

Iowa Fishing Report

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The Iowa Department of Natural Resources issues a weekly fishing report on Thursdays in an effort to provide the latest information heading into the weekend. The weekly fishing report is compiled from information gathered from local bait shops, angler creel surveys, and county and state parks staff. For current information, contact the district fisheries office at the phone number listed at the end of each district report.

SOUTHWEST

Greenfield Lake

Greenfield lake has a consistant 14 inches of ice. Greenfield is a popular ice fishing lake because of the quality panfish fishery.

Fish Name	Status	Comments
Bluegill	Slow	Bluegills have been slow using wax worms.

Nodaway Lake

Nodaway Lake should offer good crappie fishing this winter with a large year class in the 8-9 inch range. Bluegills are 7 inches. Nodaway has 14 inches of ice.

Fish Name	Status	Comments
Bluegill	Fair	Bluegills up to 7.5 inches are being caught using wax worms. The best reports are fishing between three and four in the afternoon.
Crappie	Slow	A few crappies are being caught using minnows. Try fishing late in the afternoon.

Lake Anita

Lake Anita will offer excellent ice fishing opportunities this year. Fall samples show that bluegills and crappies experienced good growth in 2009. Anita has 12 to 14 inches of ice.

Fish Name	Status	Comments
Bluegill	Fair	The best bluegill bite has been consistently between five and six in the evening. Anglers are catching many fish exceeding 8 inches using wax worms.
Crappie	Fair	The best success has been fishing with minnows in the evening. Late afternoon to after dark is best. Crappies are running 9 to 10 inches.

Lake Manawa

Manawa has 14 inches of ice.

Fish Name	Status	Comments
Crappie	Slow	Crappies are slow but anglers are still catching a few. Jigs with small spinner tipped with a live minnow is working best.

Cold Springs District Farm Ponds

Farm ponds offer excellent opportunity for quality ice fishing in southern Iowa. Remember to always ask permission before fishing a private pond.

Fish Name	Status	Comments
Bluegill	Slow	Typically bluegills can be found in the deepest part of the pond. Tip small jigs with wax worms and start fishing a foot off the bottom.
Crappie	Slow	Fish the larger farm ponds using wax worms or minnows. Fish different depths in the water column as crappie can be suspended.

Fishing has improved somewhat from last week. Late afternoon has been the best time to fish in most reports. Anglers can expect to find 14 to 18 inches of ice on most lakes in the S.W. district. For more information contact Bryan Hayes or Mark Boucher at the Cold Springs District Office (712)769-2587.

Beaver Lake

Fish Name	Status	Comments
Bluegill	Good	Beaver Lake is producing some decent bluegills through the ice this year. The larger ones being caught are 8 to 9 inches. Anglers are having success in 15 to 20 foot of water out from the dam and on the 9 to 15 foot ridge that runs south of the 40 foot hole across the lake from the boat ramp. Fish are being caught using wax worms and spikes.
Crappie	Fair	With the bluegills, anglers are picking up a few decent crappies up to 11 inches.

Roberts Creek Lake

Fish Name	Status	Comments
Crappie	Slow	A few crappie are being caught in the deeper water out from the east access.

Big Creek Lake

Fish Name	Status	Comments
Bluegill	Fair	The bluegill bite is light, but some good bluegills from 7 to 9 inches are being caught mostly midday through late afternoon. They are being caught off sunken brush piles in the main lake and in front of the deeper coves. Depths around 15ft or greater have been best. Both waxies and spikes have been working.
Crappie	Good	Crappie are being caught near the roadbed in 30 to 40 foot of water off the East road bed out from the Ensign shelter and into the handicap pier bay. Live minnows have been working best, but glow jigs with waxworms have also been working. The bite has been best from 5:30 to 10:00PM.

Hickory Grove Lake

Fish Name	Status	Comments
Bluegill	Slow	The bluegill bite is slow, but some fish are still being caught late in the afternoon and especially just before and after sunset near sunken habitat. This habitat can be found in most of the coves and in deeper water out from the points. It is taking some jumping from hole to hole to find active fish. The bluegills are good sized around 8 inches and are being caught using both waxworms and spikes.
Crappie	Slow	A few crappie are being pulled off the same sunken habitat as the bluegills. Better crappie are being caught suspended in the deeper water in the evenings. Some of the crappie being caught are 10 to 11 inches.

