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Appendix

Commercial Fishing Seasons

Season lengths indicated in this summary are subject to closure by Emergency Order as guideline harvest objectives are met or as deemed necessary by conservation concerns. The areas listed in bold on the map below indicated the fishing areas. The species, seasons, and gear types are listed on the following pages.



Left: Seiner.
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ARCTIC-YUKON-KUSKOKWIM

SALMON	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC
Kuskokwim River												
coho								Gillnet				
chum						Gillnet						
Yukon River												
Chinook						Gillnet / Fishwheel						
summer chum						Gillnet / Fishwheel						
fall chum							Gillnet / Fishwheel					
Norton Sound												
Chinook						Gillnet						
coho								Gillnet				
pink							Gillnet					
chum						Gillnet						
Kotzebue Sound												
chum							Gillnet					
HERRING	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC
Norton Sound												
sac roe					Gillnet	or Seine						
roe on kelp												
SHELLFISH	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC
Norton Sound												
red king crab	Pot	Pot	Pot	Pot	Pot	Pot	Pot	Pot	Pot	Pot	Pot	Pot

BRISTOL BAY/BERING SEA/ALEUTIAN ISLANDS

SALMON	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC
Chinook						Gillnet						
coho								Gillnet				
sockeye							Gillnet					
chum							Gillnet					
HERRING	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC
sac roe					Gillnet / Seine		Bait					
roe on kelp					Hand							
SHELLFISH	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC
red/king crab	Pot										Pot	
<i>bairdi</i> Tanner	Pot	Pot	Pot								Pot	
<i>opilio</i> Tanner	Pot	Pot	Pot	Pot	Pot						Pot	
blue king crab												
golden king crab	Pot	Pot	Pot	Pot	Pot				Pot	Pot	Pot	Pot
GROUND FISH	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC
cod												

ALASKA PENINSULA

SALMON	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC
South Peninsula												
coho								Gillnet / Seine				
pink							Seine					
sockeye						Gillnet / Seine						
chum						Gillnet / Seine						
North Peninsula												
coho								Gillnet / Seine				
sockeye						Gillnet / Seine						
HERRING	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC
North/South Peninsula												
sac roe					Seine							
Dutch Harbor												
food/bait							Gillnet / Seine					
SHELLFISH	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC
Dungeness						Pot						
Tanner		Pot										
shrimp						Pot						
shrimp		Trawl					Trawl					
scallops		Dredge						Dredge				
GROUND FISH	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC
cod			Pot									
cod			Jig									
rockfish					Pot							

CHIGNIK

SALMON	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC
Chinook						Purse Seine						
coho								Purse Seine				
pink							Purse Seine					
sockeye						Purse Seine						
chum							Purse Seine					
HERRING	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC
sac roe				Purse Seine								
GROUND FISH	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC
cod			Pot									
cod			Jig									
rockfish				Jig								

KODIAK

SALMON	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC
coho								Seine / Gillnet				
pink							Seine / Gillnet					
sockeye							Seine / Gillnet					
chum							Seine / Gillnet					
HERRING	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC
food/bait		Trawl / Seine / Gillnet								Trawl / Seine / Gillnet		
sac roe					Seine / Gillnet							
SHELLFISH	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC
Dungeness								Pot				
Tanner		Pot										
shrimp		Trawl							Trawl			
scallops		Dredge							Dredge			
sea cucumber			Dive								Dive	
GROUNDFISH	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC
cod			Pot									
cod							Jig					
rockfish							Pot					

COOK INLET

SALMON	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC
Upper Cook Inlet												
Chinook							Gillnet					
coho							Gillnet					
pink/chum							Gillnet					
sockeye							Gillnet					
Lower Cook Inlet												
pink							Gillnet / Seine					
sockeye						Gillnet / Seine						
chum							Gillnet / Seine					
HERRING	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC
Upper Cook Inlet												
sac roe and food/bait				Gillnet								
SHELLFISH	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC
clam												
scallop									Dredge			
GROUNDFISH	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC
cod												
cod												
rockfish/lingcod										Jig		
sablefish										Pot / Longline		

PRINCE WILLIAM SOUND/COPPER RIVER

SALMON	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC
Chinook						Gillnet						
coho								Gillnet				
pink							Gillnet / Seine					
sockeye						Gillnet						
chum						Gillnet						
SHELLFISH	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC
shrimp						Trawl					Trawl	
scallop							Dredge					
GROUND FISH	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC
Pacific cod												
rockfish												
pollock			Trawl									
sablefish						Longline / Pot / Trawl						
ling cod							Jig (all legal gear)					

YAKUTAT

SALMON	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC
coho									Set Gillnet			
sockeye							Set Gillnet					
SHELLFISH	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC
red/blue king crab												Pot
shrimp		Pot							Pot			
shrimp		Trawl							Otter Trawl			
scallop		Dredge							Dredge			

Tanner and Dungeness crab fisheries are closed until further notice.

