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Was searching for shad - none found. Caught a few 24-26 inch channel and flathead cats. Saw others of the same size that "got away." Results for SMB were the same as in the past in that stretch. We have done much better on cats when the water is higher. The only half-decent SMB habitat appears to be along the embankment above and below Valley Creek and in a couple of holes upstream, but the habitat is generally poor and featureless (no structure). Only saw a few other species...quillback, common carp, white sucker, and one satinfin shiner. Not even a sunfish. I was surprised by the absence of shiners. In the Reading area (below Reading and its sewage/urban runoff) it is still loaded with shiners.