 20 inches with finesse plastics or crankbaits fished along cedar tree brush piles. **Channel Catfish** - Fair: Catch channel catfish up to 10 pounds using stink bait or cut bait fished near the flooded timber.

### Twelve Mile Creek Lake

Largemouth Bass - Good: Largemouth bass of all sizes have been caught with finesse plastics fished along rock piles. **Bluegill** - Good: Catch bluegill up to 8 inches using small jigs tipped with nightcrawlers fished near rock piles or roadbed. **Black Crappie** - Good: Catch black crappie up to 10 inches with small spinners fished near cedar tree brush piles or rock piles. **Yellow Perch** - Fair: Catch yellow perch up to 11 inches using jigs tipped with live bait fished near points. **Walleye** - Fair: Walleye of all sizes have been caught with jigs tipped with leeches or minnows fished near rock piles or rock reefs.

Water temperature in Mount Ayr district lakes is in the low to mid 80's. For more information, contact the Mount Ayr Fisheries office at 641-464-3108.

## **MISSOURI RIVER**

### Missouri River (Sioux City to Little Sioux)

Flathead Catfish - Good: Use rod and reel and trotlines with live bait off the tips of wing dikes and rock structures. Evening or after dark is best. **Blue Catfish** - Good: Use fresh cut bait fished off the bottom in or near the current. **Channel Catfish** - Good: Use worms,

chicken livers, cut bait and dip baits along wing dams, brush piles and along the rock revetment.

#### Missouri River (Little Sioux to Council Bluffs)

Flathead Catfish - Good: Use rod and reel and trotlines with live bait off the tips of wing dikes and rock structures. Evening or after dark is best. **Blue Catfish** - Good: Use fresh cut bait fished off the bottom in or near the current. **Channel Catfish** - Good: Use worms, chicken livers, cut bait and dip baits near wing dams, brush piles and along the rock revetment.

#### Missouri River (Council Bluffs to Missouri State Line)

Flathead Catfish - Good: Use rod and reel and trotlines with live bait off the tips of wing dikes and rock structures. Evening or after dark is best. **Blue Catfish** - Good: Use fresh cut bait fished off the bottom in or near the main river channel. **Channel Catfish** - Good: Use worms, chicken livers, cut bait and dip baits near wing dams, brush piles and along the rock revetment.

The Missouri River at Decatur, Nebraska is at 21.96 ft. /33,800 cfs./80 degrees Fahrenheit (water temperature is the same as last week). The Missouri River is up .10 feet from last week. Anglers are mostly catching catfish species (channels, flatheads, and blue cats). Fishing continues to be fair to good overall for all catfish species. The Decatur Bridge West of Onawa, Iowa will be closing August 14 for repairs and reopen sometime in September.