Lake Ahquabi

Fish Name	Status	Comments
Bluegill	Fair	Anglers are catching some good bluegills on the sunken brush piles. For a map with GPS locations for the brush piles and rock piles email Andy.Otting@dnr.iowa.gov. Ahquabi can produce some large bluegills over 9 inches.
Crappie	Fair	Anglers fishing over the brush piles are also picking up a few crappies. Some have been up to 12 inches.

Red Rock Reservoir

Anglers below the Red Rock spillway are having success snagging large Buffalo and Bighead carp.

Lake Petoka

Fish Name	Status	Comments
Rainbow Trout	Good	1,700 rainbow trout were stocked Saturday, January 16. Good numbers of fish should still be present. Some anglers are still catching their limit. Several large brood fish were also stocked. The fish are biting on small jigs and spoons tipped with one or several waxworms. Small live minnows also work well. The water is clear enough to sight fish.

Banner Lake (south)

Fish Name	Status	Comments
Bluegill	Fair	There has been reports of a few anglers catching some large bluegills up to 9 inches.
Rainbow Trout	Good	1,500 Rainbow trout were stocked through the ice Thursday, January 14. Good numbers of fish still remain to be caught.

As of Thursday, February 4 most central Iowa lakes have 15 plus inches of ice. Fishing success has been fair over the last week. Most fish are being caught early in the mornings and especially in the afternoon and evenings. Contact Ben Dodd or Andy Otting at (515) 432-2823 for information on the above area lakes and rivers.

SOUTHEAST

Lake Wapello

The lake was drained in the summer of 2009 but is now full.

Red Haw Lake

The lake's ice is variable. Use caution if venturing out onto the ice.

Fish Name	Status	Comments
Bluegill	Fair	Use tear drop jigs tipped with a waxworm. Try areas around submerged cedar trees. Some fish have been up to 9 inches in length.

Lake Keomah

The ice is variable in thickness so use caution if heading out. The latest measurements have about 7 inches out in from out the fishing pier and over by the dam. Very few anglers have been fishing.

Lake Miami

The ice thickness varies so use caution if venturing out onto the ice. Very few anglers have been venturing out so far this winter. Remember the lake has been drawn down all year. Find areas with structure and try small jigs tipped with waxworms.

Lake Sugema

Use caution if venturing out. Ice thickness is variable.

Fish Name	Status	Comments
Bluegill	Fair	Use tear drop jigs tipped with a waxworm.
Crappie	Slow	Use waxworms or minnows on small jigs. Try fishing within a foot or two of the lake bottom.

Rathbun Reservoir

Use caution if venturing out because the ice thickness varies from place to place. The last measurements taken have about 12-14 inches in spots including Atwell's, Glenwood and the Dedication Site boat ramp.

Fish Name	Status	Comments
Crappie	Slow	Try using small jigs tipped with either a minnow or waxworms. Find areas with submerged structure for the best results. The Buck Creek area and Atwell's has been producing some crappies.

For additional fishing information in south central Iowa please call the Rathbun Fish Hatchery at 641-647-2406.

Iowa Lake

Fish Name	Status	Comments
Bluegill	Slow	
Crappie	Slow	

Kent Park Lake

Fish Name	Status	Comments
Bluegill	Slow	

Lake Macbride

Fish Name	Status	Comments
Bluegill	Slow	
Crappie	Slow	

Central Park Lake

Fish Name	Status	Comments
Bluegill	Slow	

Pleasant Creek Lake

Fish Name	Status	Comments
Bluegill	Slow	
Crappie	Slow	

Diamond Lake

Fish Name	Status	Comments
Bluegill	Slow	
Crappie	Fair	Most fish are small (7")

Otter Creek Lake

Fish Name	Status	Comments
Bluegill	Slow	
Yellow Bass	Fair	

Union Grove Lake

Fish Name	Status	Comments
Bluegill	Slow	
Crappie	Slow	

For more information call the Lake Macbride Fisheries Station at (319) 624-3615.

Lake Geode

Ice conditions have improved, somewhat. Some of the ice is only a couple of inches thick. Use extreme caution.

Fish Name	Status	Comments
Bluegill	Slow	Try around the piles of fish habitat in the area around the main boat ramp.

Lake of the Hills

Ice fishing remains slow going.

Fish Name	Status	Comments
Bluegill	Slow	Anglers are picking up a few small bluegills.
Crappie	Slow	Just a few small crappies are being caught.

