FRESHWATER CAST · MONDAY CAST

Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Snake River — Ice Harbor (WA) area

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

BITE ODDS · THIS CAST

7 /10

Fair odds

0 2 4 6 8 10

PRESSURE	STORMS	WIND	SKY / RAIN	BASS STAGE	CROWD
+ Mostly stable	+ No lightning	+ 2–5 mph usable ripple	− Rain up to ~74%	+ Fall transition	+ Weekday · lighter traffic

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **43–53°F**, lows **30–34°F**, rain chance up to **~74%**. Story is the wet stretch — bite windows ride the rain timing, not the calendar.

THREE-DAY WEATHER

MONDAY NOV 16

53° F high

LOW	34°F
SKY	Mostly Cloudy
WIND	S 3 mph
RAIN	~3%
SUN	6:57 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

44° F high

LOW	30°F
SKY	Patchy Fog
WIND	W 2 mph
RAIN	~17%
SUN	6:59 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

43° F high

LOW	34°F
SKY	Rain And Snow Likely
WIND	N 5 mph
RAIN	~74%
SUN	7:00 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: S → W → N · Bite window: dawn + last light

HOW TO FISH THIS WEATHER

MORNING

- Shallow cover, points, creek mouths
- **First light (6:57 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 ~54°F — 75-day observed air record (NOAA ACIS) lagged for a river (10-day response); no water-temperature

NATURAL FORAGE

What's on the menu: Most-likely menu: crawfish on rock plus baitfish where schools show on points. No dated forage survey was available, so match craw and baitfish profiles first.

ALSO BITING

18 emergency rule (barbless hooks; CRSSE required for anglers 15+).

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 Walla Walla 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
Ice Harbor Lock and Dam	No generation schedule posted by USACE Walla Walla District for Mon Nov 16 – Wed Nov 18 Observed: pool 438.77 ft (Mon 4:00 AM CT); observed outflow (USACE) 13,100 cfs (Mon 4:00 AM CT)	USACE Walla Walla District
Clarity	Stain / clear match: No clarity report was posted.	

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

Public rock and riprap near the Lake Sacajawea / Ice Harbor WA access is the bank start. Walk tubes and Ned rigs at first light, then leave posted dam shoreline and the 400-foot closure alone. Polarized glasses help for a second pass on the next clean pocket.

KAYAK

Lake Sacajawea is a dam pool, not open river, so barges, wind, and the dam are the risks here. Launch the WA-shore Ice Harbor / Lake Sacajawea ramp and work upstream along riprap, away from the dam. Stay outside posted restricted zones and the 400-foot closure, and give tugs and barges the channel.

BOAT

Launch at the Ice Harbor / Lake Sacajawea public ramp (WA only), idle clear of the dam closure, and fish rock and pool points for smallmouth. Graph bait on breaks, then rotate tubes, spinnerbaits, and Ned rigs. Soft weekday recreational can still stack near popular ramps on a sunny afternoon — launch with a plan.

LURE BOX

TOP

Walking bait on calm Sacajawea rock in the first hour. Popper on glassy pool edges early. Buzzbait on low-light banks.

MID

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

BOTTOM

Tube in green pumpkin or craw on WA-shore rock. Ned rig on riprap once the sun climbs. Jig in craw colors on deeper pool breaks.