Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Cochiti area

Cochiti

New Mexico
Mon Nov 16 – Wed Nov 18, 2026 · Mountain Time · Largemouth

BITE ODDS · THIS CAST

4/10 — Fair odds

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PRESSURE	STORMS	WIND	SKY / RAIN	BASS STAGE	CROWD
+ Mostly stable	+ No lightning	− Up to 15 mph · open-water chop	− Rain up to ~79%	~ Fall transition	+ Weekday · lighter traffic

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **56–59°F**, lows **32–40°F**, rain chance up to **~79%**. Story is the wet stretch — bite windows ride the rain timing, not the calendar.

THREE-DAY WEATHER

MONDAY NOV 16

59° F high

LOW	37°F
SKY	Patchy Fog then Mostly Sunny
WIND	W 0–5 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	6:41 AM / 4:57 PM

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

TUESDAY NOV 17

59° F high

LOW	40°F
SKY	Partly Sunny then Rain Showers Likely
WIND	SE 5–15 mph
RAIN	~79%
SUN	6:42 AM / 4:57 PM

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

WEDNESDAY NOV 18

56° F high

LOW	32°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	W 0–10 mph
RAIN	~6%
SUN	6:43 AM / 4:56 PM

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

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

HOW TO FISH THIS WEATHER

MORNING

- Shallow cover, points, creek mouths
- **First light (6:41 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 **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 ~53°F — 75-day observed air record (NOAA ACIS) lagged for a lake (14-day

NATURAL FORAGE

Shad and other small baitfish, plus crayfish on the riprap, make up most of the menu. No forage survey came out for this window, so match shad in clear water and use craw colors on rock.

ALSO BITING

Northern pike. Pike roam weed edges and the upper end.

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 falling

DAM & WATER — GENERATION SCHEDULE

FIXED Dam-controlled water. No generation schedule posted by USACE SPA 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
Cochiti Lake	No generation schedule posted by USACE SPA for Mon Nov 16 – Wed Nov 18 Observed: pool 5,361.81 ft (Mon 3:30 AM CT)	USACE SPA
Permit / regs	New Mexico Department of Wildlife — current fishing rules and special-water regulations; Pure-Gas.org station listings (stations only).	
Clarity	Where the stained Rio Grande water meets clearer lake water, bait collects.	

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

Bank anglers should stick to the legal shoreline at the Cochiti Recreation Area on the west side and the Tetilla Peak Recreation Area on the east side, staying well clear of posted Pueblo land.

KAYAK

Cochiti's no-wake rule makes it one of the best kayak lakes in the state, and this week's light wind helps. Launch from the Cochiti Recreation Area or Tetilla Peak ramp and paddle the legal shoreline and coves. Stay away from posted closed shoreline and the dam structure.

BOAT

Launch at the Cochiti Recreation Area or Tetilla Peak ramp and travel at no-wake speed everywhere on the lake. At dawn, fish the legal riprap and rocky points with a spinnerbait or a squarebill, then slow down with a Texas rig or a drop-shot as the sun climbs.

LURE BOX

TOP

Walking bait (bone) — calm dawn on rock. Buzzbait (black) — stained edges. Popper — last light along riprap.

MID

Spinnerbait (white/chartreuse) — riprap at dawn. Squarebill (craw) — rock in 2–6 ft. Lipless crank (chrome) — clear side of the color change.

BOTTOM

Texas-rig craw (green pumpkin) — riprap and rock. Ned rig (natural) — smallmouth on rock midday. Dark jig (black/blue) — stained water.