For more information on the above lakes please call the Lake Darling Fisheries Office at (319) 694-2430

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RIVER**

Mississippi River Pool 19

Tailwater stage is 5.10 ft. Anglers have been able to access the tailwaters to walleye and sauger fish. Ice fishing in the backwaters has been slow. Most ice fishing reports are coming from area lakes and ponds.

Fish Name	Status	Comments
Bluegill	Slow	
Crappie	Slow	
Sauger	No Report	
Walleye	No Report	

Mississippi River Pool 18

Tailwater stage is 7.72 ft. Anglers have been able to access the tailwaters to walleye and sauger fish from the Toolesboro Access. Most ice fishing reports are coming from area lakes and ponds.

Fish Name	Status	Comments
Bluegill	Slow	
Crappie	Slow	
Sauger	No Report	
Walleye	No Report	

Mississippi River Pool 17

Tailwater stage is 5.37ft. Anglers have been able to launch boats at both ramps in Muscatine. There is a lot of small ice chunks floating at both ramps. Ice fishing in the backwaters has been slow.

Fish Name	Status	Comments
Bluegill	Slow	Fishing has been slow in Big Timber. Big Timber has variable ice thicknesses of 4-6in.
Crappie	Slow	Crappie fishing in Big Timber has been slow.
Sauger	No Report	
Walleye	No Report	

Mississippi River Pool 16

Tailwater stage is 6.40 ft. Anglers have been able to launch boats at the Marquette St. ramp in Davenport. Ice fishing has been slow in Sunset Marina.

Fish Name	Status	Comments
Bluegill	Slow	Ice fishing in Sunset Marina for bluegills has been slow.
Crappie	Slow	Crappie fishing in Sunset Marina has been slow.
Largemouth Bass	No Report	
Sauger	Slow	A few saugers are being caught in Sylvan Slough on jigs and minnows. Some saugers are also being caught around wingdams jigging with minnows.
Walleye	Slow	Walleye fishing in the tailwaters has been slow.

Mississippi River Pools 16-20: Anglers have been able to access the tailwaters throughout Pools 16-19 to sauger and walleye fish. River levels have been falling over the past week. Ice fishing in the backwaters has been slow. Most ice fishing reports are coming from area lakes and ponds. Backwaters have variable ice thicknesses so take caution when ice fishing. For more information on fishing Pools 16-20 of the Mississippi River contact the Fairport Fish Hatchery at 563-263-5062.

Mississippi River Pool 14

Backwater ice conditions are good with 12" or greater at most lakes. Ice conditions in areas of flowing water will be considerably less and travel on them is not recommended. River stage in Camanche is stable at 9.52 feet.

Fish Name	Status	Comments
Bluegill	Slow	Bluegill fishing has been slow and anglers have had to sort a lot of small fish.
Crappie	Slow	Crappie fishing has been slow, as well. Although some crappie are being caught just after dark at Rock Creek.

Mississippi River Pool 13

Backwater ice conditions are good with 12" or greater at most lakes. Ice conditions in areas of flowing water will be considerably less and travel on them is not recommended. River stage in Bellevue is 6.05 feet and is forecast to rise to 6.30 feet.

Fish Name	Status	Comments
Bluegill	Slow	Bluegill fishing in the backwaters has been slow and catches have consisted of a lot of small fish.
Crappie	Slow	Crappie fishing in the backwaters has been slow.

Mississippi River Pool 12

Backwater ice conditions are good with 12" or greater at most lakes. Ice conditions in areas of flowing water will be considerably less and travel on them is not recommended. River stage in Dubuque is stable at 8.22 feet. Anglers in Pool 12 should keep an eye out for radio tagged crappie. The DNR has externally radio tagged 200 crappie in Pool 12 and will be tracking them over the course of the next year. Tags are attached to the dorsal spines and we ask that you release any tagged fish.

Fish Name	Status	Comments
Bluegill	Slow	Bluegill fishing has been slow the past week in the backwaters and anglers have to sort through a lot of small fish.
Crappie	Slow	Crappie fishing has been slow the past week in the backwaters with very few reports of fish being caught.
Sauger	Fair	A few anglers have been pulling boats off the ice from the Wisconsin side of the tailwaters and catching a few saugers.

For fishing information in Pool 12-15 of the Mississippi River contact the Bellevue Fish Management and Research Station at 563-872-4976

Mississippi River Pool 11

Ice conditions are excellent.

