

# BRISTOL BAY FRESH WATERS

## GENERAL SEASONS AND LIMITS: Bristol Bay fresh waters

**INCLUSIVE WATERS:** All fresh waters draining into Bristol Bay between Cape Menshikof and Cape Newenham.

- See page 6 for special regulations in Bristol Bay.

Species	Open season	Daily Limits
<b>King salmon 20" or more</b>	May 1–July 31	3 per day/3 in possession only 1 fish over 28"
☛ <b>yearly limit of 5—see page 6</b>		
<b>King salmon less than 20"</b>	May 1–July 31	10 per day/10 in possession
<b>Other salmon</b>	open entire year	5 per day/5 in possession
<b>Rainbow trout</b>	June 8–Oct. 31	2 per day/2 in possession only 1 fish over 20"
	Nov. 1–June 7	5 per day/5 in possession only 1 fish over 20"
<b>Arctic char/Dolly Varden</b>	June 8–Oct. 31	3 per day/3 in possession
	Nov. 1–June 7	10 per day/10 in possession
<b>Arctic grayling</b>	open entire year	2 per day/2 in possession
<b>Lake trout</b>	open entire year	4 per day/4 in possession
<b>Northern pike</b>	open entire year	5 per day/5 in possession only 1 fish over 30"
<b>Burbot</b>	open entire year	15 per day/15 in possession
<b>Other finfish</b>	open entire year	no bag or possession limit

**EXCEPTIONS** (if an individual drainage or species is not listed below, then the general seasons and limits shown above apply):

### Ugashik River drainage

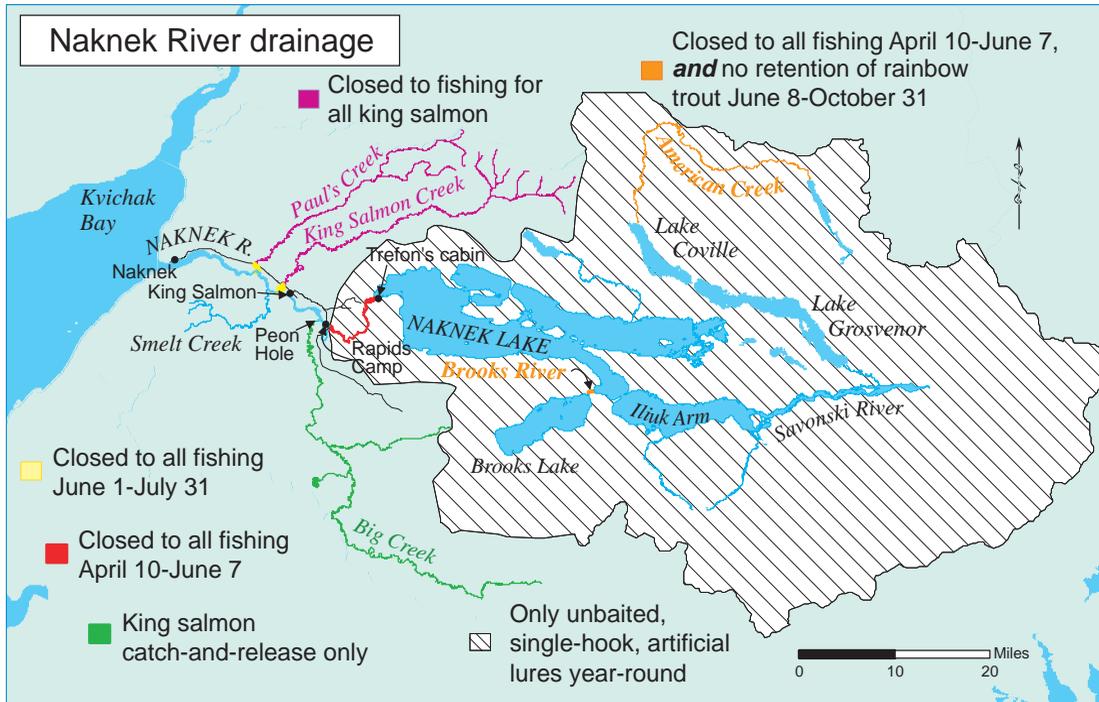
- In the entire Ugashik River drainage, including Ugashik Lakes, from June 8–Oct. 31, daily limits for **rainbow trout** are 1 per day, 1 in possession, no size limit. From Nov. 1–June 7, daily limits are 5 per day, 5 in possession, only one fish over 20".
- In Ugashik Narrows (the waters from the outlet of Upper Ugashik Lake downstream to the inlet of Lower Ugashik Lake, including those waters of Upper and Lower Ugashik Lakes within ¼ mile of the Ugashik Narrows), **no retention of grayling** is allowed year-round. All grayling must be released immediately.
- The Ugashik River is **closed to fishing for grayling** year-round.
- In the remainder of the Ugashik drainage, including Ugashik Lakes and all Ugashik tributaries, the daily limit for **grayling** is 2 per day, 2 in possession.



