Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Lake Washington area

Lake Washington

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

BITE ODDS · THIS CAST

Strong odds

8/10

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PRESSURE	STORMS	WIND	SKY / RAIN	BASS STAGE	CROWD
+ Stable pattern	+ No lightning	+ 2–7 mph usable ripple	~ Rain up to ~27%	~ Fall transition	+ Weekday · lighter traffic

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **50–52°F**, lows **39–40°F**, rain chance up to **~27%**. Story is light and bait position — dawn and last light carry the window.

THREE-DAY WEATHER

MONDAY NOV 16

52° F high

LOW	40°F
SKY	Chance Light Rain
WIND	S 3 mph
RAIN	~27%
SUN	7:14 AM / 4:31 PM

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

TUESDAY NOV 17

51° F high

LOW	40°F
SKY	Mostly Sunny
WIND	SE 2 mph
RAIN	~7%
SUN	7:16 AM / 4:30 PM

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

WEDNESDAY NOV 18

50° F high

LOW	39°F
SKY	Chance Light Rain
WIND	NE 3–7 mph
RAIN	~26%
SUN	7:17 AM / 4:29 PM

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

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 (7:14 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 ~54°F — 75-day observed air record (NOAA ACIS) lagged for a lake (14-day response); no water-temperature

NATURAL FORAGE

Largemouth are a short shade side note, not the lead. What's on the menu: Most-likely menu: crawfish on riprap plus baitfish where schools show near docks.

ALSO BITING

Smallmouth on Lake Washington allow no minimum size with a 15-fish daily limit and only one over 14 inches. Largemouth follow the special 10-fish rule with a 12-inch max except one over 17 inches.

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 USACE Seattle District 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 Washington Ship Canal (Ballard Locks)	No generation schedule posted by USACE Seattle District for Mon Nov 16 – Wed Nov 18 Observed: pool 20.32 ft (Mon 4:00 AM CT)	USACE Seattle District
Permit / regs	Confirm City of Renton launch fees and hours at the pay station.	
Clarity	Stain / clear match: No clarity report was posted.	

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

Gene Coulon Memorial Beach Park in Renton is the primary bank start for this Cast. Walk public riprap and shoreline rock with a tube, Ned rig, or small walker at first light, then slow down once park traffic wakes. Respect swim areas, leave private docks alone, and watch footing on slick rock after cool nights.

KAYAK

Launch at Gene Coulon inside the 4 a.m.–11 p.m. Window and paddle protected dock lines before metro wakes build. Wear a PFD and give ski traffic the middle after late morning.

BOAT

Pay the City of Renton launch fee (resident and non-resident rates differ), launch at Gene Coulon, and idle out until the graph shows depth past the park. Open on a walker or spinnerbait along riprap, then tubes and Ned rigs on docks. Midday, drop shot deeper breaks while ski traffic takes the middle.

LURE BOX

TOP

Walking bait in bone along Coulon riprap in the first hour. Popper on glassy evenings off park rock. Small buzzbait on low-light banks.

MID

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

BOTTOM

Tube in green pumpkin on riprap. Ned rig under docks once the sun climbs. Drop shot with a small minnow bait off deeper breaks.