Fish Name	Status	Comments
Bluegill	Slow	Some bluegills being caught at Mud Lake. A few being taken in the Marina and some at Zollicoffers.
Crappie	Slow	Once in a while a nice Crappie is taken from the Marina area on jig and wax worm. Swift slough up by Guttenberg also has an few crappies taken at times.
White Bass	Fair	Some white bass are being reported in larger sloughs and deeper water side channels
Yellow Perch	Slow	The yellow perch bite can start later in the season and surveys show a strong yellow perch population in places like Mud Lake and Sunfish Lake.

Mississippi River Pool 10

Ice conditions are excellent

Fish Name	Status	Comments
Bluegill	Slow	A few bluegills are being reported below the spillway at harpers Ferry but fishing is slow.
Crappie	Slow	Not many being reported but a few are being taken at the lower end of Norwegian Slough and Bussey Lake.

Mississippi River Pool 9

ice conditions excellent!

Fish Name	Status	Comments
Bluegill	Slow	Some bluegill being taken from the Village Creek boat ramp and above the Marina in Lansing. Fishing is slow and most anglers using teardrops and wax worms.
Crappie	Slow	Not many caught but they can be large. Anglers using wax worms and teardrops and some using prepared baits such as gulp

Solid ice for fishing remains with most areas having 12" or more of ice. The boat ramps at Lynxville and the city ramp in Guttenberg are locked in ice. Call Guttenberg fisheries station for current conditions at (563) 252-1156.

NORTHEAST

Silver Lake (Delaware)

Anglers have had some success on Silver lake catching mainly bluegill with an occasional crappie. Best success has been early morning or late afternoon before dark.

Fish Name	Status	Comments
Bluegill	Slow	Concentrate efforts in the deeper water fishing just off of the bottom with a ice jig & waxworm.

Brinker Lake

Anglers are taking both bluegill and crappie on Brinker Lake, some sorting may be necessary. There have been reports of a few channel catfish being taken as well.

Fish Name	Status	Comments
Bluegill	Fair	
Crappie	Fair	Anglers are taking a few nice sized crappies using a jig tipped with a minnow.

George Wyth Lake

Anglers have been fishing George Wyth early morning & late evening with some success on both bluegill and crappie, some sorting may be necessary.

Fish Name	Status	Comments
Bluegill	Fair	Anglers are reporting catches of bluegill.
Crappie	Fair	Anglers have been catching crappie on George Wyth Lake on a fairly consistent basis. Look for areas where pressure has been the heaviest.

North Prairie Lake

This lake was stocked with trout on the 16th of January and should still provide good numbers of trout for the taking!

Fish Name	Status	Comments
Brown Trout	Fair	Trout are not real selective on tackle, flashy jigs or lures work best for these aggressive fish. Also try waxworms or power bait tipped on small jigs.

Martens Lake

Anglers had been doing well on both crappie & bluegill before this latest cold snap. Concentrate efforts on the west side of the marsh and look for where there has been heavy angling activity on the ice. Ice conditions have been anywhere from 14-18 inches thick.

Fish Name	Status	Comments
Bluegill	Fair	Most catches have been from anglers concentrating on catching crappie.
Crappie	Good	Cecils & sweedish pimples tipped with a waxworm have been the favorites for anglers targeting crappie.

Plainfield

Anglers are catching nice size bluegill on this thirty acre lake.

Fish Name	Status	Comments
Bluegill	Fair	Try locating structure and fishing just off of the bottom with an ice jig and waxworm.

Wapsi River (Tripoli to Troy Mills)

Anglers are catching some nice sized crappie above the dam in Independence and in good numbers. Also reports of bluegill and northern pike being caught.

Fish Name	Status	Comments
Bluegill	Fair	Try fishing the Independence Impoundment above the dam.
Crappie	Good	Try fishing in two to three foot of water on the backwaters of the Wapsi above the dam. Best reports have come from anglers using cecil's tipped with a waxworm.
Northern Pike	Fair	Anglers have been catching pike while fishing for crappie using either a waxworm or minnow under a jig. Also been having success using tip-up rigs.

Ice thickness around Black Hawk County is varying from 8-12 inches. Best success has been on the following lakes; Martens (Sweet Marsh), Plainfield, George Wyth and Brinker for bluegill & crappie. The Independence Impoundment above the Dam in Buchanan County has been good this week for crappie. North Prairie Lake was stocked with trout on the 16th of January and should still provide good action. For more information contact the N.E. Ia. District Office @ 563-927-3276.

