Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Don Pedro Reservoir area

Don Pedro Reservoir

California
Mon Nov 16 – Wed Nov 18, 2026 · Pacific Time · Spotted

BITE ODDS · THIS CAST — Fair odds

4/10

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PRESSURE	STORMS	WIND	SKY / RAIN	BASS STAGE	CROWD
+ Stable pattern	+ No lightning	− Up to 20 mph · unsafe chop	− Rain up to ~99%	~ Fall transition · turnover	+ Weekday · lighter traffic

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **51–56°F**, lows **42–47°F**, rain chance up to **~99%**. Story is the wet stretch — bite windows ride the rain timing, not the calendar.

THREE-DAY WEATHER

MONDAY NOV 16

54° F high

LOW	42°F
SKY	Light Rain
WIND	NNW 5–10 mph
RAIN	~98%
SUN	6:42 AM / 4:49 PM

Frame: Wet day — fish the front side of the rain; slow down and stay close to cover after it passes.

TUESDAY NOV 17

56° F high

LOW	45°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	NW 0–5 mph
RAIN	~79%
SUN	6:43 AM / 4:48 PM

Frame: Wet day — fish the front side of the rain; slow down and stay close to cover after it passes.

WEDNESDAY NOV 18

51° F high

LOW	47°F
SKY	Rain
WIND	SE 15–20 mph
RAIN	~99%
SUN	6:44 AM / 4:48 PM

Frame: Wet day — fish the front side of the rain; slow down and stay close to cover after it passes.

Window: Mon–Wed · Air: NNW → NW → SE · Bite window: dawn + last light

HOW TO FISH THIS WEATHER

MORNING
- Shallow cover, points, creek mouths
- **First light (6:42 AM PST) → ~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 **Spotted bass plan: Run main-lake and secondary points 5-20 ft; topwater, spybait and swimbait on schooling fish, fast.**

BIOLOGY

BASS STAGE

Spotted bass 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 ~61°F — 75-day observed air record (NOAA ACIS) lagged for a lake (14-day response); no water-temperature

NATURAL FORAGE

The spawn is long over, and spots are roaming rocky points, humps and creek-arm mouths after threadfin shad.

ALSO BITING

Largemouth bass hold in the backs of coves and around remaining brush, and a jig or Texas-rigged worm works best in the shade. Bluegill, crappie and other panfish give bank anglers and kids steady action near shaded coves.

PRESSURE

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

gauge on the lake; air record trending falling

DAM & WATER — GENERATION SCHEDULE

FIXED Dam-controlled water. No generation schedule posted by USACE SPK, 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
New Don Pedro Reservoir	No generation schedule posted by USACE SPK for Mon Nov 16 – Wed Nov 18	USACE SPK
DON PEDRO RES NR LA GRANGE CA	No generation schedule posted by the operator for Mon Nov 16 – Wed Nov 18 Observed: pool 781.57 ft (Mon 4:15 AM CT)	the operator
Permit / regs	Day-use fees apply.	

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

The Fleming Meadows recreation area near the dam and the Blue Oaks area offer walkable shoreline with rocky points close to parking. At first light, throw a small walking bait or a spinnerbait across the points, then switch to a drop-shot or shakey head as the sun climbs.

KAYAK

Cast a small swimbait or topwater over points when shad are up, then work a drop-shot along the first break. The upper lake near Moccasin Point has narrower arms that stay calmer. Wear a PFD, stay near shore, carry extra water for the heat, and head back before the afternoon wind gets strong.

BOAT

The main launches are at Fleming Meadows and Blue Oaks on the lower lake and Moccasin Point on the upper end. Expect a mussel inspection before launch, and arrive clean, drained and dry. Fish main-lake points and rocky humps at dawn, then use your electronics to find shad and spots on the first break at 20 to 35 feet.

LURE BOX

TOP

A small walking bait or popper on points at first light and the last hour of daylight, in bone, chrome or shad colors.

MID

A small swimbait or spinnerbait on windblown points and around shad schools.

BOTTOM

A drop-shot with a small worm, a shakey head or a compact jig on the first break at 20 to 35 feet. Green pumpkin, brown and natural shad tones work best. Match size to threadfin shad and crawfish.