Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Lake Shasta area

Lake Shasta

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

BITE ODDS · THIS CAST

7 /10

Fair odds

0 2 4 6 8 10

PRESSURE	STORMS	WIND	SKY / RAIN	BASS STAGE	CROWD
+ Stable pattern	+ No lightning	+ 3–9 mph usable ripple	− Rain up to ~100%	~ Fall transition · turnover	+ Weekday · lighter traffic

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **48–54°F**, lows **41–43°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

54° F high

LOW	41°F
SKY	Chance Light Rain
WIND	S 3 mph
RAIN	~40%
SUN	6:57 AM / 4:50 PM

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

TUESDAY NOV 17

52° F high

LOW	43°F
SKY	Mostly Sunny then Light Rain Likely
WIND	WSW 5 mph
RAIN	~100%
SUN	6:58 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

48° F high

LOW	42°F
SKY	Rain
WIND	S 3–9 mph
RAIN	~100%
SUN	6:59 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 → WSW · Bite window: dawn + last light

HOW TO FISH THIS WEATHER

MORNING

- Shallow cover, points, creek mouths
- **First light (6:57 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 ~58°F — 75-day observed air record (NOAA ACIS) lagged for a lake (14-day

NATURAL FORAGE

The spawn is long over, and the fish are chasing threadfin shad through the Pit, McCloud and Sacramento arms and around main-lake points.

ALSO BITING

Largemouth bass hold around flooded brush and in the backs of coves, and they respond to a jig or a Texas-rigged worm in the shade. Smallmouth bass show on cleaner rock in the upper arms.

PRESSURE

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

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 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
Lake Shasta & Dam	No generation schedule posted by USACE SPK for Mon Nov 16 – Wed Nov 18 Observed: pool 971.14 ft (Mon 3:00 AM CT); observed outflow (USACE) 2,327 cfs (Mon 2:00 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	Smoke morning can lower visibility, so carry a light and stay close to your launch until it clears.	

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

The shoreline near Bridge Bay off Interstate 5 and the Packers Bay area offer walkable rocky points close to the road. At first light, cast a small walking bait or a spinnerbait across points, then switch to a drop-shot or shakey head as the sun rises.

KAYAK

Launch from Packers Bay or Jones Valley on the Pit River arm and stay in the nearby coves and points, where you avoid most houseboat and ski traffic. Light winds this week make Shasta friendly for kayaks, especially in the morning.

BOAT

Main ramps include Bridge Bay, Packers Bay, Jones Valley on the Pit arm, Centimudi near the dam and Antlers on the Sacramento arm. Run the Pit and McCloud arms at dawn, looking for shad and surface activity, then shift to main-lake points with a drop-shot or shakey head once the sun is high.

LURE BOX

TOP

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

MID

A small swimbait, spinnerbait or spoon when you see shad on your electronics or surface boils.

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.