Volga Lake

Ice depths are running in the 20" range. Now is the time of year to try angling at varying depths. Good oxygen levels down to 12 feet.

Fish Name	Status	Comments
Bluegill	Slow	
Crappie	Slow	
Largemouth Bass	Slow	

Lake Hendricks

Anglers are reporting the best time to fish for crappie seems to be in the evening and early morning while daytime angling is best for bluegills.

Fish Name	Status	Comments
Bluegill	Slow	
Crappie	Slow	Some sorting is necessary.

Lake Meyer

Oxygen levels on the lake are good down to 20 ft. If you don't catch fish a few feet off the bottom try angling at mid depth or even a foot or two below the ice. Also key your efforts around structure, such as brush or rock piles. Ice depths are running 19".

Fish Name	Status	Comments
Bluegill	Slow	
Crappie	Slow	
Yellow Perch	Slow	

Cedar River (above Nashua)

Fish Name	Status	Comments
Smallmouth Bass	Slow	A few small smallmouth bass are being caught below the dam at Nashua.
Walleye	Slow	A few small walleye are being caught below the dam at Nashua.

Decorah District Streams

Fishing for trout has been excellent recently most likely due to slightly cloudier conditions on the streams from runoff. Try using a dark subsurface fly. Midges have been hatching fairly often on bright sunny warmer days.

Ice conditions remain good on area lakes. Use caution when going out on area rivers and streams as many are opening up. For more information, please call the Decorah Trout Hatchery at 563-382-8324.

NORTHWEST

Lake Pahoja

Fish Name	Status	Comments
Bluegill	Fair	Use ice jigs tipped with wax worms or wigglers around structure.
Crappie	Fair	Use ice jigs tipped with wax worms or wigglers around structure.

Mill Creek (Lake)

If you are looking for a place to take a child ice fishing for the first time Mill Creek lake would be a good place to start. Bluegills of all sizes with a possible largemouth bass can be expected.

Fish Name	Status	Comments
Bluegill	Good	Use small ice jigs tipped with a wax worm or wiggler around weed beds or any other structure.

Big Spirit Lake

People are driving onto the ice at Buffalo Run, Crandalls Beach, Miniwakan state park boat ramp and Marble Beach. There are a few slush pockets that haven't froze solid yet if your front tires drop into a pocket stop and back out dont pull forward far enough to get all 4 tires in. Large slush pockets have been reported between Jackson and Cottonwood Points.

Fish Name	Status	Comments
Bluegill	Fair	Use small ice jigs tipped with a wax worm or wiggler on the north end of Anglers Bay. A few fish are also being caught at the Grade.
Walleye	Fair	Use jigging lures tipped with a minnow head or whole minnow on rock bars in the evenings or at sunrise.
Yellow Perch	Fair	Use ice jigs tipped with waxworms or wigglers in in deep water around Big Stoney Point.

East Okoboji Lake

Fish Name	Status	Comments
Walleye	Fair	Use jigging lures tipped with a minnow head on rock bars in the evening.
Yellow Bass	Fair	Fish the south end of the lake in 20-22 FOW with live bait in the evenings.

West Okoboji Lake

People are driving onto the ice at Triboji Beach, north shore of Smith's Bay, south shore of Miller's Bay, and at the Emerson Bay boat ramp.

Fish Name	Status	Comments
Bluegill	Fair	Use small ice jigs tipped with plastics or live bait in the bays along weed beds, the fish are scattered so keep moving to find fish.
Yellow Perch	Fair	Fish along the edge of weed beds at Eagle Point or fish on sand out in deeper water in Emerson and Miller's Bay with small ice jigs tipped with wax worms or wigglers or a small minnow below a slip bobber. A few fish are also being caught off Triboji in 20 FOW in the mornings.

Five Island Lake

Fish Name	Status	Comments
Crappie	Fair	Use a ice jig tipped with a minnow head or wax worm.
Walleye	Good	Fish at sunrise or sunset along drop offs with jigging lures tipped with a minnow head.

Snow conditions on the lakes are getting better. Remember that walleye season on Big Spirit, East and West Okoboji lakes closes on February 15th. For more information on the Spirit Lake area call 1-(712)-336-1840.