### Egegik River drainage

- In the entire Egegik River drainage, including Becharof Lake, from June 8–October 31, daily limits for **rainbow trout** are 1 per day, 1 in possession, no size limit. Daily limits Nov. 1–June 7 are 5 per day, 5 in possession, only one fish over 20".
- At Becharof Lake outlet, including the waters of Becharof Lake within ¼ mile of the outlet and the waters of the Egegik River within ¼ mile of the outlet, **no retention of grayling** is allowed. All grayling must be released immediately. ☐

## BRISTOL BAY FRESHWATER EXCEPTIONS (continued)



### Naknek River drainage

- In all flowing waters of the Naknek River drainage, only unbaited, artificial lures may be used March 1–November 14.
- In all flowing waters upstream from an ADF&G regulatory marker located ½ mile upstream of Rapids Camp, including all waters within ¼ mile of all lake inlet and outlet streams, only unbaited, *single-hook*, artificial lures may be used *year-round*.
- Unless further restricted below, in the Naknek River drainage from June 8–Oct. 31, daily limits for **rainbow trout** are 1 per day, 1 in possession, *must be less than 18"*. Nov. 1–June 7, daily limits are 5 per day, 5 in possession, *must be less than 18"*.

**Naknek River—from ADF&G markers located ½ mile above Rapids Camp, upstream to ADF&G markers at Trefon's cabin at the outlet of Naknek Lake:**

- This section is **closed to all sport fishing** April 10–June 7.
- Only unbaited, *single-hook*, artificial lures with a gap between the point and shank of ½ **inch or less** are allowed from March 1–April 9 and from June 8–July 31. For the remainder of the year, only unbaited, *single-hook*, artificial lures may be used.

**Brooks River and Brooks Camp are within Katmai National Park. Additional National Park regulations may apply to access and conduct of the fishery. Call (907) 246-3305 for information.**

### Paul's Creek and King Salmon Creek

- From ADF&G markers at their confluences with the Naknek River, upstream to the upstream side of the Alaska Peninsula Highway bridges, these creeks are **closed to all fishing** June 1–July 31.
- Upstream of the Alaska Peninsula Highway bridges, Paul's Creek and King Salmon Creek are **closed to fishing for all king salmon** year-round.
- In both creeks, the daily limit for **rainbow trout** is 1 per day, 1 in possession, *must be less than 18"*.

### Big Creek

- Upstream of an ADF&G marker located approximately ½ mile upstream of its confluence with the Naknek River (at Peon Hole), angling for **king salmon** is **catch-and-release only** year-round. All king salmon must be released immediately.

### Brooks River drainage

Unless further restricted below, in the Brooks River drainage:

- From June 8–October 31, all rainbow trout caught must be immediately released.
- From November 1–June 7, the bag and possession limit for rainbow trout is five fish less than 18 inches in length. Any rainbow trout caught that are 18 inches or greater in length must be immediately released;

In all **FLOWING** waters of the Brooks River drainage, including lake waters within ¼ mile of all inlet and outlet streams and waters of Naknek Lake within ¼ mile of the outlet of the Brooks River:

- From April 10–June 7, sport fishing is closed. From June 8–October 31, all rainbow trout caught must be immediately released; only unbaited, single-hook, artificial flies may be used.
- From November 1–April 9, the bag and possession limit for rainbow trout is five fish less than 18 inches in length.

