

## Definitions

“**Artificial Lure**” — Any lure which is man-made and used to attract fish for the purpose of taking them, and includes artificial flies, but does not include salmon eggs or other chemically treated processed foods.

“**Catch-and-Release**” — Many anglers fish for food while releasing undersized or over-limit fish. As Alaska’s fishing population grows, increasing numbers of anglers are fishing our waters. Continuation of Alaska’s high quality sport fishing will depend upon more anglers choosing catch-and-release.

To release a fish:

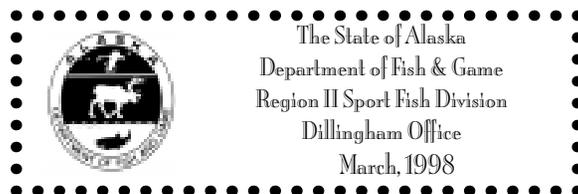
- Land the fish quickly
- Keep the fish in the water
- Keep hands away from the gills
- Back the hook out
- Cut the line if the fish is deeply hooked.
- Support the fish facing into the current until it swims away
- Keep only the fish you need

“**Single Hook**” — A fish hook with only one point, with or without a barb.

“**Bag Limit**” — The maximum legal take per person per day, in the area in which s/he is fishing, even though part or all of the fish are immediately preserved; a fish when landed and killed becomes a part of the bag limit of the person originally hooking it.

“**Possession Limit**” — The maximum number of unpreserved fish a person may have in possession.

“**Preserved Fish**” — Fish prepared in such a manner, and in an existing state of preservation, as to be fit for human consumption after a 15-day period, and does not include unfrozen fish temporarily stored in coolers that contain ice, dry ice, or fish that are lightly salted.



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## Sport Fishing in the Naknek River



### Special Regulations

1. The seasonal limit for king salmon in Bristol Bay is **FIVE**, of which only **FOUR** may be taken from the Nushagak/Mulchatna drainage.
2. A King Salmon Tag is required when fishing for king salmon.
3. Downstream from Rapids Camp, only **unbaited, artificial lures** may be used from March 1 to November 14.
4. The Naknek River, upstream from a Department marker near Rapids Camp to Department markers at Trefon’s cabin at the outlet of Naknek Lake is **closed to all sport fishing from April 10 to June 7**.
5. Only **unbaited, single-hook, artificial lures** may be used in the Naknek River upstream of the Department marker located near Rapids Camp.
6. From **March 1 to July 31**, only **single hooks** with a hook gap of ½” or less may be used in waters of the Naknek River from the outlet of Naknek Lake downstream to the Department marker at Rapids Camp.
7. The waters bounded by Department markers located at the mouth of King Salmon Creek upstream to the bridge crossing King Salmon Creek are **closed to fishing from June 1 through July 31**. Upstream of the bridge, the King Salmon Creek drainage is closed to king salmon fishing.
8. The waters bounded by Department markers located at the mouth of Paul’s Creek upstream to the bridge crossing Paul’s Creek are **closed to fishing from June 1 through July 31**. Upstream of the bridge, the Paul’s Creek drainage is closed to king salmon fishing.

## Naknek River Sport Fishing Regulations

Species	Daily Bag & Possession Limits	Open Season Downstream from Rapids Camp	Open Season Upstream From Rapids Camp to Trefon's Cabin
King Salmon	THREE, only ONE over 28 inches	May 1-July 31	June 8-July 31
Other Salmon	FIVE, No Size Limit	Entire Year	June 8-April 9
*Rainbow Trout	ONE, less than 18 inches	June 8-Oct. 31	June 8-Oct. 31
*Rainbow Trout	FIVE, less than 18 inches	Nov. 1-June 7	Nov. 1-April 9
Grayling	TWO, No Size Limit	Entire Year	June 8-April 9
Arctic Char/ Dolly Varden	THREE, No Size Limit	Entire Year	June 8- April 9

\*The size limit for rainbow trout is effective for the Naknek River drainage, including Naknek Lake, but excluding the Brooks River drainage and Naknek Lake within a ¼-mile radius of the mouth of the Brooks River and the Savonoski River drainage.

## For More Information

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## Special Closures

