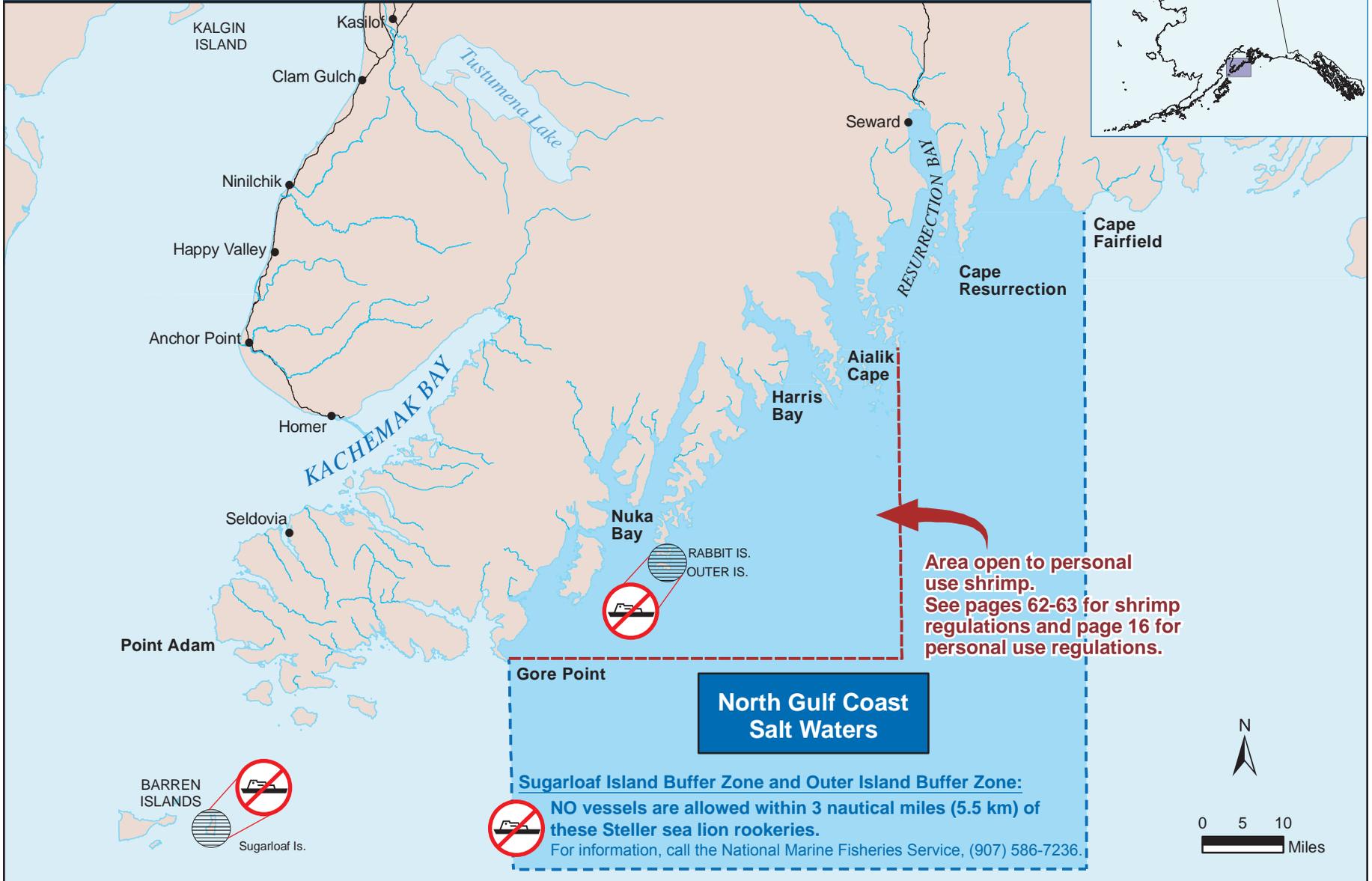
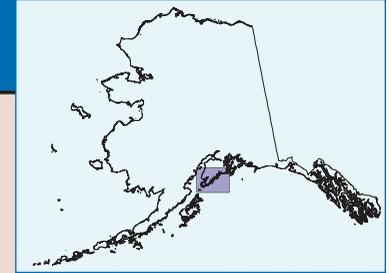
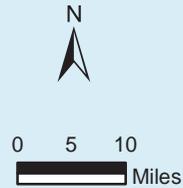


# NORTH GULF COAST—SALT WATERS AND FRESH WATERS



**Sugarloaf Island Buffer Zone and Outer Island Buffer Zone:**  
**NO vessels are allowed within 3 nautical miles (5.5 km) of these Steller sea lion rookeries.**  
 For information, call the National Marine Fisheries Service, (907) 586-7236.

**Area open to personal use shrimp.**  
 See pages 62-63 for shrimp regulations and page 16 for personal use regulations.