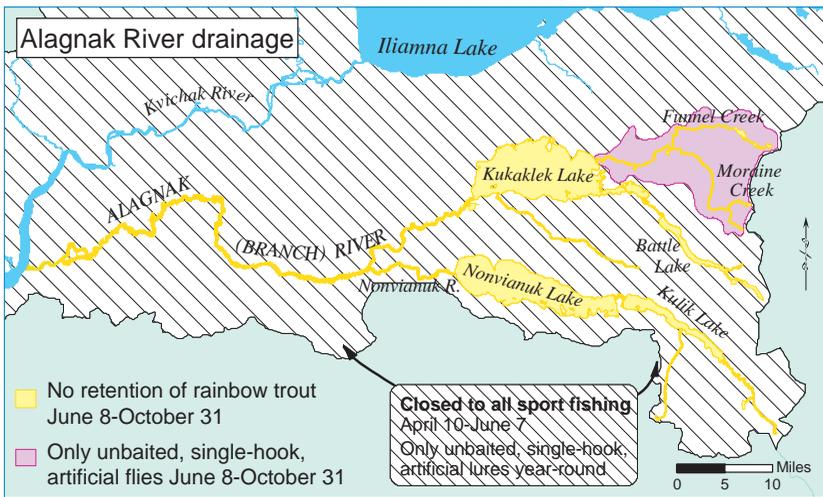
In the Brooks River, from the outlet of Brooks Lake downstream to the bridge at Brooks Camp, fish of all species may not be possessed or retained year-round. All fish caught must be released immediately.

### Savonoski River drainage

- In the Savonoski River drainage, including the waters of Naknek Lake within ¼ mile of the mouth of the Savonoski River, and including Lake Coville and Lake Grosvenor (but excluding American Creek), from June 8–Oct. 31, the daily limit for **rainbow trout** is 1 per day, 1 in possession, *no size limit*. November 1–June 7, the daily limit is 5 per day, 5 in possession, *only 1 over 20"*.

### American Creek

- American Creek is **closed to all sport fishing** April 10–June 7. From June 8–Oct. 31, **no retention of rainbow trout** is allowed. All rainbow trout must be released immediately. Nov. 1–April 9, daily limits for rainbow trout are 5 per day, 5 in possession, *only 1 over 20"*. □



## Alagnak River drainage

Unless further restricted below, in the Alagnak River drainage:

- The use of helicopters for transporting anglers and sport-caught fish is prohibited.
- The daily limit for salmon, except king salmon, in the Alagnak River drainage is 5 per day, 5 in possession, **only 3 per day, 3 in possession may be coho salmon**. Limits for king salmon are the same as shown under *General Seasons and Limits* on page 7.
- No retention of rainbow trout is allowed June 8–Oct. 31. **From Nov. 1–June 7**, the daily limit is 5 per day, 5 in possession, must be less than 18”.

In all **FLOWING** waters of the Alagnak River drainage, including lake waters within ½ mile of all inlet and outlet streams:

- From April 10–June 7, sport fishing is closed.
- Only unbaited, *single-hook*, artificial lures may be used year round.

In all **FLOWING** waters of the Moraine Creek drainage:

- Only unbaited, single-hook, artificial **flies** may be used June 8–October 31. □

[The Kvichak Inriver Sockeye Management Plan](#) may require inseason changes to sockeye salmon bag limits and waters open to fishing, depending on escapement levels. See the management plan description on page 13 for details.

## Kvichak River drainage

- Daily limits for salmon, except king salmon, in the Kvichak River drainage, excluding the Alagnak River drainage, are 5 per day, 5 in possession; **only 2 per day, 2 in possession may be coho salmon**. Limits for king salmon are the same as shown under *General Seasons and Limits* on page 7.
- Use of helicopters for transporting anglers and sport-caught fish is prohibited in the Kvichak River drainage.

