FRESHWATER CAST · MONDAY CAST

Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Billy Chinook area

Billy Chinook

Oregon
Mon Nov 16 – Wed Nov 18, 2026 · Pacific Time · Smallmouth

BITE ODDS · THIS CAST

7 /10

Fair odds

0 2 4 6 8 10

PRESSURE	STORMS	WIND	SKY / RAIN	BASS STAGE	CROWD
+ Mostly stable	+ No lightning	+ 3–6 mph usable ripple	− Rain up to ~78%	+ Fall transition	+ Weekday · lighter traffic

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **39–47°F**, lows **29–31°F**, rain chance up to **~78%**. Story is the wet stretch — bite windows ride the rain timing, not the calendar.

THREE-DAY WEATHER

MONDAY NOV 16

47° F high

LOW	29°F
SKY	Mostly Sunny
WIND	S 3 mph
RAIN	~11%
SUN	7:03 AM / 4:36 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	31°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	SE 5 mph
RAIN	~73%
SUN	7:04 AM / 4:35 PM

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

WEDNESDAY NOV 18

39° F high

LOW	29°F
SKY	Rain And Snow
WIND	NE 6 mph
RAIN	~78%
SUN	7:05 AM / 4:34 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: S → SE → NE · Bite window: dawn + last light

HOW TO FISH THIS WEATHER

MORNING

- Shallow cover, points, creek mouths
- **First light (7:03 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 ~53°F — 75-day observed air record (NOAA ACIS) lagged for a lake (14-day response); no water-temperature

NATURAL FORAGE

What's on the menu: Dated hatch reports for this exact window are thin. Most likely forage is crawfish on basalt and points, with small baitfish wherever birds tip a school.

ALSO BITING

Kokanee matter for mixed-boat traffic and cooler water columns. Confirm seasons and gear rules on the live ODFW page before you keep fish.

PRESSURE

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

gauge on the lake; air record trending rising

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
LAKE BILLY CHINOOK NEAR GRANDVIEW, OR	No generation schedule posted by the operator for Mon Nov 16 – Wed Nov 18 Observed: pool 1,942.39 ft (Mon 4:15 AM CT)	the operator
Permit / regs	Dam restricted zones and tribal Metolius rules stay off-limits or under special regulations.	
Clarity	Natural craw, green pumpkin, and translucent baitfish tones on main canyon rock; slightly darker profiles in stained backs after wind.	

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

Pack a shell for the cool canyon dawn. Start along legal day-use shoreline at Cove Palisades State Park and the Crooked River Day Use area where cliff rock comes close to the bank, and use Lower Deschutes Day Use when you want a different wall angle.

KAYAK

Launch at Crooked River Day Use / marina or Cove Palisades day-use for short paddles into cliff walls and slides without long canyon crossings. Soft breeze makes it easy to hold on lee rock with a tube or small crank and repeat casts along a short slide.

BOAT

Launch at Cove Palisades State Park or the Crooked River marina and day-use ramps for the shortest runs to arm-mouth rock and cliff slides. Idle carefully near the dam restricted zone.

LURE BOX

TOP

Small walking bait on calm cliff pockets. Spinnerbait along rock edges at dawn. Compact buzzbait on shaded brush pockets.

MID

Tube in green pumpkin or brown craw. 3/8 oz swim jig in baitfish or craw. Small crankbait along basalt walls.

BOTTOM

Ned rig on deeper slides. Light football jig on cliff rock. Drop-shot minnow when fish suspend off walls.