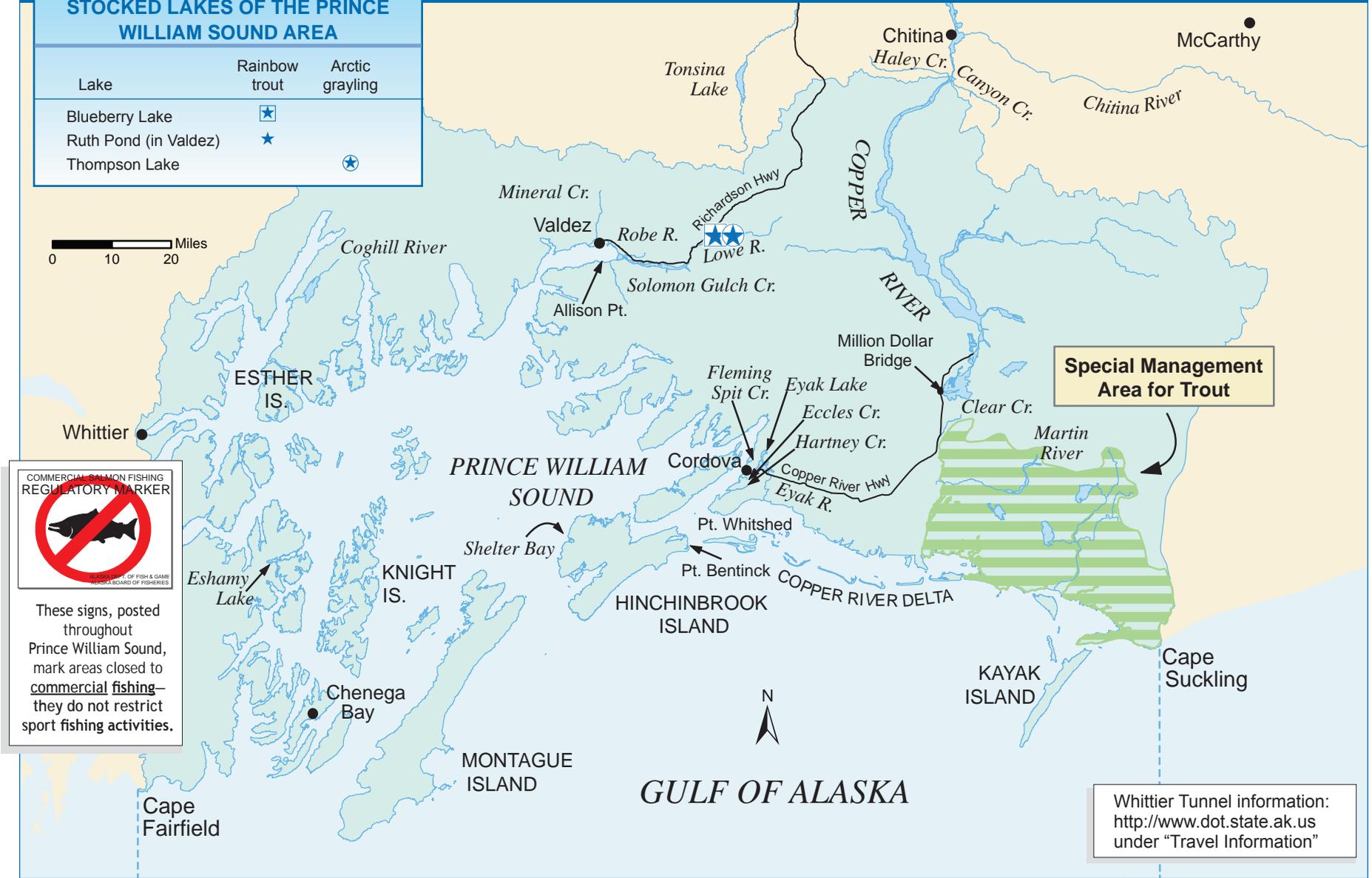
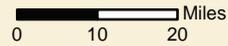


PRINCE WILLIAM SOUND—SALT WATERS AND FRESH WATERS

STOCKED LAKES OF THE PRINCE WILLIAM SOUND AREA

Lake	Rainbow trout	Arctic grayling
Blueberry Lake	★	
Ruth Pond (in Valdez)	★	
Thompson Lake		★



These signs, posted throughout Prince William Sound, mark areas closed to commercial fishing—they do not restrict sport fishing activities.

