

## SPECIAL REGULATIONS

These regulations apply throughout the entire geographic area covered by this booklet, **except** the Upper Copper/Upper Susitna drainages. Additional regulations are in effect for each of the six major drainages within the Arctic-Yukon-Kuskokwim region and for certain water bodies within those areas. These drainage-specific regulations appear following this section, starting on page 8.

### Hook size

In all lakes multiple hooks with a gap between point and shank greater than ½ inch may be used for taking fish other than salmon, except as noted in the drainage-specific regulations on page 11.

### Halibut

Pacific halibut fisheries are managed by the federal government under international treaty. Federal possession and landing requirements for sport-caught halibut differ from state regulations. Proxy fishing for halibut is not allowed.

- Season is Feb. 1–Dec. 31
- Unguided anglers—limit is 2 per day (no size limit), 4 in possession
- Consult federal regulations for the following:

### Use of spears or bow and arrow

Suckers and burbot may be taken with spear or bow and arrow the entire year. Northern pike or whitefish (excluding sheefish) may be taken by spear or bow and arrow during any open season for northern pike or whitefish **September 1–April 30**, or may be speared by persons completely submerged during any open season for northern pike or whitefish. [Also read the special regulations under Tanana River drainage for northern pike fishing season and use of spears or bow and arrow, page 10.]

- Bag, size, and possession limits for guided (charter) anglers
- Possession and landing requirements
- Inseason changes to the regulations

Federal halibut regulations are available from **NOAA Fisheries Alaska Region**, (907) 586-7225, <http://www.fakr.noaa.gov>, and **International Pacific Halibut Commission**, (206) 634-1838, <http://www.iphc.washington.edu/halcom/sport.htm>.

## SPORT FISHING GUIDE AND BUSINESS LICENSING INFORMATION

- State regulations (5 AAC 75.075) require that all business owners and guides providing sport fishing guide services in Alaska must be licensed with the Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G). The license must be obtained each year **before** guiding services begin and expires the last day of the current year.
- License applications are available online at [www.admin.adfg.state.ak.us/license/](http://www.admin.adfg.state.ak.us/license/), or apply in person at any Alaska Department of Fish and Game office.
- Complete information on guide and business licensing is available at [www.sf.adfg.state.ak.us/Guides/](http://www.sf.adfg.state.ak.us/Guides/).

### U.S. COAST GUARD REQUIREMENTS FOR GUIDES

Guides carrying passengers in a motorized vessel in navigable water must obtain a U.S. Coast Guard Operator's License. For more information, call the Coast Guard Regional Exam Center in Anchorage at (907) 271-6736, or refer to the following website: [www.uscg.mil/nmc/](http://www.uscg.mil/nmc/).

### SPORT FISHING CHARTER VESSEL REGISTRATION

In 2010, all saltwater and freshwater sport fishing charter vessels must be registered through the Department of Fish and Game. This applies to both powered and non-powered charter vessels. Vessel registration will require a current AK number issued by the Division of Motor Vehicles: [www.doa.alaska.gov/dmv/reg/boat.htm](http://www.doa.alaska.gov/dmv/reg/boat.htm).

Or, a U.S. Coast Guard Documentation Number: [www.uscg.mil/hq/cg5/nvdc/](http://www.uscg.mil/hq/cg5/nvdc/).

Single person float tubes are the only exception from vessel registration requirements.

### LOGBOOK REQUIREMENTS

All freshwater and saltwater sport fishing guide operators are required to maintain an ADF&G-issued logbook of their clients' catch. All freshwater and saltwater sport fishing guides are required to record the Alaska sport fishing license number, permanent license number, or disabled veteran license number of each client in the logbook. Logbooks are available at all Fish and Game offices and are provided when you register your vessel.

### A MESSAGE FOR ANGLERS

ADF&G does not endorse any fishing guide or fishing service; check with the area Chamber of Commerce or Better Business Bureau if you have questions about a specific guide or service.

## THE FISH & WILDLIFE SAFEGUARD PROGRAM



*Report Violations*

1-800-478-3377

If you witness or suspect that a fish or wildlife violation has occurred, please call our toll-free number. You will not have to reveal your name, testify in court, or sign a deposition. You will remain anonymous, and you may receive a reward.

Local Alaska Wildlife Troopers' office phone numbers are as follows:

Fairbanks	451-5350
Bethel	543-5918
Galena	656-1634
Glennallen	822-3263
McGrath	524-3222
Nome	443-2429

## DEFINITIONS (5 AAC 75.995)

*The following are in addition to the definitions set forth in AS 16.05.940:*

**artificial fly** means a fly which is constructed by common methods known as fly tying, including a dry fly, wet fly, and nymph, which is free of bait, as defined in 5 AAC 75.995. Materials and chemicals designed and produced primarily to cause flies to float or sink may be used on artificial flies.

**artificial fly (unweighted)** means a fly which weighs less than ¼ ounce in its entirety.

**artificial lure** means any lure which is man-made, free of bait as defined in 5 AAC 75.995, and is used to attract fish.

**bag limit** means the maximum legal take per person per day of that species in the area fished, 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.

**bait** means any substance applied to fishing gear for the purpose of attracting fish by scent, including fish eggs in any form; natural or preserved animal, fish, fish oil, shellfish, or insect parts, natural or processed vegetable matter, and natural or synthetic chemicals.

**charter vessel** means a vessel licensed under AS 16.05.490, used for hire in the recreational or subsistence taking of fish or shellfish in salt water, and not used on the same day for any other commercial fishing purpose; a charter vessel does not include a dry rental, or a vessel or skiff without a charter vessel operator.