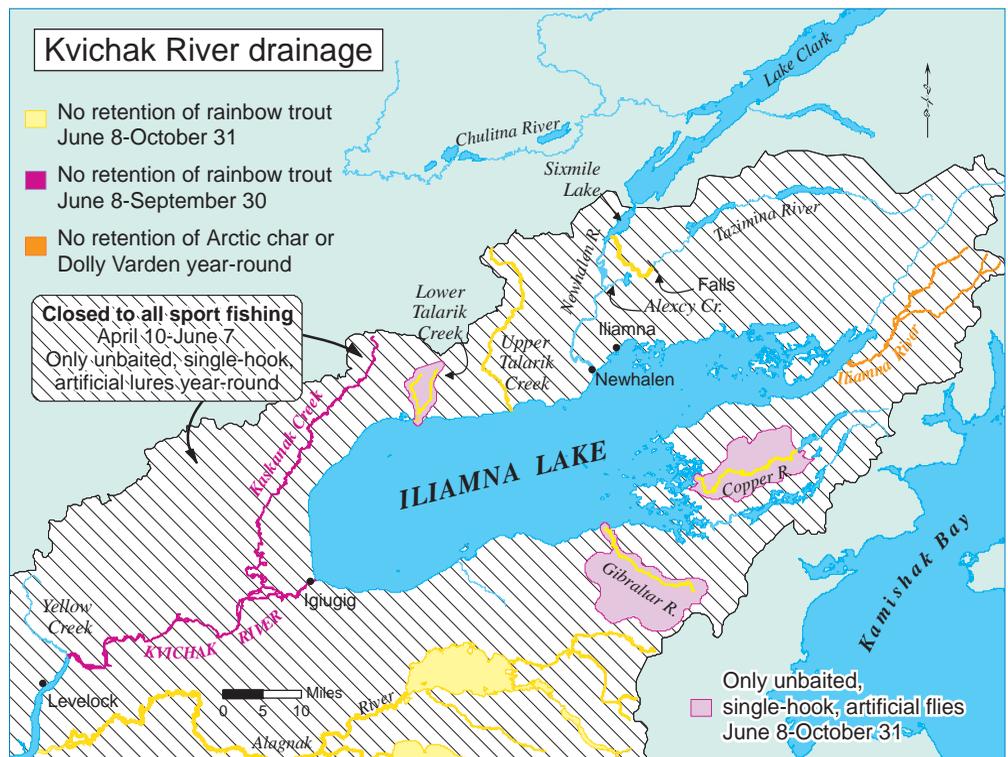
### Chulitna River drainage, including waters of Lake Clark within 1 mile of the Chulitna River

- No retention of northern pike 30” or longer.

### Kvichak River drainage from its outlet in Kvichak Bay upstream to Iliamna Lake

- This section is **closed to all sport fishing** April 10–June 7.
- Only unbaited, *single-hook*, artificial lures may be used *year-round*, except in lake waters more than a ½-mile radius from inlet or outlet streams.
- In the Kvichak River drainage, from Kvichak Bay upstream to an ADF&G marker at the confluence of Yellow Creek, the daily limit for **rainbow trout** June 8–Oct. 31 is 1 per day, 1 in possession, no size limit. Nov. 1–April 9, the daily limit is 5 per day, 5 in possession, only 1 over 20”. April 10–June 7, this area is **closed to all sport fishing**.
- In the Kvichak River drainage, from an ADF&G regulatory marker at the confluence of Yellow Creek upstream to the waters of Iliamna Lake within a ½-mile radius of its outlet at Igiugig, **no retention of rainbow trout** is allowed June

8–Sept. 30. All rainbow trout must be immediately released. The daily limit Oct. 1–Oct. 31 is 1 per day, 1 in possession, no size limit. The daily limit Nov. 1–April 9 is 5 per day, 5 in possession, only 1 over 20”. This area is **closed to all sport fishing** April 10–June 7. *cont'd...*



## BRISTOL BAY FRESHWATER EXCEPTIONS (continued)

### Kvichak River drainage (cont'd)

#### Iliamna Lake and all its tributaries, including the Newhalen River and tributaries, upstream to the outlet of Lake Clark

