Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Lake Chelan area

Lake Chelan

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

BITE ODDS · THIS CAST

6/10

Fair odds

0 2 4 6 8 10

PRESSURE	STORMS	WIND	SKY / RAIN	BASS STAGE	CROWD
+ Mostly stable	+ No lightning	~ Flat calm	− Rain up to ~53%	+ Fall transition	+ Weekday · lighter traffic

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **40–43°F**, lows **27–35°F**, rain chance up to **~53%**. Story is the wet stretch — bite windows ride the rain timing, not the calendar.

THREE-DAY WEATHER

MONDAY NOV 16

43° F high

LOW	30°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	E 1 mph
RAIN	~4%
SUN	7:08 AM / 4:22 PM

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

TUESDAY NOV 17

43° F high

LOW	27°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	0 mph
RAIN	~13%
SUN	7:09 AM / 4:21 PM

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

WEDNESDAY NOV 18

40° F high

LOW	35°F
SKY	Slight Chance Rain And Snow
WIND	N 2 mph
RAIN	~53%
SUN	7:11 AM / 4:20 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: E → → N · Bite window: dawn + last light

HOW TO FISH THIS WEATHER

MORNING

- Shallow cover, points, creek mouths
- **First light (7:08 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 ~51°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: Most-likely menu: crawfish on rock and docks, plus baitfish where schools show on points. No dated forage survey was available, so match craw and baitfish profiles first.

ALSO BITING

Trout on Lake Chelan follow statewide size/limit rules except wild cutthroat must be released. Salmon allow a 15-inch minimum and daily limit of 1 with no catch record card required.

PRESSURE

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

gauge on the lake; air record trending falling

DAM & WATER — GENERATION SCHEDULE

FIXED Dam-controlled water. No generation schedule posted by USACE NWDP 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
Chelan Dam	No generation schedule posted by USACE NWDP for Mon Nov 16 – Wed Nov 18 Observed: pool 1,091.52 ft (Mon 2:00 AM CT); observed outflow (USACE) 2,420 cfs (Mon 2:00 AM CT)	USACE NWDP
Clarity	Stain / clear match: No clarity report was posted.	

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

Lake Chelan State Park shoreline and public rock are the bank start. Walk tubes, Ned rigs, and a small walker at dawn; mind park rules, swim areas, and private docks. Once the sun hits, slow down along deeper riprap.

KAYAK

Launch the State Park ramp and work protected rock and dock lines before the big lake chops. Wear a PFD and respect open-water fetch. Pack a tube and soft jerk so you can work rock, then cover the next pocket quickly.

BOAT

Rock and docks early, deeper edges later. Soft weekday recreational — launch early if wine-country afternoons wake trailers. Make a second slower pass on the same rock that produced at dawn before you idle uplake.

LURE BOX

TOP

Small walker on calm State Park rock in the first hour. Popper on glassy dock lines early. Buzzbait on low-light banks.

MID

Spinnerbait in white or chartreuse along points. Soft jerk in baitfish colors when schools show. Medium crank on rock transitions.

BOTTOM

Tube in green pumpkin on park riprap. Ned rig under docks once the sun climbs. Drop shot off deeper lower-lake edges.