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West Cook Inlet, Palmer, Wasilla, & Talkeetna Run Timing

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

Deshka River	Chinook Salmon	Lower Deshka: Late May through late June Upper Deshka: Early June through season closure in mid-July
	Coho Salmon	Lower Deshka: Mid-July through early August Upper Deshka: Late July through early September
Alexander Creek	Coho Salmon	Mid-July through August
Parks Highway Streams: Willow, Little Willow, Caswell, Sheep, Goose, Montana, & Sunshine Creeks, and Kashwitna River		
	Chinook Salmon	Late May through early July
	Coho Salmon	Early August through mid-September
Susitna River	Chinook Salmon	Mid-June through end of July (American, Olds, & Salonie Only)
	Pink Salmon	Early July through mid-August, great abundance on even years
	Sockeye Salmon	Mid-July through mid-August, not very abundant in this river
	Chum Salmon	Mid-July through mid-August, not very abundant in this river
	Coho Salmon	Late July through mid-August
Lake Creek (Yentna River)		
	Chinook Salmon	Early June through early July
	Coho Salmon	Early August through late August, early September
Talachulitna River	Chinook Salmon	Lower Talachulitna: Mid-August through early October Upper Talachulitna: Mid-June through season closure in mid-July
	Coho Salmon	Lower Talachulitna: August Upper Talachulitna: Mid-August through mid-September
Talkeetna River	Chinook Salmon	Mid-June through season closure in mid-July
	Coho Salmon	Early August through September
Little Susitna River	Chinook Salmon	Lower Little Su: May through late June Upper Little Su: Mid-June through season closure in mid-July
	Coho Salmon	Lower Little Su: Mid-July through mid-August Upper Little Su: Early August through early September
	Sockeye Salmon	Mid-July through early August
West Cook Inlet: Chuitna, Beluga, Theodore, Lewis, McArthur, and Kustatan Rivers		
	Coho Salmon	Mid-July through early September

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

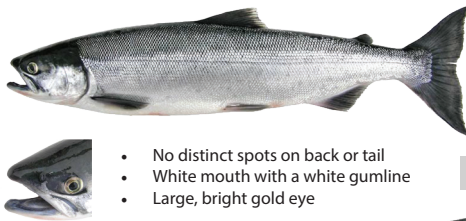
Coho (silver) Salmon



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

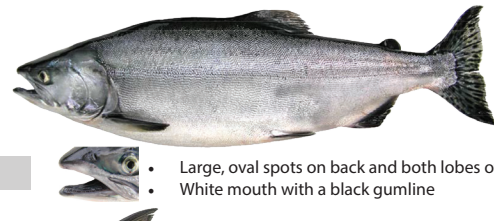
Marine Phase

Sockeye (red) Salmon



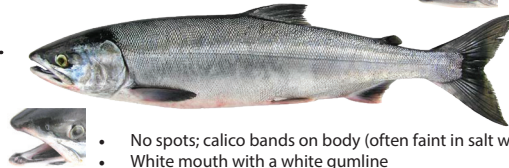
- No distinct spots on back or tail
- White mouth with a white gumline
- Large, bright gold eye

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

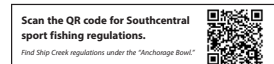


- Spawners turn dull gray on their backs and upper sides
- Lower sides appear cream color or white
- Large, oval spots on back and both lobes of tail remain

Chum (dog) Salmon



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



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