- All flowing waters, and lake waters within a ½-mile radius of inlet or outlet streams, are **closed to all sport fishing** April 10–June 7. In lake waters more than ½ mile distant from inlet or outlet streams, general seasons and limits on page 7 apply.
- Only unbaited, *single-hook*, artificial lures may be used *year-round*, except in waters of lakes more than a ½-mile radius from inlet or outlet streams.
- In all waters except those of lakes more than a ½-mile radius from inlet or outlet streams, the daily limit for **rainbow trout** June 8–Oct. 31 is 1 per day, 1 in possession, no size limit. Nov. 1–April 9, the daily limit is 5 per day, 5 in possession, only 1 over 20". April 10–June 7, this area is **closed to all sport fishing**.
- In the following waters, **no retention of rainbow trout** is allowed June 8–Oct. 31. All rainbow trout must be immediately released:
  - Lower Talarik Creek** and waters of Lake Iliamna within ½ mile of the Lower Talarik Creek mouth
  - Upper Talarik Creek** and waters of Lake Iliamna within ½ mile of the Upper Talarik Creek mouth

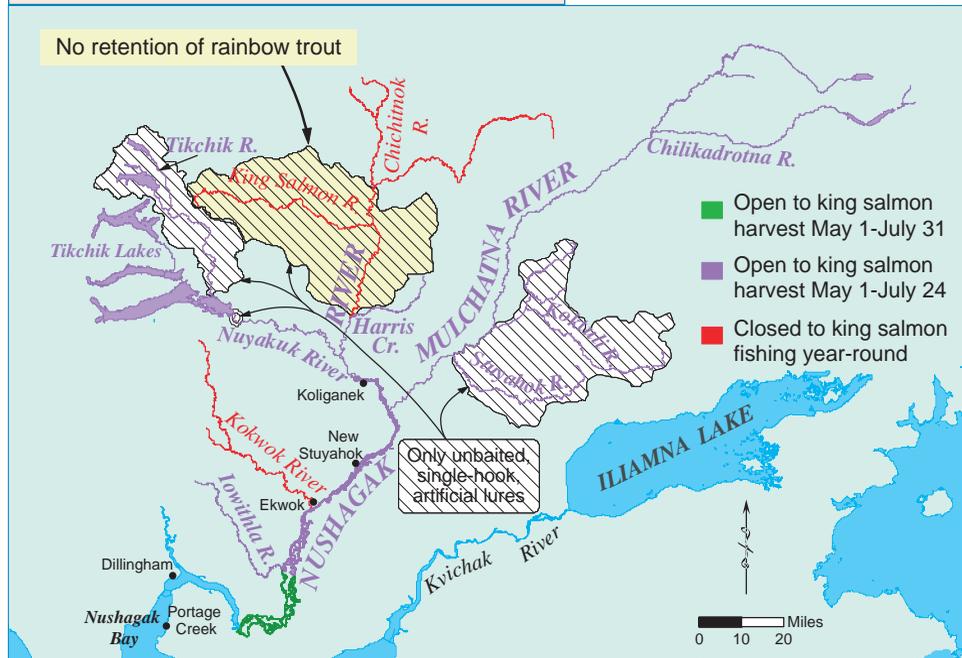
- all flowing waters of the **Gibraltar River drainage** and waters of Lake Iliamna within ½ mile of the Gibraltar River mouth
- all flowing waters of the **Copper River drainage** downstream from Lower Copper Lake and the waters of Lake Iliamna within ½ mile of the Copper River mouth
- the **Tazimina River** from the falls, downstream to 1 mile upstream of its outlet into Sixmile Lake.

- In the following waters, only unbaited, *single-hook*, artificial **flies** may be used June 8–October 31:
  - Lower Talarik Creek** and waters of Lake Iliamna within ½ mile of the Lower Talarik Creek mouth
  - all flowing waters of the **Gibraltar River drainage** and waters of Lake Iliamna within ½ mile of the Gibraltar River mouth
  - all flowing waters of the **Copper River drainage** downstream from Lower Copper Lake and the waters of Lake Iliamna within ½ mile of the Copper River mouth
- In the **Iliamna River drainage**, **no retention of Arctic char or Dolly Varden** is allowed year-round. All Arctic char and Dolly Varden must be immediately released.

