Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Lake Merwin area

Lake Merwin

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

BITE ODDS · THIS CAST

7 /10 — Fair odds

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PRESSURE	STORMS	WIND	SKY / RAIN	BASS STAGE	CROWD
+ Stable pattern	+ No lightning	+ 2–12 mph usable ripple	− Rain up to ~76%	~ Fall transition	+ Weekday · lighter traffic

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **47–50°F**, lows **36–40°F**, rain chance up to **~76%**. Story is the wet stretch — bite windows ride the rain timing, not the calendar.

THREE-DAY WEATHER

MONDAY NOV 16

50° F high

LOW	40°F
SKY	Rain Showers Likely
WIND	SE 2 mph
RAIN	~65%
SUN	7:11 AM / 4:37 PM

Frame: Wet day — fish the front side of the rain; slow down and stay close to cover after it passes.

TUESDAY NOV 17

49° F high

LOW	40°F
SKY	Patchy Fog then Partly Sunny
WIND	SE 3 mph
RAIN	~76%
SUN	7:13 AM / 4:36 PM

Frame: Wet day — fish the front side of the rain; slow down and stay close to cover after it passes.

WEDNESDAY NOV 18

47° F high

LOW	36°F
SKY	Light Rain
WIND	E 1–12 mph
RAIN	~76%
SUN	7:14 AM / 4:35 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 → E · Bite window: dawn + last light

HOW TO FISH THIS WEATHER

MORNING

- Shallow cover, points, creek mouths
- **First light (7:11 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

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 rising

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
Lake Merwin near Chelatchie	No generation schedule posted by USACE NWDP for Mon Nov 16 – Wed Nov 18 Observed: pool 219.00 ft (Mon 4:00 AM CT)	USACE NWDP
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 Lake Merwin 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 Lake Merwin 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 Lake Merwin 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.