# NORTH GULF COAST SALT WATERS

**Snagging:** Snagging is legal in salt water, unless prohibited by area regulations.

**Underwater spear:** In salt water, spears may be used to take fish, subject to applicable seasons and bag limits, by persons who are completely submerged.

**Sport fishing gear for herring and smelt:** In salt water, herring and smelt may be taken with the use of 15 or fewer unbaited single or multiple hooks attached to a single line.

## Halibut in North Gulf Coast salt waters

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

### Federal halibut regulations are available from:

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| NOAA Fisheries Alaska Region<br>(907) 586-7225<br><a href="http://www.fakr.noaa.gov">http://www.fakr.noaa.gov</a> | International Pacific Halibut Commission<br>(206) 634-1838<br><a href="http://www.iphc.washington.edu/halcom/sport.htm">http://www.iphc.washington.edu/halcom/sport.htm</a> |
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## Lingcod

Lingcod which are gaffed must be retained. A gaff may not be used to puncture any fish intended or required to be released.

## Sharks

### Annual harvest limit and recording requirement:

The annual harvest limit is 2 sharks per person, and these harvested fish *must* be recorded. See page 15.

**Sharks** include any species of the order Lamniformes, Squaliformes, or Carcharhiniformes, including (but not limited to) salmon sharks, Pacific sleeper sharks, and spiny dogfish (sand or mud sharks). □

There is an annual limit of 2 for **sharks** taken in all Alaska salt waters. Harvested sharks must be recorded immediately on the back of your license or on a harvest card.

## GENERAL SEASONS AND LIMITS: North Gulf Coast and Resurrection Bay salt waters

**INCLUSIVE WATERS:** Salt waters within 200 miles of shore from the longitude of Gore Point to the longitude of Cape Fairfield, including Resurrection Bay (see map on page 56).

| Species                 | Open season  | Daily limits  |
|-------------------------|--|---|
| King salmon             | entire year<br>☛ but see exceptions below  | 1 per day/1 in possession   |
| Other salmon            | entire year<br>☛ only 3 per day/3 in possession may be coho (silver) salmon<br>☛ but see Resurrection Bay exception below  | 6 per day/6 in possession   |
| Rainbow/steelhead trout | entire year  | 1 per day/1 in possession   |
| — 20" or longer         |  | 1 per day/1 in possession   |
| — less than 20"         |  | no bag or possession limit  |
| Lingcod                 | July 1–Dec. 31<br>☛ minimum of 35" long with head attached, or 28" from tip of tail to front of dorsal fin with head removed<br>☛ but see Resurrection Bay exception below | 1 per day/1 in possession   |
| Rockfishes              | entire year  | 4 per day/8 in possession<br>☛ only 1 per day/2 in possession may be non-pelagic (see chart on page 10) |
| Dolly Varden            | entire year  | 5 per day/5 in possession   |
| Halibut                 | Feb. 1–Dec. 31   | 2 per day/4 in possession   |
| Sharks                  | entire year  | 1 per day/1 in possession   |
| Other finfish           | entire year  | no bag or possession limit  |
| Shellfish               | see page 63 for seasons and limits   |   |

## NORTH GULF COAST SALT WATERS EXCEPTION:

### Resurrection Bay: North of a line from Aialik Cape to Cape Resurrection

- A person may possess only the limit of fish allowed for the water on which that person is fishing (see page 4). For example, possession of more than 3 coho salmon outside Resurrection Bay (south of a line from Aialik Cape to Cape Resurrection) exceeds the North Gulf Coast salt waters possession limit for this species. It is illegal to fish for any species in these waters with more than 3 coho salmon in your possession.
- **Lingcod** fishing is prohibited year-round. Lingcod caught accidentally must be released immediately. **You cannot legally fish for any species of fish inside Resurrection Bay if you possess a lingcod taken elsewhere.**
- There is no annual or seasonal king salmon limit in effect, and there is no king salmon harvest recording requirement.
- From May 1–Aug. 31 the limit for king salmon is 2 per day, 2 in possession.
- The limit for salmon other than king salmon is 6 per day, 6 in possession. **All 6 may be coho (silver) salmon.** □

