Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Fresno area

Fresno

Montana
Mon Nov 16 – Wed Nov 18, 2026 · Mountain Time · Walleye

BITE ODDS · THIS CAST

5/10 — Fair odds

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PRESSURE	STORMS	WIND	SKY / RAIN	BASS STAGE	CROWD
− Unsettled · 17°F swing	+ No lightning	+ 7–13 mph usable ripple	− Rain up to ~91%	+ Fall transition	+ Weekday · lighter traffic

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **37–54°F**, lows **23–32°F**, rain chance up to **~91%**. Story is the wet stretch — bite windows ride the rain timing, not the calendar.

THREE-DAY WEATHER

MONDAY NOV 16

54° F high

LOW	32°F
SKY	Mostly Cloudy
WIND	WSW 2–7 mph
RAIN	~15%
SUN	7:29 AM / 4:39 PM

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

TUESDAY NOV 17

45° F high

LOW	28°F
SKY	Light Rain
WIND	NE 3–10 mph
RAIN	~91%
SUN	7:30 AM / 4:38 PM

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

WEDNESDAY NOV 18

37° F high

LOW	23°F
SKY	Light Snow
WIND	NW 7–13 mph
RAIN	~75%
SUN	7:32 AM / 4:37 PM

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

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

HOW TO FISH THIS WEATHER

MORNING

- Shallow cover, points, creek mouths
- **First light (7:29 AM MST) → ~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 **Walleye plan: Fish rock and gravel 10-25 ft at low light; jig and minnow or troll stickbaits, moderate.**

BIOLOGY

BASS STAGE

Walleye are in the fall transition — following bait into creeks and onto flats as water cools.

Basis: estimated water ~48°F — 75-day observed air record (NOAA ACIS) lagged for a lake (14-day response); no water-temperature gauge on the lake; air record trending steady

NATURAL FORAGE

Natural perch, shad, and white finishes cover most sunny scenarios.

ALSO BITING

Northern pike / muskie where present. Weeds and creek mouths early.

PRESSURE

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

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
Permit / regs	Confirm length limits and seasons on the live state regulations page before you keep fish.	
Clarity	Fresno's irrigation personality means water color can change after upstream events — match lure brightness to what you see, not last month's memory.	

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

Overlook recreation shoreline and legal public riprap near the Havre hub are the Milk River bank homes this week. Start with a dawn jig along Overlook rock for walleye, then slide to shaded public banks as glare builds.

KAYAK

Launch at the Overlook recreation ramp and fish the nearest protected arm before poking into the open Milk River pool. Hug shoreline transitions early for walleye, then pivot to points once bait shows. Any north wind stacks chop quickly here — drift sock ready, PFD , and stay outside dam restricted markers.

BOAT

Run Overlook ramp to the first main-lake points at first light, graph for bait along the Milk River channel edge, then fan windward breaks as the sun climbs. Fresno rewards anglers who adjust color to clarity and who don't over-run the small recreation hub.

LURE BOX

TOP

Shallow cranks on riprap dawn. Walking baits if bait is high. Small swimbaits over points.

MID

Jig + minnow / soft plastic. Blade baits on seams. Moderate cranks on breaks.

BOTTOM

Crawler harness / bottom bouncer. Heavier jigs on current. Ned or drop-shot under high sun.