#### Kvichak River drainage upstream of Sixmile Lake, including Lake Clark

- In all tributaries upstream of Sixmile Lake, including Lake Clark, the daily limit for **rainbow trout** June 8–Oct. 31 is 1 per day, 1 in possession, *no size limit*. The daily limit Nov. 1–June 7 is 5 per day, 5 in possession, only 1 over 20". □

### Nushagak/Mulchatna River drainages



[The Nushagak/Mulchatna Chinook and Coho Salmon Management Plans](#) may require inseason adjustments to the regulations for seasons, bag limits, gear, and open waters, depending on escapement levels of king or coho salmon. See the management plan descriptions on page 13 for details.

### Nushagak/Mulchatna River drainage, excluding the Wood River drainage

- Downstream from its confluence with the lowithla River**—the Nushagak River drainage (excluding the Wood River drainage) is open May 1–July 31 to the harvest of **king salmon**, with a daily limit of 2 per day, 2 in possession 20" or longer, *only 1 over 28"*. There is a yearly limit of 4 king salmon over 20" taken from the entire Nushagak/Mulchatna drainage. All harvested king salmon 20" or longer must be recorded; see page 4. Limits for king salmon less than 20" are 5 per day, 5 in possession.
- From its confluence with the lowithla River, upstream to Harris Creek, including the lowithla River**—the Nushagak/Mulchatna drainage, unless otherwise provided below, is open May 1–July 24 to the harvest of **king salmon**, with a daily limit of 2 per day, 2 in possession, *only 1 over 28"*. There is a yearly limit of 4 king salmon over 20" taken from the entire Nushagak/Mulchatna drainage. All harvested king salmon 20" or longer must be recorded. Limits for king salmon less than 20" are 5 per day, 5 in possession.
- The **Kokwok River** drainage and all waters of the Nushagak River within ¼ mile of its confluence with the Nushagak River, are **closed to king salmon fishing year-round**.

- In these waters, **only unbaited, single-hook, artificial lures** are allowed year-round:
  - the **Nuyakuk River** from the outlet of Tikchik Lake to an island located about 2 miles downstream from Nuyakuk Falls.
  - the **Tikchik River** drainage
  - all flowing waters of the **Mulchatna River** drainage from ADF&G markers about 1½ miles downstream from the Stuyahok River outlet, upstream to markers about 1½ miles upstream from the Koktuli River outlet, including the **Stuyahok River** drainage and the **Koktuli River** drainage.

**Upstream from its confluence with Harris Creek:**

- This section of the Nushagak drainage is **closed to king salmon fishing** year-round.
- From its confluence with Harris Creek, upstream to its confluence with the Chichitnok River, **no retention of rainbow trout** is allowed year-round. All rainbow trout caught must be released immediately.
- From its confluence with Harris Creek, upstream to its confluence with the Chichitnok River, **only unbaited, single-hook, artificial lures** are allowed year-round. □

**Wood River drainage**

- The Wood River drainage is open May 1–July 31 to the harvest of **king salmon** 20" or longer, with a daily limit of 1 per day, 1 in possession. There is a yearly limit of 2 king salmon 20" or longer taken from the Wood River drainage.
- All harvested king salmon 20" or longer must be recorded; see page 4. The daily limit for king salmon less than 20" is 10 per day, 10 in possession, year-round.

**Kulik Lake**

- No retention of northern pike 30" or longer.

**Agulowak River**

- Only unbaited, single-hook, artificial lures may be used in the Agulowak River from an ADF&G regulatory marker at the outlet of Lake Nerka, downstream to Lake Aleknagik, *including* waters of Lake Aleknagik within ½ mile of the Agulowak River outlet.

- In the Agulowak River the daily limit for **rainbow trout** is 1 per day, 1 in possession, no size limit year-round.
- The daily limit for **Arctic char and Dolly Varden** is 2 per day, 2 in possession, no size limit year-round.

