Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Hayden Lake area

Hayden Lake

Idaho

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

BITE ODDS · THIS CAST

7/10 — Fair odds

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PRESSURE	STORMS	WIND	SKY / RAIN	BASS STAGE	CROWD
+ Stable pattern	+ No lightning	+ 2–5 mph usable ripple	− Rain up to ~80%	~ Fall transition	+ Weekday · lighter traffic

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **42–46°F**, lows **31–36°F**, rain chance up to **~80%**. Story is the wet stretch — bite windows ride the rain timing, not the calendar.

THREE-DAY WEATHER

MONDAY NOV 16

46° F high

LOW	36°F
SKY	Patchy Fog then Chance Light Rain
WIND	SW 0–5 mph
RAIN	~80%
SUN	6:53 AM / 4:08 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	NW 2 mph
RAIN	~3%
SUN	6:55 AM / 4:07 PM

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

WEDNESDAY NOV 18

42° F high

LOW	34°F
SKY	Patchy Fog then Partly Sunny
WIND	E 5 mph
RAIN	~17%
SUN	6:56 AM / 4:06 PM

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

Window: Mon–Wed · Air: SW → NW → 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 ~50°F — 75-day observed air record (NOAA ACIS) lagged for a lake (14-day

NATURAL FORAGE

What's on the menu: Bluegill, perch and small baitfish make up most of the forage, with crawfish on the rock and around docks.

ALSO BITING

Largemouth bass — primary; docks and weed edges. Smallmouth bass — rocky points and drops.

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	Regulations: check current Idaho Fish and Game rules before keeping fish.	
Clarity	Water clarity / depth.	

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

The best shore fishing is at Honeysuckle Beach on the southwest shore, where you can reach docks, weeds and a little rock from the public beach, and at Sportsman's Park on the southeast side.

KAYAK

Is the paddle day. Launch at Honeysuckle Beach or Sportsman's Park and work docks and weed edges with a wacky-rigged stick bait for largemouth, or paddle into Mokins Bay for quieter water. On rock, a Ned rig or a small tube is hard to beat for smallmouth.

BOAT

Hayden fishes like a clear residential lake: docks, weeds and rock. At first light, run the dock lines and outside weed edges from Honeysuckle toward the north arms with a spinnerbait, small swimbait or walking bait.

LURE BOX

TOP

Small walking bait in bone or frog at dawn. Popper along weed edges. Buzzbait on the breeze.

MID

Spinnerbait along docks and weeds. Wacky-rigged stick bait under docks. Small swimbait on points.

BOTTOM

Jig skipped under docks. Ned rig or tube on rock. Drop-shot on deeper dock ends.