

Bag, possession, and size limits GENERAL REGULATIONS

General regulations for all waters of the Kuskokwim-Goodnews area are listed below. **Special regulations** for individual water bodies appear afterward.

Species	Daily bag, possession, and size limits
King salmon	20" or longer — 3 (only two 28" or longer) less than 20" — 10
Other salmon	5 no size limit
Arctic char/Dolly Varden (all lakes)	2/day in combination, no size limit
Lake trout (all lakes)	
Arctic char/Dolly Varden/Lake trout (flowing and salt water)	10 (only two 20" or longer, only 2 may be lake trout)
Rainbow trout	2 (only one 20" or longer)
Arctic grayling	5 no size limit
Sheefish	10 no size limit
Northern pike	10 no size limit
* Burbot	15 no size limit
Halibut	2 per day, 4 in possession, no size limit
Other fish	no limit
Shellfish	see page 33

* See the statewide regulations on page 5 regarding sport fishing gear for burbot.

GENERAL FISHING SEASONS

Entire year for all species except halibut.

Halibut season is February 1–December 31. See page 6 for federal halibut regulations.

KUSKOKWIM-GOODNEWS DRAINAGES SPECIAL REGULATIONS

Unless listed below, seasons, method & means, and bag and possession limits are as shown above under General Regulations. ■ = bait/gear restrictions

KUSKOKWIM RIVER DRAINAGE—downstream of a point located ¼ mile upstream of the confluence of the Kuskokwim River with the Holitna River, and all waters draining into Kuskokwim Bay south of the Kuskokwim River:

King salmon: King salmon may be taken May 1–July 25 only.

Arctic char/Dolly Varden: In flowing waters, the daily bag and possession limit is 5 fish, **only two 20" or longer.**

Sheefish: Daily bag and possession limit is 5 fish, no size limit.

Northern pike: Daily bag and possession limit is 5 fish, **only one 30" or longer.**

KUSKOKWIM-GOODNEWS DRAINAGES SPECIAL REGULATIONS (cont'd)

The following **eight drainages** have additional special regulations:

HOLITNA RIVER DRAINAGE

Arctic char/Dolly Varden:

In flowing waters, the bag and possession limit is 3 fish, no size limit.

Arctic grayling: The bag and possession limit is 2 fish, no size limit.

Sheefish: The bag and possession limit is 2 fish, no size limit.

ANIAK RIVER

■ In all flowing waters upstream of Doestock Creek, only 1 unbaited, **single-hook**, artificial lure may be used year-round.

◆ *Aggregate bag limit* is the combined number of fish an angler may possess.

◆ Immediately upon landing a king salmon 20" or longer, fill out the harvest information on the back of your sport fishing license or harvest card (see page 4: King salmon harvest recording requirements).

ENTIRE ANIAK RIVER DRAINAGE

SALMON

In the Aniak River drainage, the daily *aggregate bag limit* for salmon is three (3) fish (combination of king, sockeye, chum, coho, and pink salmon) of which no more than two (2) may be king salmon.

King salmon (in combination with sockeye, chum, coho, and pink salmon):

2 daily 20" or longer—
annual limit of 2, **20" or longer**

Sockeye, chum, coho, and pink salmon (in combination):

3 fish—no size limit

RESIDENT FISH

Arctic char/Dolly Varden:

In flowing waters, the bag and possession limit is 3 fish, no size limit.

Arctic grayling: The bag and possession limit is 2 fish, no size limit.

Sheefish: The bag and possession limit is 2 fish, no size limit.

Rainbow trout: No retention or possession, year-round. All rainbow trout **must be released immediately.**

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KISARALIK RIVER DRAINAGE

- In flowing waters upstream of the Akiak Village Lodge site (60° 49.5' N, 160° 55.0' W), only 1 unbaited, **single-hook**, artificial lure may be used.

Rainbow trout:

In all flowing waters upstream of the Akiak Village Lodge site (60° 49.5' N, 160° 55.0' W), rainbow trout may not be retained or possessed. All rainbow trout **must be released immediately**.