Special Management Area for Trout

Whittier Tunnel information:
<http://www.dot.state.ak.us>
 under "Travel Information"

PRINCE WILLIAM SOUND SALT WATERS (map on page 59)

Snagging: Except for the Cordova area, Eshamy Lagoon, and the Whittier Small Boat Harbor, snagging is legal year-round in Prince William Sound salt waters.

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 less unbaited single or multiple hooks attached to a single line.

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

Halibut in Prince William Sound 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 **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>.

Rockfish—The first two non-pelagic rockfish caught must be retained. (See page 10 for a rockfish identification chart.)

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.

Salmon—Pink and chum salmon taken in a sport fishery may be used as bait, but are part of your bag limit.

GENERAL SEASONS AND LIMITS: Prince William Sound salt waters

INCLUSIVE WATERS: Salt waters within 200 miles of shore from Cape Suckling to Cape Fairfield (see exceptions below).

- Salt waters inside ADF&G markers 100 ft seaward of the Esther Island brood stock holding facility are **closed to all sport fishing year-round**.

Species	Open season	Daily limits
King salmon	entire year	2 per day/4 in possession, <i>no size limit</i>
Other salmon, no size limit	entire year	6 per day/12 in possession <i>only 3 per day/3 in possession may be coho (silver) salmon</i>
Lingcod	July 1–Dec. 31	2 per day/4 in possession <i>minimum 35" long with head attached, or 28" or greater in length with head removed</i>
Rockfishes	May 1–Sept. 15 Sept. 16–April 30	4 per day/8 in possession <i>only 2 per day/2 in possession may be non-pelagic (see chart on page 10)</i> 8 per day/8 in possession <i>only 2 per day/2 in possession may be non-pelagic (see chart on page 10)</i> <i>The first two non-pelagic rockfish caught must be retained.</i>
Rainbow/steelhead and cutthroat trout	June 15–April 14	2 per day/2 in possession <i>only 1 over 20"</i>
Arctic char/Dolly Varden	entire year	10 per day/10 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

PRINCE WILLIAM SOUND SALT WATER EXCEPTIONS:

Eshamy Lagoon

- Daily bag and possession limits for salmon, **except king salmon**, are 6 per day/12 in possession, of which only 3 per day/6 in possession may be sockeye salmon, and only 3 per day/3 in possession may be coho salmon, no size limit.
- Eshamy Lagoon is closed to snagging inside ADF&G markers on the lagoon shore (about ½ mile on either side of the ADF&G cabin) until ADF&G announces the escapement goal will be met.

Shelter Bay

- Daily bag and possession limits for salmon, **except king salmon**, are 6 per day/12 in possession, of which only 1 may be a coho (silver) salmon, no size limit. Daily limits for other species remain the same as Prince William Sound saltwater general seasons and limits at left.

Prince William Sound “terminal harvest areas” and bag limits for coho (silver) salmon

- In the following terminal harvest areas, the bag and possession limits for salmon, **except king salmon**, are 6 per day/12 in possession, regardless of species:
 - CORDOVA**—all marine waters north of a line from Odiak Slough to Stump Point, and south of a line from Orca Cannery to Knot Point. These waters, including Flemming Spit lagoon, are also closed to snagging June 1 to Sept. 30.
 - WHITTIER**—all marine waters west of a line from Trinity Point to Gradual Point.
 - VALDEZ**—all marine waters north of a line from Point Freemantle to Rocky Point, excluding Jack, Galena, and Sawmill bays.
 - CHENEGA**—all marine waters inside the entrance of Sawmill and Crab bays (Evans Island).
- Open seasons and daily limits for other species are the same as Prince William Sound saltwater general seasons and limits at left.

Whittier Small Boat Harbor

- Closed to snagging. ❑

PRINCE WILLIAM SOUND FRESH WATERS (map on page 59)

GENERAL SEASONS AND LIMITS: Prince William Sound fresh waters

(Exceptions are listed afterward, by area)

INCLUSIVE WATERS: All fresh waters draining into Prince William Sound from Cape Fairfield to Cape Suckling, excluding the Copper River drainage upstream of a line crossing the Copper River between the south bank of the confluence of Haley Creek and the south bank of the confluence of Canyon Creek in Wood's Canyon.