SOUTHEAST ALASKA

SALMON	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	
Chinook	Winter Troll		Spring Troll			Summer Troll			Winter Troll				
coho	Seine / Gillnet / Troll												
pink	Seine												
sockeye	Seine / Gillnet												
chum	Seine / Gillnet / Troll												
HERRING	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	
food/bait	Seine										Seine		
sac roe	Seine / Gillnet												
roe on kelp	Pound												
SHELLFISH	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	
red/blue king crab	Pot											Pot	
golden king crab	Pot												
Dungeness	Pot (D1, D2, 13B)			Pot (most areas)			Pot (all)		Pot				
Tanner	Pot												
shrimp	Beam Trawl		Beam Trawl										
shrimp	Pot		Pot			Pot			Pot				
geoducks	Dive												
red urchins	Dive												
sea cucumber	Dive											Dive	
GROUND FISH	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	
rockfish	Longline											Longline	
sablefish	Longline (NSE)					Longline or Pot							
lingcod	Dinglebar Gear												
cod	Longline												



Acronyms

ADF&G	Alaska Department of Fish and Game.
ASMI	Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute, a marketing organization with the mission of increasing the economic value of the Alaska seafood resource.
AFA	American Fisheries Act, the 1999 law rationalizing the Bering Sea pollock fishery.
BS/AI	Bering Sea/Aleutian Islands, a fisheries management area.
CDQ	Community Development Quota, an allocation of pollock, crab and other species given to Bering Sea coastal communities to promote local economic development.
CFEC	Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission, the state commission that manages the limited entry program.
DPS	Department of Public Safety, the state agency charged with providing functions relative to the protection of life, property and wildlife resources.
EEZ	Exclusive Economic Zone, federally managed waters from 3 to 200 miles offshore.
FRED	Fisheries Rehabilitation, Enhancement and Development Division of ADF&G which managed the state's salmon hatchery program.
GOA	Gulf of Alaska.
IFQ	Individual Fishery Quota, a catch allocation given to a participant and intended to end the race for fish. Also called ITQs for Individual Transferrable Quota, meaning the share can be bought and sold.
INPFC	International North Pacific Fisheries Commission, created by a treaty between the U.S., Canada and Japan, the International North Pacific Fisheries Commission regulated high seas fishing for salmon and other species from 1952 to 1992.
IPHC	International Pacific Halibut Commission, formed by a 1923 treaty between the U.S. and Canada, which manages halibut stocks in the North Pacific.
IUU	Illegal, Unregulated and Unreported fishery usually conducted on the high seas.
JV	Joint Venture fishery between a U.S. harvester and a foreign buyer and used as a transition to full Americanization of the groundfishery in the Bering Sea.
MSA	Magnuson-Stevens Act, the current name for the 1976 Fishery Conservation and Management Act and which regulates commercial fishing within the U.S. 200-mile limit.
NOAA	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, the federal agency, part of the U.S. Department of Commerce and includes the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS).
NMFS	National Marine Fisheries Service, a federal agency dedicated to the stewardship of living marine resources through science-based conservation and management and the promotion of healthy ecosystems.
NPAFC	North Pacific Anadromous Fish Commission, the successor to the International North Pacific Fisheries Commission, created in 1992 by an agreement between the U.S., Canada, Japan, Russia and South Korea to promote the conservation of North Pacific salmon.
NPFMC	North Pacific Fishery Management Council, a regional council that manages fisheries within the federal 200-mile limit off Alaska.
USCG	United States Coast Guard is a military branch of the United States involved in maritime law, mariner assistance, and search and rescue, among other duties.

Glossary

Americanization	The process of transferring fisheries within the U.S. 200-mile limit (or EEZ) from foreign to domestic utilization.
Boldt Decision	The 1974 court case which affirmed the right of tribes in the state of Washington to harvest up to 50% of the salmon that return to the state. Alaska was not directly affected but this decision impacted fishing effort and salmon treaty negotiations.
Bycatch	The unintended harvest of a non-targeted species, such as salmon caught in a pollock trawl.
Crab Pots	Baited metal cages set along the seafloor to catch species such as King crab and cod.
Derby Fishery	A term for an open-access fishery in which an unlimited number of participants try to catch as many fish as they can in the shortest amount of time. Also called an “Olympic” fishery or the “race for fish.”
Donut Hole	An area of international waters enclosed by the 200-mile limits of bordering nations, such as in the central Bering Sea.
Driftnets	Gillnets that are set adrift in the water. Commonly used by salmon fishermen in state waters, the term “high seas driftnets” often describes fishing gear used to illegally target Alaska salmon in international waters.
Gillnets	A curtain of net extended in front of a run of fish like salmon that catches them by their gills.
Longlines	Strings of baited hooks anchored along the seafloor and used to catch species like halibut, sablefish and cod.
Purse Seines	Nets that encircle a school of fish such as salmon or herring and are then “pursed” or closed by the bottom.
Setnets	Gillnets that are anchored along the shoreline of a bay or river.
Trawl	A large net that is dragged through the water or along the seafloor and usually catches large volumes of relatively low value species like pollock, sole and rockfish.
Troll	Not to be confused with the similarly sounding trawl, trollers drag baited hooks through the water and target high value species like king and coho salmon.
Limited Entry	A limit on the number of participants in a fishery which, by itself, does not end the race for fish.
Harvesting Cooperative	An agreement in which harvesters divide the catch quota among themselves to avoid the race for fish but still compete against each other on the market.
Rationalization	A frequently used but rarely defined term that describes a combination of access limitation, IFQs, harvesting cooperatives and other measures to slow the race for fish to achieve economic and biological goals.