Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

**Weather**
National Weather Service forecast for Alder Lake area

# Alder Lake

Washington
Mon Nov 16 – Wed Nov 18, 2026 · Pacific Time · Largemouth

## BITE ODDS · THIS CAST

**7** /10 — Fair odds

0 2 4 6 8 10

| PRESSURE | STORMS | WIND | SKY / RAIN | BASS STAGE | CROWD |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| + Stable pattern | + No lightning | + 2–7 mph usable ripple | − Rain up to ~50% | ~ Fall transition | + Weekday · lighter traffic |

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **46–49°F**, lows **34–36°F**, rain chance up to **~50%**. Story is the wet stretch — bite windows ride the rain timing, not the calendar.

## THREE-DAY WEATHER

### MONDAY NOV 16

**49°** F high

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|---|---|
| LOW | 34°F |
| SKY | Chance Light Rain |
| WIND | SE 0–5 mph |
| RAIN | ~46% |
| SUN | 7:13 AM / 4:34 PM |

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

### TUESDAY NOV 17

**49°** F high

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|---|---|
| LOW | 36°F |
| SKY | Mostly Sunny |
| WIND | SSE 2 mph |
| RAIN | ~34% |
| SUN | 7:14 AM / 4:33 PM |

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

### WEDNESDAY NOV 18

**46°** F high

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|---|---|
| LOW | 34°F |
| SKY | Chance Light Rain |
| WIND | SE 0–7 mph |
| RAIN | ~50% |
| SUN | 7:16 AM / 4:32 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: SE → SSE · Bite window: dawn + last light

## HOW TO FISH THIS WEATHER

### MORNING

- Shallow cover, points, creek mouths
- **First light (7:13 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 ~52°F — 75-day observed air record (NOAA ACIS) lagged for a lake (14-day response); no water-temperature

### NATURAL FORAGE

**Dawn and dusk are the moving-bait windows; midday fish tighten to shade. Expect fish to slide a little deeper on the brightest midday hours and return shallow as the shadows lengthen.**

### ALSO BITING

**Crappie and bluegill stack on docks and brush with small jigs. Catfish can show on deeper wood and channel swings.**

### PRESSURE

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

gauge on the lake; air record trending steady

## DAM & WATER — GENERATION SCHEDULE

FIXED Dam-controlled water. No generation schedule posted by Tacoma Power 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 |
|---|---|---|
| Alder Dam | No generation schedule posted by Tacoma Power for Mon Nov 16 – Wed Nov 18<br>Observed: pool 1,167.24 ft (Mon 2:00 AM CT) | Tacoma Power |
| Permit / regs | Share the ramp courteously when park day-users stack up. | |
| Clarity | Stain / clear match: Expect fair to stained water near the ramp; darker greens and black-blue cover the most likely colors. | |

## ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

### BANK

Fish legal shore at Alder Lake Recreation Area public boat ramp first — the ramp corridor and nearby posted bank give you docks, timber, and weed edges within a short walk. Work a spinnerbait or walking bait along shade at dawn, then a jig or Texas-rigged soft bait once the sun is up. Stay on posted public ground only.

### KAYAK

Launch at Alder Lake Recreation Area public boat ramp and paddle the first protected pocket before you commit to open water. Early, slide cover to cover with a spinning rod and a weightless stick bait; later, hug shade with a Ned or jig. Wear a PFD, watch powerboat wakes, and keep clear of marked swim or restricted zones.

### BOAT

Idle out from Alder Lake Recreation Area public boat ramp and graph the first docks and grass before you run. Mornings call for a spinnerbait or chatterbait along cover; midday is a pitch-to-shade game with a creature bait or stick bait. Respect no-wake and swim areas, and confirm trailer parking before peak midday.

## LURE BOX

### TOP

Walking bait or buzzbait at dawn. Spinnerbait 3/8 oz white/chartreuse along cover. Popper for calm shade.

### MID

Chatterbait with a twin-tail trailer. Squarebill crankbait on riprap and wood. Swim jig green-pumpkin along edges.

### BOTTOM

Texas-rigged stick bait (green pumpkin). Ned rig or shaky head on outside edges. Jig 3/8 oz with a craw trailer.