FRESHWATER CAST · MONDAY CAST

Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Lake Pend Oreille area

Lake Pend Oreille

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	+ 1–3 mph usable ripple	− Rain up to ~85%	+ Fall transition	+ Weekday · lighter traffic

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **41–45°F**, lows **32–37°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

45° F high

LOW	36°F
SKY	Chance Light Rain then Areas Of Fog
WIND	SW 0–3 mph
RAIN	~85%
SUN	6:53 AM / 4:06 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	32°F
SKY	Areas Of Fog
WIND	NW 1 mph
RAIN	~12%
SUN	6:55 AM / 4:05 PM

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

WEDNESDAY NOV 18

41° F high

LOW	37°F
SKY	Patchy Fog then Partly Sunny
WIND	NE 2 mph
RAIN	~10%
SUN	6:56 AM / 4:03 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 → NE · 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 **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 ~48°F — 75-day observed air record (NOAA ACIS) lagged for a lake (14-day

NATURAL FORAGE

Cool nights in the mid-40s are lowering surface temperatures, and smallmouth are gathering on rocky points, humps and gravel flats where baitfish collect. What's on the menu: Kokanee, yellow perch and small baitfish are the main forage, along with crawfish on

ALSO BITING

Smallmouth bass — primary; rocky points, humps and drops. 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 rising

DAM & WATER — GENERATION SCHEDULE

FIXED Dam-controlled water. No generation schedule posted by USACE Seattle District 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
Albeni Falls Dam	No generation schedule posted by USACE Seattle District for Mon Nov 16 – Wed Nov 18 Generating now: turbines passing 9,300 cfs at last reading (Mon 4:00 AM CT) Observed: pool 2,051.10 ft (Mon 4:00 AM CT); observed outflow (USACE) 9,300 cfs (Mon 4:00 AM CT)	USACE Seattle District
Confirm	Idaho Fish and Game fishing rules	idfg.idaho.gov
Permit / regs	On the east side, the day-use areas around Hope and Clark Fork reach gravel and rock that hold smallmouth in the fall.	
Clarity	Water clarity / depth.	

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

Bank anglers have the best rock access at Farragut State Park near Athol, where the shoreline drops quickly into deep water, and along the public rock at Bayview. On the east side, the day-use areas around Hope and Clark Fork reach gravel and rock that hold smallmouth in the fall.

KAYAK

Is the paddle day. Launch at Garfield Bay or Green Bay and work the rocky shoreline with a Ned rig or a small tube for smallmouth. Stay out of the open main lake if any breeze builds, because Pend Oreille can get rough fast.

BOAT

Pend Oreille is a big, deep, clear lake, so let your graph find bait and fish before you cast. At first light, run rocky points from Farragut to Bayview and the steep banks around Garfield Bay with a jerkbait, tube or small swimbait.

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. Tube on steep shoreline.

BOTTOM

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