FRESHWATER CAST · MONDAY CAST

Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Lake Oroville area

Lake Oroville

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

BITE ODDS · THIS CAST

2/10

Stay off the water

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PRESSURE	STORMS	WIND	SKY / RAIN	BASS STAGE	CROWD
+ Stable pattern	− Lightning in forecast	− Up to 17 mph · open-water chop	− Rain up to ~100%	+ Fall transition	+ Weekday · lighter traffic

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **51–55°F**, lows **44–46°F**, rain chance up to **~100%**. Story is the wet stretch — bite windows ride the rain timing, not the calendar.

THREE-DAY WEATHER

MONDAY NOV 16

55° F high

LOW	44°F
SKY	Chance Light Rain then Slight Chance Showers And Thunderstorms
WIND	S 3 mph
RAIN	~82%
SUN	6:51 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

55° F high

LOW	45°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	SE 5 mph
RAIN	~100%
SUN	6:52 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

51° F high

LOW	46°F
SKY	Rain
WIND	SE 9–17 mph
RAIN	~100%
SUN	6:53 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: S → SE · Bite window: dawn + last light

HOW TO FISH THIS WEATHER

MORNING
- Shallow cover, points, creek mouths
- **First light (6:51 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.

Basis: estimated water ~57°F — 75-day observed air record (NOAA ACIS) lagged for a lake (14-day response); no water-temperature gauge on the lake; air record trending falling

NATURAL FORAGE

Oroville's spotted bass are in fall feeding mode, chasing threadfin shad around points, rock transitions and the mouths of the river arms. No public water temperature reading was found for this Cast, so use your electronics: find shad, then fish just und

ALSO BITING

Largemouth bass hold in the backs of coves and near remaining brush, though the falling water pushes them out too. Salmon and trout stay deep in the main lake and near the dam, mostly a target for trollers with downriggers.

PRESSURE

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

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
Oroville Dam	No generation schedule posted by USACE SPK for Mon Nov 16 – Wed Nov 18 Observed: pool 731.46 ft (Mon 4:00 AM CT); observed outflow (USACE) 2,860 cfs (Mon 3:00 AM CT)	USACE SPK
Permit / regs	Check the California Department of Fish and Wildlife regulations for any water-specific exceptions before you keep fish.	
Clarity	In clear water, long casts with light fluorocarbon help.	

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

The shoreline around Bidwell Canyon and the Loafer Creek recreation area gives walk-in access to points and rocky banks on the main lake. With the water dropping fast, walk out to the newest exposed points and cast a small walking bait or spinnerbait at first light, then switch to a drop-shot or shakey head when the sun is up.

KAYAK

Launch from Loafer Creek or Lime Saddle on the West Branch, if the ramp still reaches the water, and fish nearby coves and points before boat traffic picks up. Light winds this week make mornings comfortable for kayaks. Throw a small swimbait or topwater around points when shad show, then fish a drop-shot on the first break.

BOAT

Main launches include Bidwell Canyon, Loafer Creek, Lime Saddle on the West Branch, the Spillway launch ramp near the dam and Enterprise on the South Fork. With the lake dropping more than a foot a day, some ramps may close or lose lanes during the week, so check California State Parks for usable ramps before you trailer.

LURE BOX

TOP

A small walking bait or popper on main-lake points at first light and in the last hour before sunset, in bone, chrome or shad colors.

MID

A small swimbait, spinnerbait or blade bait when you mark shad or see surface boils in the river arms.

BOTTOM

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