

SPECIAL SOUTHCENTRAL ALASKA GUIDING REGULATIONS

GUIDES MAY NOT SPORT FISH

In all fresh waters of the **West Cook Inlet** area (map, page 20), **Susitna River drainages** (page 23), **Knik Arm** area (page 33), **Anchorage Bowl** area (page 36), and **Kasilof River** (page 43), in waters open to fishing for king salmon while a client is present or within the guide's control or responsibility, unless the guide is providing assistance to a client with a disability as defined in the Americans with Disabilities Act. This prohibition also applies to saltwater guides operating in the **Early Run King Salmon Special Harvest Area** (page 14) from April 1 to June 30.

In the **Kenai River**, from January 1—December 31 a guide may not fish from a registered guide vessel while a client is present or within the guide's control or responsibility, unless the guide is providing assistance to a client with a disability as defined in the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Guide Vessel Decal and Registration Number

- All sport charter vessels used in guided recreational taking of fish in freshwater or saltwater or shellfish must have its current Division of Motor Vehicles boat registration number and its ADF&G sport fishing guide vessel decal with a current year renewal sticker displayed in plain view on each side of the vessel at all times the vessel is engaged in sport fish guide services.

Kasilof River: January 1–July 31

- In the Kasilof River downstream of the Sterling Highway bridge, a person may not sport fish from a registered guide vessel on any Sunday in July.
- During any one day, a fishing guide may guide only that client or group of clients initially guided by the fishing guide that day; different or additional clients may not be guided.

The Kenai River

ALASKA STATE PARKS AND ADF&G DUAL REGISTRATION REQUIRED

- Before guiding sport anglers on the Kenai River, each guide and vessel must license annually with ADF&G and register with the Soldotna office of the Alaska State Parks.
- Each guide boat shall also be identified by Alaska State Parks Kenai River guide stickers securely affixed on top of the ADF&G sport fishing guide decal and in the area on the ADF&G decal designated for the current year sticker. The current Alaska State Parks guide sticker may not be covered or obstructed. The guide sticker and ADF&G decal shall be displayed on both sides of the vessel, just aft of the midpoint and directly forward of the assigned 3-digit guide vessel number. The Alaska State Parks guide vessel number is to be permanently displayed in 6" high (minimum) block style numerals in a color that contrasts to the color of the vessel hull.
- Businesses may not provide guides, boat operators, or boats for rent to anglers unless the guides, boat operators, and boats are licensed and registered as described above.
- It is unlawful for a sport angler or a third party to contract with an individual for the purpose of operating a boat and/or guiding unless the individual employed is licensed and registered as described above.



Please be considerate of fellow anglers who are disabled.

Spaces marked by this symbol offer safe access to rivers and streams. Ethical anglers will respect these designated spaces.

ADF&G REGULATIONS ON GUIDED FISHING ON THE KENAI RIVER

THE FOLLOWING REGULATIONS APPLY TO FISHING FROM **GUIDE BOATS**:

Downstream from the outlet of Skilak Lake:

- In May, June, and July fishing is allowed only from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- In May, June, and July fishing is not allowed on Sundays or Mondays (except Memorial Day).
- In July, guide boats may carry no more than 5 persons, including the guide, clients, and other passengers.

From January 1 – December 31:

- Guides may not sport fish while a client is present or within the guide's control or responsibility, unless the guide is providing assistance to a client with a disability as defined in the Americans with Disabilities Act.
- The maximum number of fishing rods operated may not exceed the number of clients on board the vessel.

From August 1 – November 30:

- Downstream from the confluence of the Moose and Kenai rivers, fishing is prohibited from a guide vessel on Mondays.
- Upstream from the confluence of the Moose and Kenai rivers, fishing for **coho salmon** from a guide vessel is prohibited on Mondays. Any coho salmon caught must immediately be released. □