In all flowing waters downstream of the Akiak Village Lodge site (60° 49.5' N, 160° 55.0' W), the daily bag and possession limit is 2 fish, **only one 20" or longer**.

- ☛ **There is an annual limit of 2 fish 20" or longer.** Immediately upon harvesting a rainbow trout 20" or longer, anglers must fill out a harvest record; see page 18.

KASIGLUK RIVER DRAINAGE

- In all flowing waters, only 1 unbaited, **single-hook**, artificial lure may be used.

Rainbow trout: The daily bag and possession limit is 2 fish, **only one 20" or longer**.

- ☛ **There is an annual limit of 2 fish 20" or longer.** Immediately upon harvesting a rainbow trout 20" or longer, anglers must fill out a harvest record; see page 18.

KWETHLUK RIVER DRAINAGE

- In flowing waters upstream of the confluence of the Kwethluk River and Pulamaneq (Pocahontas) Creek (60° 31.96' N, 161° 05.47' W), only 1 unbaited, **single-hook**, artificial lure may be used.

Rainbow trout: The daily bag and possession limit is 2 fish, **only one 20" or longer**.

- ☛ **There is an annual limit of 2 fish 20" or longer.** Immediately upon harvesting a rainbow trout 20" or longer, anglers must fill out a harvest record; see page 18.

KANEKTOK RIVER DRAINAGE

- In all flowing waters, only 1 unbaited, **single-hook**, artificial lure may be used.
- In all flowing waters downstream of the Togiak National Wildlife Refuge wilderness boundary, no person may sport fish from a boat or the river bank within 300 ft of a legally operating subsistence gillnet.

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KANEKTOK RIVER DRAINAGE (cont'd)

Rainbow trout:

June 8–October 31, **catch-and-release only**.

All rainbow trout **must be released immediately**.

Arctic char/Dolly Varden:

In flowing waters, the bag and possession limit is 3 fish, no size limit.

Arctic grayling: The bag and possession limit is 2 fish, no size limit.

Sheefish: The bag and possession limit is 2 fish, no size limit.

AROLIK RIVER DRAINAGE

Arctic char/Dolly Varden:

In flowing waters, the bag and possession limit is 3 fish, no size limit.

Arctic grayling: The bag and possession limit is 2 fish, no size limit.

Sheefish: The bag and possession limit is 2 fish, no size limit.

Rainbow trout: The bag and possession limit is 2 fish, **only one 20" or longer**.

- ☛ **There is an annual limit of 2 fish 20" or longer.** Immediately upon harvesting a rainbow trout 20" or longer, anglers must fill out a harvest record; see page 18.

GOODNEWS RIVER DRAINAGE

- In all flowing waters, only 1 unbaited, **single-hook**, artificial lure may be used.

- In all flowing waters downstream of the Togiak National Wildlife Refuge wilderness boundary, no person may sport fish from a boat or the river bank within 300 ft of a legally operating subsistence gillnet.

Arctic char/Dolly Varden:

In flowing waters, the bag and possession limit is 3 fish, no size limit.

Arctic grayling: The bag and possession limit is 2 fish, no size limit.

Sheefish: The bag and possession limit is 2 fish, no size limit. □

TIPS ~ if you plan to release your fish...

- ☛ Use strong line to bring your catch in quickly.
- ☛ Fish caught with flies or lures survive more often than fish caught with bait.
- ☛ Overly large hooks can damage the fish's mouth parts or eyes, and fish may take small hooks too deeply.
- ☛ Avoid using stainless steel hooks; use steel hooks that will quickly rust out—pinch down barbs with pliers.

- ☛ Land your fish as carefully and quickly as you can—avoid removing it from the water.
- ☛ Remove the hook quickly and gently, keeping the fish under water.
- ☛ Use long-nosed pliers or a hemostat to back the hook out—if the fish is hooked deeply, cut the line near the hook.

- ☛ Cut your line rather than injure an active fish.
- ☛ Point your fish into a slow current or gently move it back and forth until its gills are working and it maintains its balance.
- ☛ When the fish recovers and attempts to swim out of your hands, let it go. (Large fish may take more time to revive.)