FRESHWATER CAST · MONDAY CAST

Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for San Carlos area

San Carlos

Arizona

Mon Nov 16 – Wed Nov 18, 2026 · Mountain Standard Time · Largemouth

BITE ODDS · THIS CAST

2/10

Stay off the water

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PRESSURE	STORMS	WIND	SKY / RAIN	BASS STAGE	CROWD
+ Mostly stable	− Lightning in forecast	− Up to 20 mph · unsafe chop	~ Rain up to ~29%	~ Fall transition · turnover	+ Weekday · lighter traffic

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **68–75°F**, lows **44–50°F**, rain chance up to **~29%**. Story is wind — pick banks the breeze is hitting and keep crossings short.

THREE-DAY WEATHER

MONDAY NOV 16

75° F high

LOW	50°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	E 5–10 mph
RAIN	~4%
SUN	6:53 AM / 5:19 PM

Frame: Stable day — first-light moving bait, then slow down around shade and cover once the sun is up.

TUESDAY NOV 17

71° F high

LOW	45°F
SKY	Slight Chance Showers And Thunderstorms then Chance Showers And Thunderstorms
WIND	S 5–20 mph
RAIN	~29%
SUN	6:54 AM / 5:19 PM

Frame: Breeziest day — use ripple on wind-blown banks and points; open-water chop is higher risk.

WEDNESDAY NOV 18

68° F high

LOW	44°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	0 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	6:55 AM / 5:18 PM

Frame: Stable day — first-light moving bait, then slow down around shade and cover once the sun is up.

Window: Mon–Wed · Air: E → S → · Bite window: dawn + last light

HOW TO FISH THIS WEATHER

MORNING
- Shallow cover, points, creek mouths
- **First light (6:53 AM MST) → ~9 AM**
- Use any ripple as cover

MIDDAY
- Shade lines, docks, deeper edges
- Electronics for bait height first
- Slow down once the sun is overhead

EVENING
- Revisit shallow shade as sun drops
- Topwater if the surface lays down
- Weekday traffic is lighter — work quiet pockets

FALL TRANSITION **Largemouth plan: Follow shad into the backs of creeks and flats 1-10 ft; spinnerbait, squarebill and topwater at a fast pace.**

BIOLOGY

BASS STAGE

Largemouth are in the fall transition — following bait into creeks and onto flats as water cools. Possible turnover window on stratified reservoirs — the bite can go off for a few days.

Basis: estimated water ~64°F — 75-day observed air record (NOAA

NATURAL FORAGE

Threadfin shad are a key forage, and fresh Gila inflow can wash in insects and small fish that draw bait into the upper lake. Crawfish and bluegill live around rocky banks and brush.

ALSO BITING

Crappie are a San Carlos specialty; fish small jigs and minnows around brush, especially as water cools. Channel and flathead catfish feed heavily near fresh inflow; cut bait or live bait where tribal rules allow.

PRESSURE

Weekday traffic — lighter than the weekend. Fish early, give ramps and swim areas room.

ACIS) lagged for a lake (14-day response); no water-temperature gauge on the lake; air record trending falling

DAM & WATER — GENERATION SCHEDULE

FIXED Dam-controlled water. No generation schedule posted by the operator for Mon Nov 16 – Wed Nov 18 — check the operator page the morning you fish; releases and pool levels change daily. Stay outside buoyed restricted zones.

ITEM	NOTE	SOURCE
Coolidge	No generation schedule posted by the operator for Mon Nov 16 – Wed Nov 18 Observed: observed flow at USGS 09469500 (Gila River Below Coolidge Dam, Az.) 7 cfs (Mon 4:15 AM CT)	the operator
Permit / regs	The nearest larger town for supplies is Globe, so arrive with what you need, and keep your permit on your person while you fish.	
Clarity	In plain terms, the lake is taking in fresh river water and releasing almost none, so expect stained to muddy water in the upper Gila arm.	

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

A San Carlos Apache Tribe recreation permit is required for bank fishing. Shore access is centered on the Soda Canyon area near the main launch, where rocky points and coves are within walking distance of parking. are better for bank fishing.

KAYAK

May be paddleable in protected coves near the Soda Canyon launch once the wind drops, but stay close to shore and be ready to turn back if gusts return. is the kayak day. Launch early near Soda Canyon with your tribal permit and fish brush, points, and coves with a shaky head, Texas rig, or small swimbait.

BOAT

A tribal recreation permit covers boating as well as fishing; confirm boat rules when you buy it. Launch from the Soda Canyon area ramp only if conditions allow. The wind makes open-water boating risky, so most anglers should wait or.

LURE BOX

TOP

Walking bait or popper at dawn on calm. Buzzbait along brush in the upper lake when the water is stained.

MID

Chartreuse-white spinnerbait along wind-blown points and mud lines. Squarebill around brush and rock transitions. Lipless crankbait in stained water.

BOTTOM

Black-blue or junebug Texas-rigged worm in stained water. Jig with a craw trailer around brush. Drop shot along deeper points on bright afternoons.