



FRESHWATER CAST · MONDAY CAST

Mobile–Tensaw Delta: Sunny Heat, Tide-Minded Dawn Windows & Late-Week Storm Watch

Mobile–Tensaw Delta Fri Oct 2 – Sun Oct 4, 2026 bank / kayak / boat

Highs ~87° → ~88° → ~88° (MOB) CT clocks · mostly fair warming midweek

Release boards thin at evening pull Soft recreational · no named trail event pulled

The Delta draws sunny midweek heat near the upper 80s, with a stronger shower and thunderstorm chance looking into Thursday. Pack sunscreen and a shell for the late-week trend, fish first light in the rivers and lakes, and mind wind on the open bays.

● MIDWEEK OUTLOOK

NWS Mobile (MOB) band pin for **south** paints this Friday–Sunday **Cast** window. At pull: A chance of showers and thunderstorms between 11am and 2pm, then showers and thunderstorms likely between 2pm and 3pm, then a chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly sunny. High near 86, with... Local clocks on this water run Central Time — dawn windows shift with the angler.

FRIDAY OCT 2

86°F chance showers and thunderstorms · night ~70°F chance showers and thunderstorms then partly cloudy. Winds 5 to 10 mph. Fish dawn and last light first when skies harden.

SATURDAY OCT 3

86°F partly sunny then chance showers and thunderstorms · night ~71°F chance showers and thunderstorms then showers and thunderstorms likely. Winds 5 to 10 mph. Fish dawn and last light first when skies harden.

SUNDAY OCT 4

80°F showers and thunderstorms · night
~68°F showers and thunderstorms. Winds 5
mph. Fish dawn and last light first when
skies harden.

HOW TO FISH THIS WEATHER

Unsettled air and shower/storm chances put
a premium on **pre-front and lull windows**.
Fish tighter to cover before cells; after a
pass, work muddy/clear seams and
windblown banks. Slide into creek arms if
lightning walks in.

Day cards from the locked weather-band representative pin (south), pulled Friday morning for the
Fri–Sun window. Check live dam boards before you idle over a seam.

● GENERATOR SCHEDULE CHEAT SHEET

Delta access is tide-, wind-, and ramp-driven more than a highland dam calendar. Public
generation boards for inland rivers feeding the system were **thin as a full Fri–Sun block at
evening pull**. Confirm local ramp and marine forecasts before you run open water.

REACH	FRI–SUN NOTE	FAILOVER
Rivers / lakes (Delta hub)	Soft recreational midweek under sun. Wind and tide rule boat control.	Local ramp boards · NWS marine/coastal notes
Open bay stretches	Chop builds fast on sunny windy afternoons — have a bailout.	On-water observation · marine forecast

Soft bite notes with quiet releases: points, grass, brush, and docks early; deeper edges and shade mid-day. If
water is moving at a dam face, look for bait on the first legal current break — still outside every restricted line.
Confirm ramp status before you trailer when pool has been swinging.

Practical pre-launch check: elevation versus last trip, ramp status on agency or park pages, and a
glance at any release remark. Birds and bait on the graph beat an empty calendar.

● HOW TO FISH IT — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

Primary public bank access through **5 Rivers Delta Resource Center** (Spanish Fort) and posted parks, piers, and day-use shoreline — fees, parking, and hours verify live. Work shaded banks, grass, and pier edges at first light.

Shared: hydrate on the climb toward 90°; respect posted private banks. Afternoon open banks get hot fast — fish shade or quit to the truck. Pack insect protection.

Confirm hours before you lock the truck. Soft midweek pressure until sunny Wednesday — leave margin before recreation stacks popular Delta launches.

KAYAK

Launch at the named public ramp when open; confirm ramp and parking before you strap the boat. Fish creek arms, grass flats, or protected banks away from main-channel ski traffic after mid-morning.

Wind on open water can end a kayak day early once recreational traffic builds — have a bailout shoreline planned. PFD on, whistle, and a sun kit every trip.

Pack a short rod for tight cover and a longer spinning setup for point casting. On the warmest Wednesday afternoon, abort open fetches early and finish along a protected bank rather than fighting wakes back to the ramp.

BOAT

Plan: **first light--~9 AM CT** on grass edges and cuts; late morning shade and thicker cover; mid-day protected pockets with electronics. Launch early near 5 Rivers / posted Delta public ramps when open — confirm status and water height before you trailer.

Soft board language for any river notices only when calendars show movement. Soft midweek pressure; sunny Wednesday traffic rises. Mark bait height on a known cut at dawn.

If wind or wakes build, slide into a protected cut and stay thorough. Saltwater species stay out of this freshwater Cast.

● LURE BOX

TOP

Walking bait bone/chrome at dawn on points. Poppers over grass or brush on slick mornings. Buzzbait black/blue along shady banks evenings.

MID

Spinnerbait white/chartreuse on windy points. Squarebill citrus on riprap and docks. Soft swimbait for suspended fish mid-day.

BOTTOM

Green pumpkin creature in grass/brush. Brown football jig on point drops. Drop-shot shad pattern when water is clear under high sun.

● BASS LIFE STAGE

Late September in the Delta is a post-summer heat pattern with early fall nights. Largemouth still relate to grass, banks, and wood; tide and wind move bait as much as any calendar.

Spawning is long done. Fish feed and comfort one morning at a time — cool nights pull fish shallow at first light; warm afternoons push them to shade and depth. Handle quickly in warm water.

