FRESHWATER CAST · MONDAY CAST

Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Dworshak Reservoir area

Dworshak Reservoir

Idaho

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

BITE ODDS · THIS CAST

Strong odds

8/10

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PRESSURE	STORMS	WIND	SKY / RAIN	BASS STAGE	CROWD
+ Stable pattern	+ No lightning	+ 2–6 mph usable ripple	− Rain up to ~93%	+ Fall transition	+ Weekday · lighter traffic

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **42–46°F**, lows **33–39°F**, rain chance up to **~93%**. Story is the wet stretch — bite windows ride the rain timing, not the calendar.

THREE-DAY WEATHER

MONDAY NOV 16

46° F high

LOW	39°F
SKY	Light Rain
WIND	WNW 2 mph
RAIN	~93%
SUN	6:48 AM / 4:11 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	33°F
SKY	Chance Light Rain
WIND	W 6 mph
RAIN	~26%
SUN	6:49 AM / 4:10 PM

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

WEDNESDAY NOV 18

45° F high

LOW	36°F
SKY	Partly Sunny then Slight Chance Light Rain
WIND	ESE 1–6 mph
RAIN	~22%
SUN	6:51 AM / 4:09 PM

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

Window: Mon–Wed · Air: WNW → W → ESE · Bite window: dawn + last light

HOW TO FISH THIS WEATHER

MORNING

- Shallow cover, points, creek mouths
- **First light (6:48 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 **Smallmouth plan: Go subsurface and a notch slower: edges of drop-offs, rocky points and bluff ends between the fall flats and the 20-40 ft winter depth; jerkbait with pauses, small jig or hula grub on the bottom, blade bait ripped off the bottom on points.**

BIOLOGY

BASS STAGE

Smallmouth are in the late fall transition — water in the low-to-mid 50s, so they are staging on drop-off edges, points and bends between their summer spots and the deep wintering holes.

Basis: estimated water ~54°F — 75-day observed air record (NOAA ACIS) lagged for a lake (14-day

NATURAL FORAGE

What's on the menu: Kokanee, small baitfish and crawfish are the main forage along the rock and timber.

ALSO BITING

Smallmouth bass — primary; rock, timber and points. Kokanee — deep open water for trollers.

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 NWDP 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
DWORSHAK DAM AND RESERVOIR	No generation schedule posted by USACE NWDP for Mon Nov 16 – Wed Nov 18 Observed: pool 1,512.88 ft (Mon 4:00 AM CT); observed outflow (USACE) 1,800 cfs (Mon 4:00 AM CT)	USACE NWDP
Confirm	Idaho Fish and Game fishing rules	idfg.idaho.gov
Permit / regs	Bank anglers can fish rock and timber from Dworshak State Park at Freeman Creek, where the shoreline drops quickly, and from the day-use areas near Big Eddy below the dam on the Clearwater side.	
Clarity	Expect the best bite at dawn and dusk on this clear water.	

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

Bank anglers can fish rock and timber from Dworshak State Park at Freeman Creek, where the shoreline drops quickly, and from the day-use areas near Big Eddy below the dam on the Clearwater side.

KAYAK

Is the paddle day. Launch at Freeman Creek or Dent Acres and work rocky points and timber with a Ned rig or a small tube. Stay close to shore if any breeze builds; Dworshak's canyon walls can funnel wind.

BOAT

Dworshak fishes like a deep, clear canyon lake. At first light, run rocky points and timber edges from Freeman Creek toward Dent Acres and the upper arms with a jerkbait, tube or spinnerbait. As the sun climbs, slide out to 25–45 ft and work a drop-shot or a football jig where you mark fish and timber.

LURE BOX

TOP

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

MID

Suspending jerkbait on rock. Small swimbait on timber edges. Tube on steep banks.

BOTTOM

Drop-shot with a small worm in green or smoke. Ned rig or tube on rock. Football jig on deeper timber.