Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for American Lake area

American Lake

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

BITE ODDS · THIS CAST

Strong odds

8/10

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PRESSURE	STORMS	WIND	SKY / RAIN	BASS STAGE	CROWD
+ Stable pattern	+ No lightning	+ 3–5 mph usable ripple	~ Rain up to ~48%	~ Fall transition	+ Weekday · lighter traffic

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **49–53°F**, lows **35–36°F**, rain chance up to **~48%**. Story is light and bait position — dawn and last light carry the window.

THREE-DAY WEATHER

MONDAY NOV 16

53° F high

LOW	36°F
SKY	Chance Light Rain
WIND	SSW 1–5 mph
RAIN	~28%
SUN	7:15 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

52° F high

LOW	36°F
SKY	Mostly Sunny
WIND	ESE 0–3 mph
RAIN	~32%
SUN	7:16 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

49° F high

LOW	35°F
SKY	Chance Light Rain
WIND	NNE 5 mph
RAIN	~48%
SUN	7:18 AM / 4:32 PM

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

Window: Mon–Wed · Air: SSW → ESE → NNE · Bite window: dawn + last light

HOW TO FISH THIS WEATHER

MORNING

- Shallow cover, points, creek mouths
- **First light (7:15 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 ~53°F — 75-day observed air record (NOAA ACIS) lagged for a lake (14-day response); no water-temperature

NATURAL FORAGE

Cool nights and mild afternoons push bass to docks, remaining weeds, and any shade once the sun is high. Expect fish to slide a little deeper on the brightest midday hours and return shallow as the shadows lengthen.

ALSO BITING

Yellow perch and bluegill stack on docks and weed edges with small jigs under a bobber. Smallmouth can show on rock and steeper banks if you find them — keep a tube ready.

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 — 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	Arrive early if you need trailer parking, and share the ramp courteously when park day-users stack up.	
Clarity	Stain / clear match: Expect fair to stained water near the park; dark greens and black-blue cover the most likely colors.	

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

Fish the Washington State Parks American Lake Recreation Area shore first — the public ramp corridor and nearby legal bank give you docks, riprap, and grass within a short walk. Work a walking bait or buzzbait parallel to any shade at dawn, then a wacky or Texas-rigged stick bait under docks once the sun is up.

KAYAK

Launch at the American Lake Recreation Area ramp and paddle the first protected pocket before you commit to the open main lake. Early, slide dock to dock with a spinning rod and a weightless stick bait; later, hug weed edges and shade with a Ned or shaky head.

BOAT

Idle out from the American Lake Recreation Area ramp and graph the first dock lines and weed edges before you run. Mornings call for a spinnerbait or chatterbait along grass; midday is a pitch-to-dock 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 (black/chartreuse) at dawn. Spinnerbait 3/8 oz white/chartreuse along grass. Popper for calm dock shade.

MID

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

BOTTOM

Texas-rigged stick bait (green pumpkin). Ned rig or shaky head on outside grass. Wacky Senko under docks.