## FRESH WATERS of the NORTH GULF COAST, including RESURRECTION BAY

**GENERAL SEASONS AND LIMITS:** North Gulf Coast fresh waters

**INCLUSIVE WATERS:** All fresh waters between Gore Point and Cape Fairfield.

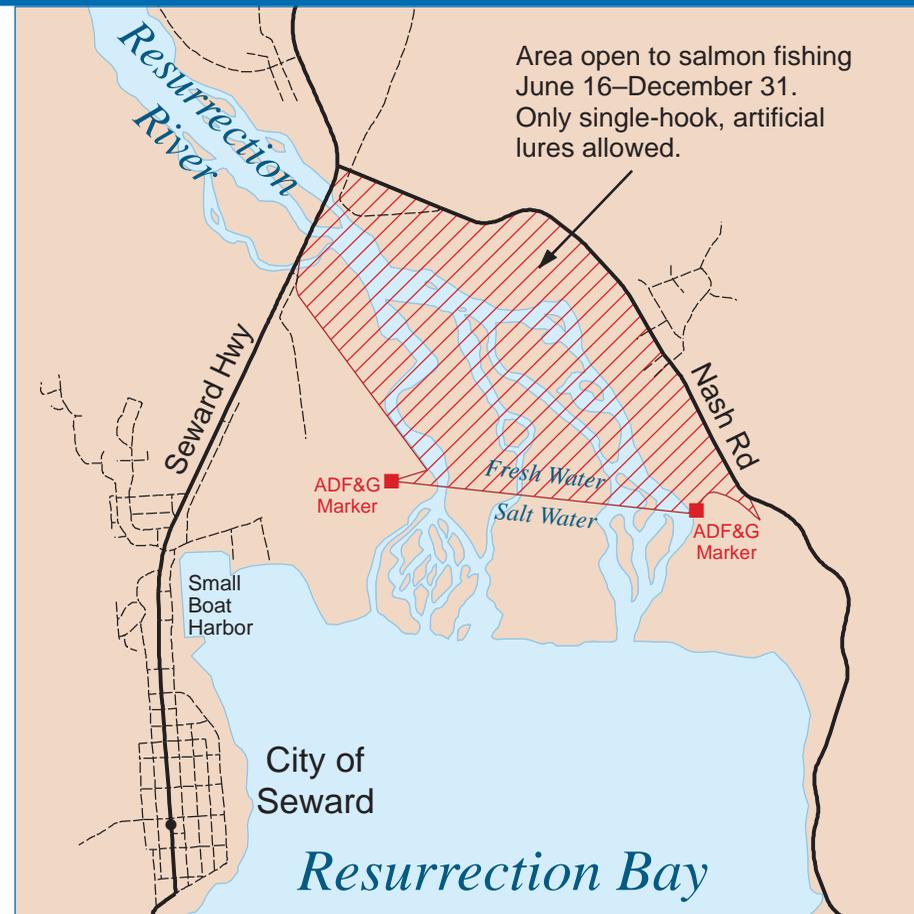
- In all flowing waters, only unbaited, artificial lures are allowed Sept. 1–Dec. 31.
- Snagging is prohibited in fresh waters.
- There is an annual limit of two rainbow/steelhead trout, 20" or greater in length, and a harvest record is required. (See page 15.)

| Species   | Open season            | Daily limits  |
|---|------------------------|---|
| King salmon                                     | CLOSED                 |   |
| Other salmon 16" or longer                      | open<br>entire<br>year | 3 per day/3 in possession<br>only 2 per day/2 in possession may be coho (silver) salmon<br>← but see Resurrection Bay drainages exception below |
| Other salmon less than 16"                      |                        | 10 per day/10 in possession   |
| Rainbow/steelhead trout:<br>–in flowing waters  |                        | 2 per day/2 in possession<br>only 1 (one) fish 20" or longer  |
| –in lakes and ponds                             |                        | 5 per day/5 in possession<br>only 1 (one) fish 20" or longer  |
| Arctic char/Dolly Varden:<br>–in flowing waters |                        | 2 per day/2 in possession   |
| –in lakes and ponds                             |                        | 5 per day/5 in possession   |
| Arctic grayling                                 |                        | 5 per day/5 in possession   |
| Lake trout:<br>–20" or longer                   |                        | 2 per day/2 in possession   |
| –less than 20"                                  |                        | 10 per day/10 in possession   |
| Other finfish                                   |                        | 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):

**Resurrection Bay fresh waters: All flowing waters and all lakes and ponds north of a line between Cape Resurrection and Aialik Cape, and south of Mile 12, Seward Highway**

- Resurrection Bay fresh waters are **closed year-round** to fishing for all salmon **except** the waters of Resurrection River downstream of the Seward Highway and Nash Road. In these waters, open season for salmon (other than king salmon) is June 16–Dec. 31. Limit is 3 salmon per day, 3 in possession, of which only 2 may be coho salmon. Only unbaited, single-hook, artificial lures are allowed.



**Seward Area “Youth-Only” Fisheries: Only open to anglers 15 years of age or younger.**

- In the waters of First Lake, located in Seward, four consecutive days beginning the third Thursday in May (May 20–23, 2010).
- The Seward Lagoon and lagoon outfall stream are open to king salmon fishing the third weekend of June (June 18–20, 2010) and the second weekend in July (July 9–11, 2010). It is open to coho salmon fishing the last weekend of August (August 27–29, 2010) and the first weekend in September (September 3–5, 2010). Single-hook, artificial lures and bait are legal. The bag and possession limit is two fish.
- The waters of the Seward Lagoon and outfall stream remain closed to all fishing the remainder of the year and closed to fishing for other species during these youth-only fisheries. □