Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Folsom area

Folsom

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 22 mph · unsafe chop	− Rain up to ~99%	~ Fall transition · turnover	+ Weekday · lighter traffic

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **52–57°F**, lows **43–47°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

57° F high

LOW	43°F
SKY	Chance Light Rain
WIND	S 3 mph
RAIN	~95%
SUN	6:47 AM / 4:50 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	47°F
SKY	Mostly Sunny
WIND	SSE 1–5 mph
RAIN	~99%
SUN	6:49 AM / 4:49 PM

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

WEDNESDAY NOV 18

52° F high

LOW	45°F
SKY	Rain
WIND	SSE 12–22 mph
RAIN	~99%
SUN	6:50 AM / 4:49 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: S → SSE · Bite window: dawn + last light

HOW TO FISH THIS WEATHER

MORNING

- Shallow cover, points, creek mouths
- **First light (6:47 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 ~60°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 roam granite points, rock transitions 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 shade. Rainbow trout stay deep in warm weather and are mostly a target for trollers near the dam.

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 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
Folsom Dam and Lake	No generation schedule posted by USACE SPK for Mon Nov 16 – Wed Nov 18 Observed: pool 397.34 ft (Mon 3:00 AM CT); observed outflow (USACE) 807 cfs (Mon 2:00 AM CT)	USACE SPK
Permit / regs	Day-use fees apply.	
Clarity	Light fluorocarbon helps in clear water.	

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

Granite Bay and Beals Point inside Folsom Lake State Recreation Area give walkable granite shoreline close to parking. At first light, cast a small walking bait or spinnerbait across points, then switch to a drop-shot or shakey head as the sun climbs. Focus on steep granite that drops into deeper water within a short cast.

KAYAK

Launch from Granite Bay or Brown's Ravine and stay on nearby points and coves before boat traffic builds. Light winds this week make mornings friendly for kayaks. Throw a small swimbait or topwater over granite points when shad are up, then fish a drop-shot along the first break.

BOAT

Main launches include Brown's Ravine, Granite Bay and the Peninsula launch on the El Dorado side. Expect a mussel inspection before launch, and arrive clean, drained and dry. Fish main-lake granite points at dawn with topwater and swimbaits, then use your electronics to find spots on the first break at 20 to 35 feet.

LURE BOX

TOP

A small walking bait or popper on granite points at first light and dusk, in bone, chrome or shad colors.

MID

A small swimbait or spinnerbait over points when shad show on the surface or on your electronics.

BOTTOM

A drop-shot with a small worm or a shakey head 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 on granite.