Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Mackay area

Mackay

Idaho

Mon Nov 16 – Wed Nov 18, 2026 · Central 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	+ 3–6 mph usable ripple	− Rain up to ~60%	~ Fall transition	+ Weekday · lighter traffic

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **38–41°F**, lows **28–32°F**, rain chance up to **~60%**. Story is the wet stretch — bite windows ride the rain timing, not the calendar.

THREE-DAY WEATHER

MONDAY NOV 16

41° F high

LOW	32°F
SKY	Areas Of Fog
WIND	SW 1–5 mph
RAIN	~60%
SUN	—

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

TUESDAY NOV 17

38° F high

LOW	28°F
SKY	Areas Of Fog
WIND	NW 3 mph
RAIN	~2%
SUN	—

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

WEDNESDAY NOV 18

38° F high

LOW	31°F
SKY	Areas Of Fog then Partly Sunny
WIND	NE 2–6 mph
RAIN	~15%
SUN	—

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

Window: Mon–Wed · Air: SW → NW → NE · Bite window: dawn + last light

HOW TO FISH THIS WEATHER

MORNING

- Shallow cover, points, creek mouths
- **First light (first light CST) → ~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 ~49°F — statewide median of 26 lake estimates from the observed air

NATURAL FORAGE

What's on the menu: Perch, kokanee-related baitfish, and shore-running forage — match with chrome/white early and green-pumpkin or smoke plastics later.

ALSO BITING

Cutthroat and other trout in deeper, cooler water if you leave the bass banks. Perch on the same weed and rock edges with a small jig.

PRESSURE

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

record (NOAA ACIS) — no coordinates on file for this lake; no water-temperature gauge on the lake; air record trending falling

DAM & WATER — GENERATION SCHEDULE

FIXED Dam-controlled water. No generation schedule posted by the operator 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
Mackay	No generation schedule posted by the operator for Mon Nov 16 – Wed Nov 18 Observed: observed flow at USGS 13127000 (Big Lost River Bl Mackay Res Nr Mackay Id) 64 cfs (Mon 3:45 AM CT)	the operator
Permit / regs	Before you tow to Mackay Reservoir, confirm park hours, trailer parking, and any day-use notices posted at the gate.	
Clarity	Water clarity / depth.	

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

Bank fishing starts at IDFG fishing and boating access: Mackay Reservoir - Upper. Gravel ramp. From the truck you can reach the first shade line, brush pile, or drop within a short walk — work a soft stickbait or weightless fluke along the shade, then pitch a compact jig into the nearest wood.

KAYAK

Kayak anglers should launch at the same public access — IDFG fishing and boating access: Mackay Reservoir - Upper. Gravel ramp — and hug the protected shoreline rather than crossing open water when a breeze is up.

BOAT

Trailers use the public ramp at IDFG fishing and boating access: Mackay Reservoir - Upper. Gravel ramp — launch, clear the lane, and idle out before you plane. At first light, run points, timber edges, and secondary drops with a squarebill or spinnerbait, then slow down with a Texas-rigged beaver when the sun climbs.

LURE BOX

TOP

Walking bait over calm dock pockets at dawn and dusk. Small popper when evening goes slick.

MID

Spinnerbait or small swimbait on rock points. Medium crank along the first break.

BOTTOM

Drop-shot or tube on clear rock. Ned rig when fish get picky under the high sun. Stain/clear: Clear fall Mackay Reservoir water — downsize and use natural colors once the sun is up.