- Only unbaited, artificial lures are allowed April 15–June 14.
- All fresh waters are closed to snagging.
- There is an annual limit of two rainbow/steelhead trout, 20" or greater in length, and a harvest record is required. (See page 15.)
- There is no annual limit or recording requirement for king salmon.

Species	Open season	Daily limits
King salmon 20" or longer	open entire year	2 per day/4 in possession
King salmon less than 20"		10 per day/10 in possession
Other salmon, no size limit		6 per day/12 in possession <i>only 3 per day/3 in possession may be coho (silver) salmon</i>
Rainbow/steelhead and cutthroat trout	June 15–April 14	2 per day/2 in possession <i>only 1 over 20"</i>
–in stocked lakes	open entire year	5 per day/10 in possession
Arctic char/Dolly Varden		10 per day/10 in possession
Arctic grayling		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):

Cordova Area fresh waters: Copper River Highway streams

INCLUSIVE WATERS: All freshwater drainages crossed by the Copper River Highway from and including Eyak River to the Million Dollar Bridge, including Clear Creek (Mile 42) and excluding the Martin River.

- In these waters, the daily limit for salmon (**except king salmon**) is 3 per day/3 in possession, no size limit. King salmon limits are the same as under general limits, above.
- A coho salmon that is removed from the water must be retained and becomes part of the daily bag limit of the person who originally hooked the fish. A person may not remove a coho salmon from the water before releasing it.

CLEAR CREEK (Mile 42, Copper River Highway):

- Upstream of the Carbon Mountain Road bridge, Clear Creek is **closed year-round to all salmon fishing**.

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- Downstream of the Carbon Mountain Road bridge, the daily limit for salmon (except king salmon) is 3 per day/3 in possession. King salmon limits are listed under general limits.

ECCLES CREEK (Whitshed Road), EYAK LAKE and tributaries, and HARTNEY CREEK (upstream from Whitshed Road):

- **Closed year-round to all salmon fishing.**

EYAK RIVER—from a point 200 yd upstream from Eyak Lake dam to a point 200 yd downstream from the bridge at the outlet of Eyak Lake:

- In these waters, during June 1–September 30, only single-hook, artificial flies with a hook gap of 3/4 inch or less between point and shank are allowed. No additional weight may be attached to the line.
- Daily limit for salmon (**except king salmon**): 3 per day/3 in possession, no size limit.

FLEMING SPIT LAGOON AND CREEK:

- See General Seasons and Limits for salt water, page 60.

COPPER RIVER DELTA SPECIAL MANAGEMENT AREA FOR TROUT:

In all fresh waters draining into the Gulf of Alaska south of Miles Glacier, east of the Copper River, and west of Cape Suckling (*excluding* the Clear Creek drainage):

- Only unbaited, single-hook, artificial lures are allowed year-round.
- **NO RETENTION** of rainbow/steelhead trout or cutthroat trout is allowed year-round.

Eshamy Lake and Creek

- Daily limit for sockeye salmon is 3 per day/6 in possession, no size limit.

Johnstone Bay fresh waters

- Daily limit for salmon (**except king salmon**) is 3 per day/3 in possession, of which only 2 per day/2 in possession may be coho (silver) salmon, no size limit.

Shelter Bay fresh waters

- Daily limit for salmon (**except king salmon**) in all fresh waters draining into Shelter Bay is 6 per day/12 in possession; only 1 per day/1 in possession may be coho (silver) salmon, no size limit.

Valdez area fresh waters

INCLUSIVE WATERS: All fresh waters draining into Port Valdez inside of a line from Allison Point to Mineral Creek, including Mineral Creek, are **closed to salmon fishing**—*except*:

- **Solomon Gulch Creek**, downstream from an ADF&G marker 300 ft downstream of the VFDA weir, is open to salmon fishing under the same regulations as General Seasons and Limits for Prince William Sound Fresh Waters at left.
- **Robe River**—downstream from Richardson Highway to ADF&G markers 300 ft downstream of its confluence with the Lowe River—is a fly-fishing-only water. (See page 4 for legal gear description.) In these waters, the daily limit for salmon (**except king salmon**) is 3 per day/3 in possession: only one may be a sockeye (red) salmon, and only one may be a coho (silver) salmon, no size limit. □