



Kenai, Soldotna, & Homer Run Timing

Always read the current Southcentral Alaska Sport Fishing Regulations Summary booklet and emergency orders before you fish any of the waters in Southcentral Alaska.

Kenai River	Chinook Salmon	Early-run: Mid-May through late June Late-run: Early July through season closure end of July
	Coho Salmon	Late July through mid-October
	Dolly Varden	Mid-May through October
	Pink Salmon	Mid-July through August
	Rainbow Trout	Mid-June through April
	Sockeye Salmon	July through mid-August
Russian River	Coho Salmon	Early August through end of September
	Dolly Varden	Mid-May through October
	Rainbow Trout	Mid-June through April
	Sockeye Salmon	Early-run: Mid-June to mid-July Late-run: Mid-July to season closure mid-August
Kasilof River	Chinook Salmon	Late May through season closure late July
	Coho Salmon	Late July through September
	Pink Salmon	Mid-July through August
	Sockeye Salmon	June through August
	Steelhead Trout	Late March through mid-May (catch-and-release only) Late August through mid-November (catch-and-release only)
Anchor River, Deep Creek, Ninilchik River	Chinook Salmon	Late May through June
	Coho Salmon	Early August through mid-September
	Dolly Varden	July through October
	Steelhead Trout	September through October (catch-and-release only)
Cook Inlet Saltwaters	Chinook Salmon	Upper Cook Inlet: May through July Lower Cook Inlet: Year-round
	Coho Salmon	Late July through early September
Homer Spit	Chinook Salmon	Late May through early July
	Coho Salmon	Mid-July through mid-August
Seldovia Slough	Chinook Salmon	Mid-May through early July
Clam Gulch, Deep Creek, Polly Creek	Razor Clam	All year, on minus two foot tides or lower <i>* Check emergency orders prior to going. This fishery has been closed every year due to low abundance on the eastside beaches.</i>

Please review the Southcentral Alaska Sport Fishing Regulations Summary booklet before you go fishing. All of these waters have regulations affecting bag and possession limits, tackle, areas open to fishing, and hours open to fishing. **Don't forget to check for emergency orders!** ADF&G may either close, restrict, open, or liberalize all or part of these fisheries at any given time.

Pacific Salmon Identification

Chinook (king) Salmon



- Spots on back and both lobes of the tail
- Black mouth with a black gumline

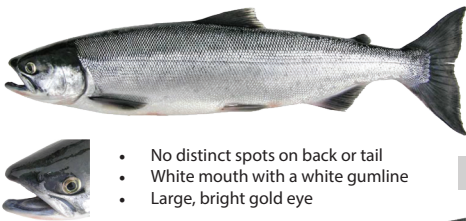
Coho (silver) Salmon



- Spots on back and upper lobe of the tail
- Black mouth with a white gumline

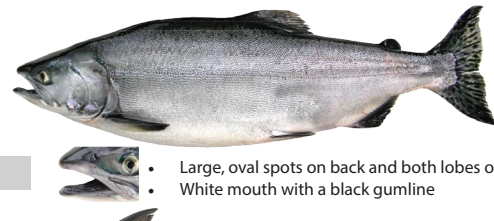
Marine Phase

Sockeye (red) Salmon



- No distinct spots on back or tail
- White mouth with a white gumline
- Large, bright gold eye

Pink (humpy) Salmon



- Large, oval spots on back and both lobes of tail
- White mouth with a black gumline

Chum (dog) Salmon



- No spots; calico bands on body (often faint in salt water)
- White mouth with a white gumline

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Chinook (king) Salmon



- Spawning adults turn maroon or olive brown
- Spots on body and both lobes of the tail remain

Coho (silver) Salmon



- Males develop pronounced "kype" (hooked-nose)
- Spots on back and upper lobe of the tail remain
- Male and female turn dark maroon and have dark backs

Spawning Phase

Sockeye (red) Salmon



- Spawning adults develop dull-green heads
- Males develop hump on back
- Both female and male turn red

Pink (humpy) Salmon



- Spawners turn dull gray on their backs and upper sides
- Lower sides appear cream color or white
- Large, oval spots on back and both lobes of tail remain

Chum (dog) Salmon



- Spawners develop pronounced, vertical calico bands on sides
- Males exhibit large, canine-like teeth

Scan the QR code for Southcentral sport fishing regulations.
Find Ship Creek regulations under the "Anchorage Bowl"



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