Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Banks Lake area

Banks Lake

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

BITE ODDS · THIS CAST

5/10 — Fair odds

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PRESSURE	STORMS	WIND	SKY / RAIN	BASS STAGE	CROWD
+ Mostly stable	+ No lightning	− Up to 17 mph · open-water chop	~ Rain up to ~48%	~ Fall transition	+ Weekday · lighter traffic

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **44–48°F**, lows **29–37°F**, rain chance up to **~48%**. Story is wind — pick banks the breeze is hitting and keep crossings short.

THREE-DAY WEATHER

MONDAY NOV 16

48° F high

LOW	31°F
SKY	Patchy Fog then Mostly Sunny
WIND	S 5 mph
RAIN	~3%
SUN	7:03 AM / 4:19 PM

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

TUESDAY NOV 17

44° F high

LOW	29°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	NW 2–9 mph
RAIN	~7%
SUN	7:05 AM / 4:18 PM

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

WEDNESDAY NOV 18

44° F high

LOW	37°F
SKY	Mostly Cloudy then Chance Light Rain
WIND	NE 10–17 mph
RAIN	~48%
SUN	7:06 AM / 4:17 PM

Frame: Breeziest day — use ripple on wind-blown banks and points; open-water chop is higher risk.

Window: Mon–Wed · Air: S → NW → 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 **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 ~50°F — 75-day observed air record (NOAA ACIS) lagged for a lake (14-day

NATURAL FORAGE

No dated forage survey was available, so this is the seasonal call: perch and craw colors on rock, and b

ALSO BITING

Walleye improve in fall on deeper breaks near Steamboat Rock and Barker Canyon on harnesses, blades, or jigs. Crappie must be 9 inches with a 10-fish daily limit on Banks; yellow perch allow 25.

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 steady

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	Coulee City Community Park is the easiest bank start on the south end; the town charges a $5 daily or $40 annual boat-launch fee at the kiosk, and Discover Passes do not cover it.	
Clarity	Stain / clear match: No clarity report was posted.	

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

Coulee City Community Park is the easiest bank start on the south end; the town charges a $5 daily or $40 annual boat-launch fee at the kiosk, and Discover Passes do not cover it. Walk the park shoreline and riprap with a tube, Ned rig, or small walking bait at first light.

KAYAK

Wear a PFD — Banks has open fetch once you leave the south end. Follow the riprap with a tube or weightless soft bait, then drop shot deeper edges when the sun climbs. Look calm enough to paddle farther than a windy Columbia Basin week usually allows.

BOAT

Pay the Coulee City launch fee and idle out slowly until the graph shows depth past the park rock. Open on a walking bait or spinnerbait along Coulee City points, then rotate tubes and Ned rigs on island edges.

LURE BOX

TOP

Walking bait in bone or white along Coulee City rock in the first hour. Popper on glassy evenings off the park shoreline. Buzzbait on cloudy or low-light banks.

MID

Spinnerbait in white or chartreuse on points once the light is up. Soft jerk in baitfish colors when schools show on the graph. Medium crank in perch tones on rock transitions.

BOTTOM

Tube in green pumpkin or craw on park riprap. Ned rig on island rock and deeper points. Football jig or worm harness on walleye breaks midday.