

Annual/seasonal limits

- A total annual limit of 5 king salmon 20" or longer may be taken from fresh waters of Cook Inlet north of the latitude of Point Adam, and from salt waters of Cook Inlet, **except** that fish harvested in Cook Inlet salt water south of Bluff Point from Oct. 1–Mar. 31 are not included in the limit. See map on page 12. King salmon 20" or longer removed from the water must be retained.
- There is an annual limit of 2 rainbow/steelhead trout 20" or longer taken from Knik Arm fresh waters (except stocked lakes).
- There is an annual limit of 10 rainbow/steelhead trout 20" or longer taken from stocked lakes.
- See p. 15 for complete information.

KNIK ARM FRESH WATERS



GENERAL SEASONS AND LIMITS: Knik Arm fresh waters

(Exceptions are listed afterward, by area)

INCLUSIVE WATERS: Bounded on the north by (but not including) Willow Creek, on the west by a line ½ mile east of the Susitna River, on the south by Cook Inlet and Knik Arm, and on the east by the Upper Susitna River drainage upstream of its confluence with the Oshetna River and includes all waters within the Matanuska and Knik River drainages. See map on page 33.

- Burbot lines must be closely attended; see burbot fishing regulations on pages 4 and 22.

Species	Open season	Daily limits
King salmon	CLOSED	☛ but see Little Susitna and Eklutna Tailrace exceptions
Other salmon 16" or longer	open entire year	..... 3 per day/3 in possession only 2 per day/2 in possession may be coho (silver) salmon
Salmon in stocked lakes (p. 19)		10 per day/10 in possession in combination
Other salmon less than 16"		
Rainbow/steelhead trout:		
–in stocked lakes (p. 19)		..... 5 per day/5 in possession only 1 (one) fish 20" or longer
–in other lakes and ponds and in all flowing waters		..... 2 per day/2 in possession only 1 (one) fish 20" or longer
Arctic char/Dolly Varden:		
–in stocked lakes (p. 19)		..... 5 per day/5 in possession
–in other lakes and ponds and in all flowing waters		..... 5 per day/5 in possession only 1 (one) fish over 12" long
Arctic grayling:		
–in stocked lakes (p. 19)	..... 5 per day/5 in possession	
–in other lakes and ponds and in all flowing waters	..... 2 per day/2 in possession	
Burbot	..... 5 per day/5 in possession	
Lake trout	..... 2 per day/2 in possession	
Other finfish (including northern pike)	..... 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):

Bonnie Lakes connecting stream

- From the outlet at Upper Bonnie Lake to the inlet of Lower Bonnie Lake, open season is July 1–April 14.

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Palmer-Wasilla Zone flowing waters

The Palmer-Wasilla Zone (see map on page 33) consists of all flowing waters inside a zone bounded on the north by Willow Creek, on the west by a line ½ mile east of the Susitna River, on the south by Cook Inlet and Knik Arm, and on the east by the Matanuska River and Moose Creek (but excluding Willow Creek, the Matanuska River, and Moose Creek).

- Open season in the Palmer-Wasilla Zone is June 15–April 14 (but see the Little Susitna River exception, page 35). Daily limits are the same as shown at left under general seasons and limits.

Bodenburg Creek, including all waters of Knik River within a 100-yd radius of the mouth of the creek

- Closed year-round to fishing for salmon.
- No retention of rainbow/steelhead trout allowed April 15–June 14.

Cottonwood Creek drainage

- From its mouth upstream to ADF&G markers 1 mile upstream from the Palmer Hayflats State Game Refuge access road, open season for all species except king salmon is June 15–April 14, but fishing is allowed only on Saturdays and Sundays and only between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.
- All flowing waters of Cottonwood Creek above the ADF&G markers 1 mile upstream from Palmer Hayflats State Game Refuge access road are **closed year-round to fishing for salmon**. Open season for other species is June 15–April 14.
- A person who takes a bag limit of salmon from Cottonwood Creek may not fish for any species of fish in waters open to salmon fishing on that same day.
- All lakes of the Cottonwood Creek drainage, including Wasilla Lake, are **closed year-round to fishing for salmon**.

Fish Creek drainage, INCLUDING BIG LAKE

- In the Fish Creek drainage, from ADF&G markers at its mouth upstream to ADF&G markers ¼ mile upstream from the Knik-Goose Bay Rd., open season for all species except king salmon is August 14–December 31. Fishing is allowed only on Saturdays and Sundays and only between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.
- A person who takes a bag limit of salmon from Fish Creek may not fish for any species of fish in waters open to salmon fishing on that same day.
- From the ADF&G markers ¼ mile upstream from the Knik-Goose Bay Rd., upstream to ADF&G markers located ¼ mile upstream of the Lewis Rd. bridge, the Fish Creek drainage is **closed year-round to all fishing**.
- Fish Creek drainage flowing waters upstream from the ADF&G markers ¼ mile upstream of the Lewis Rd. bridge, including Meadow Creek, are **closed year-round to fishing for salmon**. Open season for other species is June 15–April 14.
- Fish Creek drainage lakes (**INCLUDING BIG LAKE**) are **closed year-round to fishing for salmon**.
- In **Big Lake**, only one unbaited, **single-hook**, artificial lure is allowed Nov. 1–April 30, including fishing for burbot.
- **Big Lake** Arctic char/Dolly Varden daily limits: 1 per day/1 in possession, must be 20" or longer. Burbot daily limits: 2 per day/2 in possession. **Closed to the retention of burbot March 15–April 30.**
- In **Big Lake**, when fishing through the ice, anglers may use two lines, but each line may have only one single hook.

