Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Potholes Reservoir area

Potholes Reservoir

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

BITE ODDS · THIS CAST

6/10 — Fair odds

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PRESSURE	STORMS	WIND	SKY / RAIN	BASS STAGE	CROWD
+ Mostly stable	+ No lightning	+ 2–10 mph usable ripple	− Rain up to ~69%	~ Fall transition	+ Weekday · lighter traffic

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **43–49°F**, lows **28–36°F**, rain chance up to **~69%**. Story is the wet stretch — bite windows ride the rain timing, not the calendar.

THREE-DAY WEATHER

MONDAY NOV 16

49° F high

LOW	30°F
SKY	Areas Of Fog
WIND	SW 2 mph
RAIN	~2%
SUN	7:01 AM / 4:21 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	28°F
SKY	Areas Of Fog
WIND	NW 2 mph
RAIN	~11%
SUN	7:03 AM / 4:20 PM

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

WEDNESDAY NOV 18

46° F high

LOW	36°F
SKY	Chance Light Rain
WIND	NE 3–10 mph
RAIN	~69%
SUN	7:04 AM / 4:19 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: SW → NW → NE · Bite window: dawn + last light

HOW TO FISH THIS WEATHER

MORNING

- Shallow cover, points, creek mouths
- **First light (7:01 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 ~52°F — 75-day observed air record (NOAA ACIS) lagged for a lake (14-day response); no water-temperature

NATURAL FORAGE

No dated forage survey was available, so this is the seasonal call: perch and bluegill colors on c

ALSO BITING

Walleye were best last fall on deep humps along the dune face toward Crab Creek and the rock flats east of Goose Island, on crankbaits or bottom-bouncer worm harnesses; the dam riprap gives jerkbait chances. Crappie and bluegill stack near the habitat boxes.

PRESSURE

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

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
Clarity	Stain / clear match: No clarity report was posted.	

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

Potholes State Park, at 6762 Highway 262 East near Othello, is the easiest bank start; bring a Discover Pass. Hours open at 6:30 a.m. In summer or 8 a.m.

KAYAK

Medicare Beach has a WDFW hand launch, and the State Park launches take kayaks for the $7 watercraft fee. Follow the dune face with a frog or weightless Senko, then drop shot the deeper dune humps when the sun is high. Expect shallow sand in spots.

BOAT

At last October's similar level, the State Park launches were the reliable choice, while Blythe and Sampson's Pit ran shallow. Glen Williams and Lind Coulee Bridge have concrete WDFW ramps, but check depth first. Idle out, motor trimmed up, until the graph shows depth.

LURE BOX

TOP

Walking bait in bone or white along the dune face in the first hour. Hollow-body frog in black or green where sand meets cover, early and late. Popper on glassy evenings off the State Park shoreline.

MID

Chatterbait in green pumpkin or white along dune edges once the light is up. Squarebill or lipless crankbait in perch or bluegill colors on humps and rock. 4-in swimbait on a light jighead along Goose Island rock.

BOTTOM

Ned rig in green pumpkin on Goose Island rock and the dam riprap. Drop shot with a small minnow bait off rock at 10–25 ft. Tube, hula grub, or Texas-rigged Senko in craw colors at midday.