**charter vessel operator** means a person engaged in carrying passengers on a charter vessel for any valuable consideration that passes directly or indirectly to the vessel's owner, operator, or a person with a financial interest in the vessel, in consideration of the carriage of any person on board.

**closed season** means the time during which fish may not be taken, even for the purpose of catch and release.

**closed waters** means waters designated by the board wherein it is illegal to take fish.

**closely attended line** means that the line or strike indicator is within the view of and is accessible to the angler at all times.

**drainage** means all of the waters comprising a watershed, including tributary rivers, streams, sloughs, ponds, and lakes which contribute to the water supply of the watershed.

**fishing guide** means a person who provides sport fishing guide services to anglers who are engaged in sport fishing.

**fishing guide services** means the direct provision of assistance, for compensation or with the intent to receive compensation, to an angler engaged in sport fishing, in taking or attempting to take fish or shellfish by accompanying or personally directing the angler in fishing activities during any portion of the angler's fishing trip; however, the term does not include services provided by assistants, deckhands, or persons similarly employed who work directly under the supervision of, and

on the same vessel as, a fishing guide.

**fishing services** means the provision to sport and personal use anglers, for compensation or with the intent to receive compensation, of fishing guide services through a person registered as a fishing guide, or outfitting services, or of fishing club services; fishing services does not include booking and other ancillary services provided by a tour broker or agent to a fishing services operator.

**flowing waters** means all fresh waters, excluding lakes and ponds, that have a detectable current, including all creeks, streams, and rivers draining into, between, and out of all lakes and ponds, and all intertidal waters upstream of the stream mouth, as "stream mouth" is defined in 5 AAC 75.995.

**fresh water** means all inland waters; inland waters are separated from salt water at the mouths of creeks, streams, and rivers at a line between extremities of the latter's banks at a mean low tide or at a point to be determined and adequately marked by the department.

**length of fish** means the total length from the tip of the snout to the tip of the tail.

**local representative of the department** means **(a)** the nearest or most accessible professional employee of the department; **(b)** a person designated by the commissioner or by a professional employee of the department to perform specific functions for the department; or **(c)** a law enforcement officer of the Department of Public Safety.

**mark or marking** means all forms of skin alterations, fin clipping, or other mutilation or insertion of foreign materials in live fish that permit later identification.

**molesting** means harassing, disturbing, or interfering with fish by any means, including the use of any missile or object not established as legal gear; molesting includes dragging, kicking, throwing, striking, or otherwise abusing a fish which is intended to be released.

**multiple hook** means a fish hook with two or more points with or without barbs.

**open season** means the time during which fish may lawfully be taken; each period of time prescribed as an open season shall be construed to begin at 12:01 a.m. on the first day and end at midnight of the last day thereof. During an open season, fishing may be restricted to catch and release.

**possession limit** means the maximum number of unpreserved fish a person may have in possession.

**preserved fish** means 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 or dry ice, or fish that are lightly salted.

**salmon** means all salmon, including the five species of Pacific salmon: coho, chum, king, pink, and sockeye.

**salt water** means all marine waters; marine waters are separated from fresh water at the mouths of streams, rivers, and creeks.

**setline(s)** means unattended line(s) that have been set, staked, anchored, or otherwise fixed.

**single hook** means a fish hook with only one point with or without a barb.

**snag** means to hook a fish elsewhere than in the mouth.

**sport fishing** means the taking of, or attempting to take, for personal use, and not for sale or barter, any fresh water, marine, or anadromous fish by hook and line attached to a pole or rod which is held in the hand or closely attended or by other means defined by the Alaska Board of Fisheries.

**stream mouth** means the downstream point defined as a straight line running from the most downstream extremity on one stream bank to the most downstream extremity on the other stream bank, or a point defined and marked by the department.

**take** means taking, pursuing, fishing, or in any manner disturbing, capturing, or killing or attempting to take, pursue, fish, or in any manner capture or kill fish or shellfish. □

## SPORT FISHING BY PROXY

Alaska residents may proxy sport fish, proxy personal use fish, and/or proxy subsistence fish for another Alaska resident who is **(1)** 70% or greater disabled (physician's affidavit required); **(2)** 65 years or older; or **(3)** legally blind (physician's affidavit required). **No person may give or receive payment to be a beneficiary or a proxy.**

Get a "Proxy Information Form" (Proxy) from any ADF&G office, or download it from [www.sf.adfg.state.ak.us/statewide/regulations/proxy.cfm](http://www.sf.adfg.state.ak.us/statewide/regulations/proxy.cfm).

Bring it to an ADF&G office for certification. You must provide (1) your sport fishing license number, age (if under 16), or ADF&G PID card number, (2) original signatures of both parties, (3) beneficiary's proof of fishing license or ADF&G PID card; and, if the reason for the proxy is "physically disabled," proof of 70% or greater physical disability. The Proxy is valid from date of ADF&G certification for the time period shown on the form.

The proxy fishing program allows you to take your own bag limit and one beneficiary's bag limit in the same day. You may not take more than 2 bag and possession limits during any fishing trip, and you may not fish with more than one legal limit of gear. The beneficiary may **not** take or attempt to take fish or shellfish at the same time as his/her proxy.

When proxy fishing, you must carry the ADF&G-certified Proxy form, your fishing license or ADF&G PID card, the original fishing license or ADF&G PID card of your beneficiary, and any original permits and harvest record cards (if necessary) for yourself and for your beneficiary. You may not have more than one Proxy in your possession while fishing, and you must deliver the fish and return all licenses, permits, and records to that beneficiary before you proxy fish for another beneficiary. Proxy fishing for halibut is not allowed. □