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KNIK ARM EXCEPTIONS (*cont'd*) . . .

Eklutna Tailrace

- Eklutna Tailrace, and all waters within a ½-mile radius of its confluence with the Knik River, and to an ADF&G marker located 2 miles downstream of the confluence is open to fishing for king salmon from Jan. 1–Dec. 31. Once you have retained a king salmon 20" or longer, you may no longer fish in any waters open to king salmon fishing on that same day. The daily limit for king salmon 20" or longer is 1 per day/1 in possession; less than 20" is 10 per day/10 in possession.
- In the Eklutna Tailrace, daily limits for salmon 16" or longer (**except king salmon**) are 3 per day/3 in possession, all 3 may be coho (silver) salmon.

Flathorn, Figure Eight, Anderson, Memory, and Prator lakes

- Sport fishing through the ice for northern pike is allowed using 5 lines, provided standard ice-fishing gear is used, the fishing gear is closely attended, and all other fish caught are released immediately. Anglers may use 2 hooks on a single line, provided that both hooks are attached to one single piece of bait.

Jim Creek

- Upper Jim Creek (upstream of Leaf Lake), Jim Lake, and McRoberts Creek are **closed year-round to all salmon fishing**.
- Daily limits are the same as shown under general seasons and limits on page 34.

Johnson Lake (near Palmer) — Closed year-round to all fishing.

The Little Susitna River drainage

- After taking a king salmon 20" or longer, a person may not fish on that same day anywhere in waters open to king salmon fishing.
- A person who takes a bag limit of other salmon 16" or longer from the Little Susitna River downstream of the ADF&G marker at river mile 32.5 may not fish for any species of fish in the Little Susitna River that same day.
- In waters open to king salmon fishing, no fishing is allowed between 11:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. May 15–July 13.
- A coho salmon removed from the water shall be retained. No person may remove from the water a coho salmon he/she intends to release.

Little Susitna River flowing waters, from its mouth upstream to the Parks Highway:

- Open season for all species (**except king salmon**) is year-round.
- Only unbaited, artificial lures are allowed Oct. 1–Aug. 5. Bait is allowed Aug. 6–Sept. 30.
- Open season for king salmon is January 1–July 13. The daily limit for king salmon 20" or longer is 1 per day/1 in possession; less than 20" is 10 per day/10 in possession.
- *NO RETENTION of rainbow/steelhead trout is allowed April 15–June 14.*
- Nancy Lake Creek drainage, upstream of an ADF&G marker about ¼ mile upstream of its confluence with the Little Susitna River, is **closed to all salmon fishing**, including catch-and-release.

Little Susitna River flowing waters upstream of the Parks Highway:

- **Closed year-round to all salmon fishing.**
- Open season for other species is June 15–April 14.
- Only one unbaited, **single-hook**, artificial lure is allowed.

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Long Lake (Kepler-Bradley Complex)

- Open season is May 1–Oct. 31. Only one unbaited, **single-hook**, artificial lure is allowed.
- *NO RETENTION OF RAINBOW TROUT ALLOWED.*

Nancy Lake Recreation Area lakes

- Nancy Lake is **closed year-round to burbot fishing**.
- Sport fishing through the ice for northern pike is allowed using 5 lines in all Alaska State Parks' Nancy Lake Recreation Area lakes *except* Nancy Lake, provided standard ice-fishing gear is used, the fishing gear is closely attended, and all other species of fish caught are released immediately. Anglers may use 2 hooks on a single line, provided both hooks are attached to one single piece of bait.

Wasilla Creek drainage, including Rabbit Slough

- Wasilla Creek is **closed year-round to all fishing** 300 ft downstream and 300 ft upstream of Palmer-Fishhook Rd.
- From its mouth upstream to the Alaska Railroad bridge, including lakes and ponds, open season for all species except king salmon is June 15–April 14, but fishing is allowed only on Saturdays and Sundays and only between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.
- Upstream of the Alaska Railroad bridge—**closed to all salmon fishing**.
- A person who takes a bag limit of salmon from the Wasilla Creek drainage (including Rabbit Slough) may not fish for any species of fish in waters open to salmon fishing on that same day.
- Motorized watercraft may not be used on Wasilla Creek on Saturdays and Sundays, July 15–August 15.

Wishbone Lake (near Sutton)

- Open season is May 1–Oct. 31. Only one unbaited, **single-hook**, artificial lure is allowed.
- *NO RETENTION OF RAINBOW TROUT ALLOWED.*

Wolverine Lake drainage (near Palmer)

- From its confluence with Wolverine Creek upstream to and including Wolverine Lake, open season is June 15–April 14. □

In the Knik Arm drainage,
fishing for anadromous king salmon
is not allowed, except in the Little Susitna
River and the Eklutna Tailrace.