FRESHWATER CAST · MONDAY CAST

Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Lake Coeur d'Alene area

Lake Coeur d'Alene

Idaho

Mon Nov 16 – Wed Nov 18, 2026 · Pacific Time · Largemouth · Smallmouth

BITE ODDS · THIS CAST

Fair odds

7 /10

0 2 4 6 8 10

PRESSURE	STORMS	WIND	SKY / RAIN	BASS STAGE	CROWD
+ Stable pattern	+ No lightning	+ 2–3 mph usable ripple	− Rain up to ~85%	~ Fall transition	+ Weekday · lighter traffic

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **42–47°F**, lows **31–36°F**, rain chance up to **~85%**. Story is the wet stretch — bite windows ride the rain timing, not the calendar.

THREE-DAY WEATHER

MONDAY NOV 16

47° F high

LOW	36°F
SKY	Areas Of Fog
WIND	SW 0–3 mph
RAIN	~85%
SUN	6:53 AM / 4:10 PM

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

TUESDAY NOV 17

42° F high

LOW	31°F
SKY	Areas Of Fog
WIND	W 2 mph
RAIN	~3%
SUN	6:54 AM / 4:09 PM

Frame: Cold start — let the sun warm the shallows; the better bite often comes later in the day.

WEDNESDAY NOV 18

43° F high

LOW	36°F
SKY	Areas Of Fog then Partly Sunny
WIND	E 3 mph
RAIN	~23%
SUN	6:56 AM / 4:08 PM

Frame: Cold start — let the sun warm the shallows; the better bite often comes later in the day.

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

HOW TO FISH THIS WEATHER

MORNING
- Shallow cover, points, creek mouths
- **First light (6:53 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 **Largemouth plan: Slow down: steep points, channel drops and remaining grass just outside the creeks, between the fall flats and the 15-30 ft winter depth; suspending jerkbait with long pauses, jig-and-pig or blade bait crawled down the slope.**

BIOLOGY

BASS STAGE

Largemouth are in the late fall transition — water under the mid-50s, so bass are sliding off the shallow flats toward steeper points and channel drops near their fall feeding areas.

Basis: estimated water ~51°F — 75-day observed air record (NOAA ACIS) lagged for a lake (14-day

NATURAL FORAGE

What's on the menu: Yellow perch and small baitfish are the main forage, along with crawfish on the rock. Kokanee draw bigger predators in open water, and bluegill and pumpkinseed sit around docks and weeds in the bays.

ALSO BITING

Smallmouth bass — primary; rocky points, humps and drops. Largemouth bass — co-primary in the southern bays and chain lakes.

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 steady

DAM & WATER — CONFIRM BEFORE YOU LAUNCH

FIXED Dam-controlled water. No shared generation/level feed this cycle — check the agency page the morning you fish; releases and pool levels change daily. Stay outside buoyed restricted zones.

ITEM	NOTE	SOURCE
Confirm	Idaho Fish and Game fishing rules	idfg.idaho.gov
Permit / regs	The best shore fishing on the north end is around Tubbs Hill, where the trail gives you rocky points and steep drops right in town, and at Higgens Point at the mouth of Wolf Lodge Bay, where you can cast rock and gravel from the day-use area.	
Clarity	Expect a clear-sky bite that is strongest at dawn and dusk and slower when the sun is high on clear water.	

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

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KAYAK

Is the paddle day. Launch at Higgens Point and work the rocky shoreline into Wolf Lodge Bay, or put in at Heyburn State Park and fish the weed edges and docks of Chatcolet and Round lakes for largemouth.

BOAT

Coeur d'Alene is a big, deep, clear lake, so let your graph do the early work. At first light, run the rocky points and shoreline breaks from Higgens Point to Wolf Lodge Bay, and the points around Mica Bay and Rockford Bay, with a jerkbait, a small swimbait or a walking bait.

LURE BOX

TOP

Small walking bait in bone or chrome at dawn. Popper along rocky points. Wakebait on the light breeze.

MID

Suspending jerkbait on rock. Small swimbait or underspin on points. Wacky-rigged stick bait on weed edges.

BOTTOM

Drop-shot with a small worm in green or smoke. Ned rig or tube on rock humps. Small finesse jig on docks and weed lines.