Beeds Lake

Ice thickness 18 - 20 inches.

Fish Name	Status	Comments
Bluegill	Slow	
Crappie	Slow	

Eldred Sherwood Lake

Ice thickness 18 - 20 inches. Fishing been slow

Fish Name	Status	Comments
Bluegill	Slow	

Upper Pine Lake

We have received no information regarding fishing on this water body this week.

Lake Smith

Ice thickness 18 - 20 inches.

Fish Name	Status	Comments
Bluegill	Slow	

Clear Lake

Ice thickness is 18 - 21 inches. Yellow bass fishing has been slow. A few fish are being caught at dawn and dusk.

Fish Name	Status	Comments
Muskellunge	Slow	
Walleye	Slow	most fish caught are below the 14inch length limit.
Yellow Bass	Slow	

Lake Cornelia

Ice thickness is 18 - 20 inches.

Rice Lake

Ice thickness is 16 - 20 inches.

Fish Name	Status	Comments
Crappie	Slow	
Yellow Perch	Slow	

Silver Lake (Worth)

Ice thickness is 18 - 20 inches.

Fish Name	Status	Comments
Yellow Perch	Slow	

Blue Pit

Ice thickness 18 - 20inches. Trout are biting,

Fish Name	Status	Comments
Rainbow Trout	Good	

Bluebill Lake

Ice thickness is 18 - 20 inches.

Fish Name	Status	Comments
Bluegill	Slow	
Yellow Perch	Slow	

Fin and Feather Lake

Ice thickness 18 - 20 inches.

Fish Name	Status	Comments
Bluegill	Slow	

Elm Lake

Ice thickness 18 - 20 inches.

Fish Name	Status	Comments
Yellow Perch	Slow	

For more information on fishing in the area lakes and rivers, call us at the Clear Lake Fisheries Office at (641) 357-3517.

Crawford Creek Impoundment

Bluegill and crappie has slowed. Use tear drops and wax worms. Anglers are targeting the area southwest of the boat ramp area and areas with structure.

Fish Name	Status	Comments
Bluegill	Fair	Anglers are catching bluegill about hand size with orange or green glow in the dark teardrops with wax worms. Bluegill are being caught in 12 feet of water fishing about 8 inches off the bottom from about 3:00 PM to 5:30 PM.
Crappie	Fair	Anglers are picking up crappie with wax worms and minnows, some are nice size fish. Crappie fishing at Crawford Creek has been best after dark. Crappies are in the 8-10 inch range.

Badger Lake

The bluegill and crappie fishing has slowed down some, but anglers are still catching a few nice sized fish.

Fish Name	Status	Comments
Bluegill	Fair	Nice size bluegill are being caught with small jigs and wax worms.
Crappie	Fair	Nice size crappie are being caught as well.

Brushy Creek Lake

Fishing on Brushy Creek has slowed. Keep moving around to find the fish.

Fish Name	Status	Comments
Bluegill	Slow	Bluegill are being caught in 20-25 feet of water right off of the bottom. Tear drops and wax worms have been working the best.
Crappie	Slow	A few crappies have been caught on minnows.
Walleye	Slow	Walleye have been slow, but try just at sunset for them. Anglers have been picking a few up on minnows.

Storm Lake (incl Little Storm Lake)

Walleye fishing has picked up on the lake. Access to the lake has improved.

Fish Name	Status	Comments
Walleye	Good	Anglers have been using jigs tipped with minnow heads or minnows under a bobber. Try to target areas away from the crowds of anglers. A good number of walleye are being caught in the 12 to 13 inch size range, a few walleye bigger than 22 inches are being picked up. Evening has been the most productive.

Black Hawk Lake

Anglers have been working the lake, but the fishing has been pretty slow. Boat ramp area on Ice House Point and 30 Acres boat ramp has been plowed out.

Fish Name	Status	Comments
Bluegill	Slow	Some bluegill are being caught with wax worms, but most are smaller size fish.
Crappie	Slow	Some crappie are being caught with wax worms and minnows, but most are smaller size fish.
Walleye	Slow	Some walleye, mostly shorts (<15"), are being caught near the old dredge cuts near Denison Beach in the evenings with super dupers and minnow heads.

There has been a lull in fishing activity around the Black Hawk District, but some few are still being caught. Always use caution on the ice. For more information about the these lakes and rivers call Don Herrig (712-657-2638) at the Black Hawk District Office in Lake View.