● FORAGE THIS WEEK

Most likely menu: shad and mullet-sized bait in rivers and lakes, bluegill and sunfish around grass and wood. Hatch reports are thin. Match the graph and birds.

● ALSO HOT / ALSO IN SEASON

Crappie on wood and docks. Catfish and reds soft language in appropriate seasons/regs — confirm live. Speckled trout soft coastal note only where legal in freshwater-adjacent zones; this product stays freshwater-forward.

Crowd / Heavy Traffic: No named national trail event pulled for this water Mon Sep 28 – Wed Sep 30. Soft midweek recreational pressure under sunny skies; traffic rises on the warmest afternoons. Regs confirm live before you keep fish.

Looking ahead (next 1–3 weeks): Thursday's stronger storm chance (NWS MOB trend) can rinse and reset some rivers — file for the Friday **Cast**. Next Cast: Friday window Fri–Sun.

● PATTERN NOTES (THIS WEEK)

Late September on this water is still a feed-and-comfort game. Cooler nights pull fish shallow at first light; the afternoon rebound pushes them to shade, docks, grass edges, and deeper breaks unless generation moves bait into a legal current seam.

Start every morning by marking bait height on one trusted piece of structure before the first cast. If bait is up, open with a walking bait or spinnerbait; if bait is down, open with a jig, Texas-rig, or soft swimbait on the break. That single fork saves wasted hours chasing last week's memory.

When generation calendars stay thin, treat birds, bait on the graph, and ramp status as your live board. Soft unit language only when pages show water moving — and even then, fish outside every restricted line.

Crowd picture for Mon Sep 28 – Wed Sep 30: soft midweek recreational pressure under mostly sunny skies, rising on the warmest Wednesday afternoon. Get the dawn hour, then leave a margin before wakes and ski traffic stack popular corridors.

Regs, ramp fees, and park hours confirm live before you keep fish or lock the truck. This Cast is a plan for the water — not a substitute for the agency page you should glance at the night before.

● **MOBILE–TENSAW DELTA MIDWEEK NOTES**

The Delta is a tides-and-cover game as much as a calendar game. Late September still favors grass edges, cuts, and shaded banks at first light.

Check color and water height at the ramp — stained pockets want darker baits; cleaner banks under Wednesday's sun want chrome and white.

Electronics tip: mark bait height on a known cut or grass edge at dawn. Soft board language for any river notices only when calendars show movement. Stay outside restricted lines and respect posted private banks.

Monday's cooler morning is the cleanest shallow window. Tuesday–Wednesday warm — shorten the open-bank bite and rotate to shade and thicker cover by late morning.

Pack a short rod for tight grass and a longer setup for open cuts. Soft midweek pressure; sunny Wednesday traffic rises on popular launches.

Mental picture: sunny dawn grass and cuts early in the week, then a hotter Wednesday shade bite with more boats after mid-morning.

If Wednesday opens calm, walk a bone bait down the first clean grass edge; if wind or wakes build, slide into a protected cut and stay thorough.

Pack water, polarized lenses, insect protection, and a shell looking ahead. Primary is largemouth in grass and cover; saltwater species stay out of this freshwater Cast.

● **ON THE WATER THIS WINDOW**

Treat dawn as the whole trip on the warmest days of this window. A clean first hour on a point, grass edge, seam, or creek mouth beats three hours of high-sun wandering.

Soft generation boards mean you fish structure and bait first; if water is moving at a dam face later, look for bait on the first legal current break — still outside every restricted line.

Decision fork: calm slick mornings open with a topwater or walking bait on the first clean bank you trust; breezy or wake-chop mornings open with a spinnerbait or soft swimbait along the windward edge, then rotate to shade. That fork covers most of this Cast without overthinking the box.

Primary this week is largemouth in grass and cuts. Secondary species stay short also-notes only.

Confirm elevation vs last trip before you trailer. Birds and bait on the graph beat an empty calendar. Next Cast looks at the Friday window Fri–Sun with a fresh pull.

● WINDOW DISCIPLINE

Leave time margin for the ramp and the drive. Soft midweek pressure evaporates once afternoon recreation stacks popular corridors — especially on the sunny Wednesday rebound. Get the dawn hour right, then leave while the fishing is still good.

Practical pre-launch check: elevation vs last trip, ramp status on agency or park pages, and a glance at any release remark. Birds working a flat at dawn are the best free tip when calendars stay thin.

Hydrate early. Clear late-September sun puts UV and glare up after 9 AM — polarized lenses and longer casts help once surface glass burns off. Keep a rain shell even on fair midweek cards; looking ahead into Thursday can still bring storms on some corridors.

Pure-Gas.org E0 · this water

Closest Pure-Gas.org ethanol-free stations / corridor notes for this water (saved listing — stations only; listings can change; verify E0 grade at the pump if grade matters to you):

- **Mobile / Spanish Fort / I-10 corridor Pure-Gas listings** — confirm E0 grade on site
- **Marina fuel** — often not E0 — ask before you fill

Station list from Pure-Gas.org for this water. No pump prices on this card. Confirm grade and hours on site.

SOURCES

NWS Mobile (MOB) (Friday morning CT pull) · agency lake / park / USACE / APC pages as relevant (generation calendars thin at pull) · Pure-Gas.org station list (reuse) · state regs (live) · Trail calendars skimmed (no named event confirmed unless noted).