**Agulupak River**

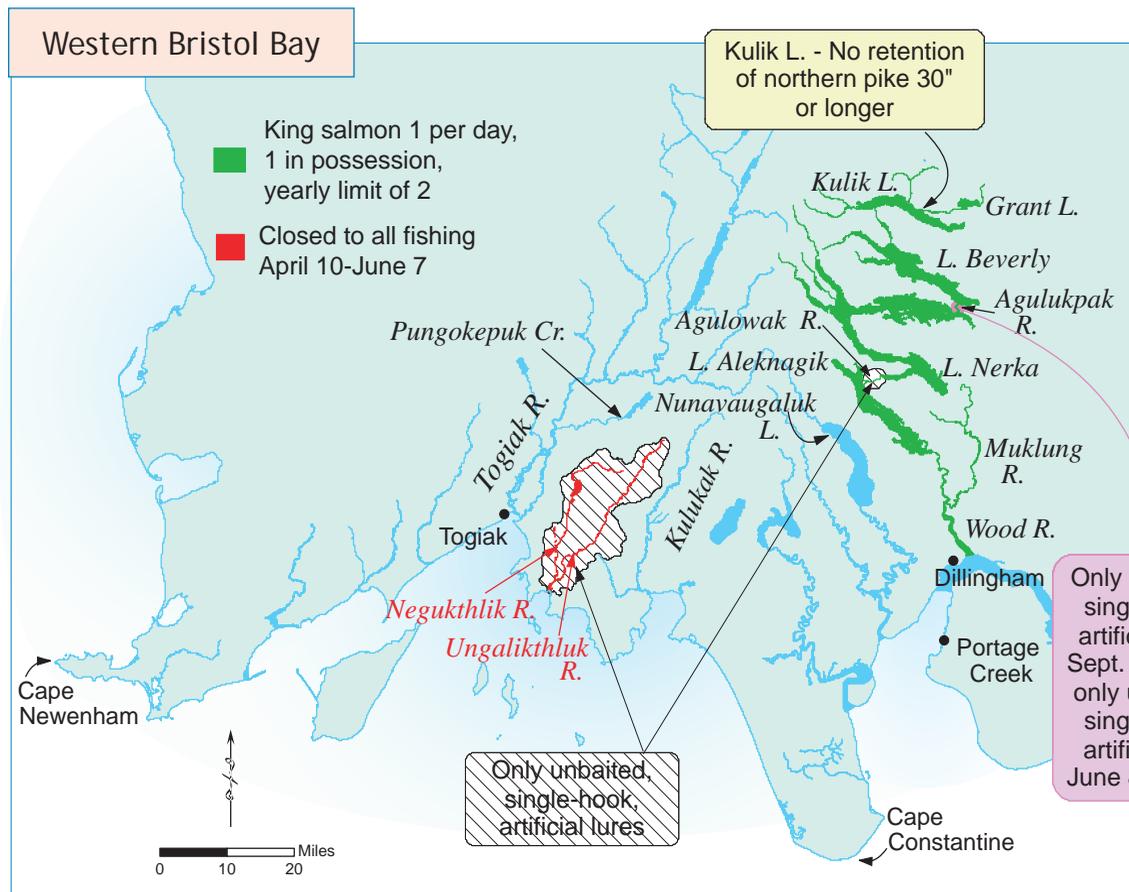
- From the outlet of Lake Beverly to the island located 1.2 miles downstream, only unbaited, single-hook, artificial **flies** may be used June 8–Aug. 31. Only unbaited, single-hook, artificial **lures** may be used Sept. 1–June 7.
- From the outlet of Lake Beverly to the island located 1.2 miles downstream, **no retention of rainbow trout** is allowed from June 8–Oct. 31. From Nov. 1–June 7 the daily limit for rainbow trout is 5 per day, 5 in possession, only 1 over 20".

**Ungalikthluk River drainage, including the Negukthlik River drainage**

- These drainages are **closed to all fishing** April 10–June 7.
- Only unbaited, single-hook, artificial lures may be used.
- No retention of rainbow trout** is allowed June 8–Oct. 31. From Nov. 1–April 9 the daily limit is 5 per day, 5 in possession, *only 1 over 20"*.

**Bristol Bay drainages from Cape Constantine to Cape Newenham**

- These drainages are open to the harvest of king salmon May 1–July 31.
- Daily limits for **king salmon** 20" or longer in these drainages, including the Kulukak and Togiak river drainages, are 3 per day, 3 in possession, *only 2 over 28"*. □



Only unbaited, single-hook, artificial lures Sept. 1–June 7; only unbaited, single-hook, artificial flies June 8–Aug. 31