FRESHWATER CAST · MONDAY CAST

Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Moosehead Lake area

Moosehead Lake

Maine

Mon Nov 16 – Wed Nov 18, 2026 · Eastern Time · Smallmouth · Trout

BITE ODDS · THIS CAST

Strong odds

9/10

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PRESSURE	STORMS	WIND	SKY / RAIN	BASS STAGE	CROWD
+ Mostly stable	+ No lightning	+ 12–14 mph usable ripple	+ Clear / sunny (~0%)	+ Fall transition	+ Weekday · lighter traffic

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **39–48°F**, lows **28–38°F**, rain chance up to **~0%**. Story is light and bait position — dawn and last light carry the window.

THREE-DAY WEATHER

MONDAY NOV 16

39° F high

LOW	28°F
SKY	Mostly Sunny
WIND	NW 12 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	6:38 AM / 4:07 PM

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

TUESDAY NOV 17

46° F high

LOW	38°F
SKY	Mostly Sunny
WIND	W 7–12 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	6:40 AM / 4:06 PM

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

WEDNESDAY NOV 18

48° F high

LOW	37°F
SKY	Partly Sunny
WIND	W 8–14 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	6:41 AM / 4:05 PM

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

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

HOW TO FISH THIS WEATHER

MORNING

- Shallow cover, points, creek mouths
- **First light (6:38 AM EST) → ~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 ~46°F — 75-day observed air record (NOAA ACIS) lagged for a lake (14-day response); no water-temperature

NATURAL FORAGE

Smelt are the main forage for Moosehead's salmon and togue, so small silver spoons, smelt-pattern streamers, and slim minnow plugs are the right match. Yellow perch and young salmonids fill out the menu for larger togue.

ALSO BITING

Brook trout. Brook trout cruise rocky shorelines and cove mouths as the water cools.

PRESSURE

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

gauge on the lake; air record trending falling

DAM & WATER — GENERATION SCHEDULE

FIXED Dam-controlled water. Generation schedule and flows below are copied from the operator as posted at the Cast pull — schedules change; re-check the operator page the morning you fish. Stay outside buoyed restricted zones.

ITEM	NOTE	SOURCE
Moosehead East & West Outlet Dams	Mon 11/16: West Outlet: 12 AM - midnight ET 200 cfs · Tue 11/17: West Outlet: 12 AM - midnight ET 200 cfs · Wed 11/18: West Outlet: 12 AM - midnight ET 200 cfs — Brookfield Renewable Safe Waters Observed: pool 1,025.93 ft (Mon 11/16); East Outlet Gate Flow Total (Brookfield, observed) 810 cfs (Mon 11/16)	Brookfield Renewable
Confirm	Maine Inland Fisheries and Wildlife	maine.gov
Clarity	Moosehead's cold, clear water is coldwater habitat first, with smallmouth only a small part of the story.	

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

The Greenville waterfront near the town landing and the steamboat Katahdin's dock gives you public shoreline where posted, and Lily Bay State Park has rocky shoreline near the boat launch where open. Check park hours before you go, since fall schedules change.

KAYAK

Only paddle Moosehead, and even then stay close to shore. Launch at the Greenville town landing and work East Cove or the islands near town, where you can get off the water fast if the wind returns.

BOAT

Launch at the Greenville town landing, Lily Bay State Park, or Rockwood, and pick. Work the shoreline drops near Sugar Island, Lily Bay, and the Moose River mouth at Rockwood. Stay in protected coves near Greenville and quit when the wind builds.

LURE BOX

TOP

Smelt-pattern streamer trolled on a long line near the surface. Slim minnow plug along shoreline drops. Small surface plug for salmon at dawn on calm water.

MID

Jerkbait cast along rocky points from shore. Inline spinner near tributary mouths where legal.

BOTTOM

Tube jig on the edge of deep shoals for togue. Jigging spoon over fish marked near bottom. Small jig or tube for smallmouth and perch on rock.