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Layering is absolutelly KEY while fishing, at least as far as I'm concerned. If you layer properly, you will be comfortable while you're on the water. There are lots of good options out there. Hodgeman makes some nice products, Reddington makes some nice stuff too. So does Cabelas.

To answer your question, I have a lightweight jacket that I use for spring/fall that fits easily into my pack. It's a Cloudveil Zorro that I picked up on Sierra Trading Post a while back. Got a great deal on this jacket. It's very lightweight, breathable and durable too. Under that I'll go with a fleece layer and then my base layers. If you want one jacket that you can use year round this one is good. Although it does not have the vest options you're looking for, it fits perfectly in a hip pack or backpack without taking up too much room.

As a gift, I recieved an Orvis Tailwaters Jacket that is ideal for cold temps. Big pockets for fly boxes, a couple of d-rings, lined pockets for hand warming and neoprene cuffs. Pricy, but it works extremely well and it's something I'll have for a very long itme.

LL Bean has a couple of jackets that I'd be interested in seeing as well. It's very hard, if not impossible, to beat their customer service if your purchase fails or is unsatisfactory.