Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Priest area

Priest

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 ~68%	~ Fall transition	+ Weekday · lighter traffic

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **38–42°F**, lows **26–32°F**, rain chance up to **~68%**. Story is the wet stretch — bite windows ride the rain timing, not the calendar.

THREE-DAY WEATHER

MONDAY NOV 16

42° F high

LOW	29°F
SKY	Slight Chance Light Rain then Chance Rain And Snow
WIND	S 1–5 mph
RAIN	~68%
SUN	6:57 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	26°F
SKY	Partly Sunny
WIND	NW 2 mph
RAIN	~9%
SUN	6:58 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

38° F high

LOW	32°F
SKY	Partly Sunny
WIND	NE 0–3 mph
RAIN	~7%
SUN	7:00 AM / 4:04 PM

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

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

HOW TO FISH THIS WEATHER

MORNING
- Shallow cover, points, creek mouths
- **First light (6:57 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 ~48°F — 75-day observed air record (NOAA ACIS) lagged for a lake (14-day

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.

response); no water-temperature gauge on the lake; air record trending steady

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
Priest Lake	No generation schedule posted by the operator for Mon Nov 16 – Wed Nov 18	the operator
Permit / regs	Regulations: check current Idaho Fish and Game rules before keeping fish.	
Clarity	Water clarity / depth.	

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

Bank fishing around Lionhead is secondary to the boat fishery, but the Priest Lake State Park shoreline near the public ramp still lets you reach rock, docks within casting range, and the first weed edge without launching.

KAYAK

Launch at the Lionhead public ramp and stay on the east-shore rock and dock lines unless the main lake is flat. The light south breeze is the cleanest paddle day — start upwind of the ramp with a spinnerbait, then slip into pockets for a drop-shot.

BOAT

Trailers launch at Priest Lake State Park Lionhead only for this plan — idle clear before you plane. At first light, run rock points and dock lines with a spinnerbait, small swimbait, or crankbait, then slow down with a drop-shot or tube when the sun gets high on the clear water.

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 Priest water — downsize and use natural colors once the sun is up.