

SUSITNA RIVER DRAINAGES: Units 1-6

SPECIAL AREAWIDE REGULATIONS

◆ Rainbow Trout Special Management Waters ◆

In most rainbow trout catch-and-release waters, and in trophy rainbow trout waters (see page 29), only one unbaited, single-hook, artificial lure is allowed.

Catch-and-release-only waters—where rainbow trout may **not** be retained:

- Flowing waters of the Dëshka River drainage upstream of the Kroto Creek/Moose Creek forks
- Flowing waters of Alexander Creek
- Flowing waters of Lake Creek, upstream of ADF&G markers ¼ mile upstream of Bulchitna Lake
- Talachulitna River drainage and all waters within a ¼-mile radius of its confluence with the Skwentna River
- North Fork of the Kashwitna River
- Montana Creek drainage
- Willow Creek downstream of the Parks Highway
- Fish Creek in the Clear Creek/Talkeetna River drainage
- Prairie Creek in the Talkeetna River drainage
- X Lake near the community of Talkeetna
- Long Lake in the Kepler-Bradley lakes complex
- Wishbone Lake near the community of Sutton
- Canyon Creek

Burbot Fishing



In all waters except trophy rainbow trout waters and rainbow trout catch-and-release waters, and in Big Lake, **bait** is allowed while fishing for burbot, and burbot may be taken with more than one line and hook only if:

- The total number of aggregate hooks does not exceed the daily bag limit for burbot in the water being fished;
- The hooks are single hooks with a gap between point and shank larger than ¼ inch;
- Each hook is set to rest on the bottom of the lake or stream; and
- The burbot fishing gear is closely attended by the angler, except in flowing waters of the Susitna and Yentna rivers, where lines must be tended at least once each 24 hours.
- When fishing for burbot, all other fish caught must be released immediately.
- See also “Sport fishing gear for burbot,” page 4.

Northern Pike

Special regulations for northern pike gear are described on page 15. Be sure to check these regulations for legal gear in the waters you plan to fish. □

ADF&G's Trophy Fish Program. . .

Alaska State Trophy Fish Recordholders

Species	Min. wt.	Lbs/oz	Year	Location	Angler
Arctic char/ Dolly Varden	10 lb	27/6	2002	Wulik River	Mike Curtiss
Brook trout	3 lb	<i>(species added in 1995—no entries to date)</i>			
Burbot	8 lb	24/12	1976	Lake Louise	George R. Howard
King salmon	<i>(see below)</i>	97/4	1985	Kenai River	Lester Anderson
Chum salmon	15 lb	32/0	1985	Caamano Point	Fredrick Thynes
Coho salmon	20 lb	26/0	1976	Icy Strait	Andrew Robbins
Cutthroat trout	3 lb	8/6	1977	Wilson Lake	Robert Denison
Grayling	3 lb	5/1	2008	Fish River	Peter Cockwill
Halibut	250 lb	459/0	1996	Unalaska Bay	Jack Tragis
Lake trout	20 lb	47/0	1970	Clarence Lake	Daniel Thorsness
Lingcod	55 lb	81/6	2002	Monty Island	Charles Curny
Northern pike	15 lb	38/8	1991	Innoko River	Jack Wagner
Pink salmon	8 lb	12/9	1974	Moose River	Steven A. Lee
Rainbow/ steelhead trout	15 lb	42/3	1970	Bell Island	David White
Rockfish	18 lb	38/11	2001	Pr. William Sound	Rosemary Roberts
Sheefish	30 lb	53/0	1986	Pah River	Lawrence E. Hudnall
Sockeye salmon	12 lb	16/0	1974	Kenai River	Chuck Leach
Whitefish	4 lb	9/0	1989	Tozitna River	Al Mathews

• King salmon minimum weight for the Kenai River is 75 lb. For the rest of the state, it is 50 lb.

Anglers have been participating since the 1960s in the ADF&G Trophy Fish Program, which gives special recognition to anglers taking fish that meet minimum weight (trophy certificates) or length standards (catch-and-release certificates) within a species. Trophy fish for both certificates must be legally caught from waters open to the public, in compliance with current ADF&G sport fishing regulations.

Minimum weights for trophy fish certificates are listed on the table above (second column). Entries must be weighed in the presence of witnesses and a Trophy Fish Official, on a scale currently certified by the Division of Weights

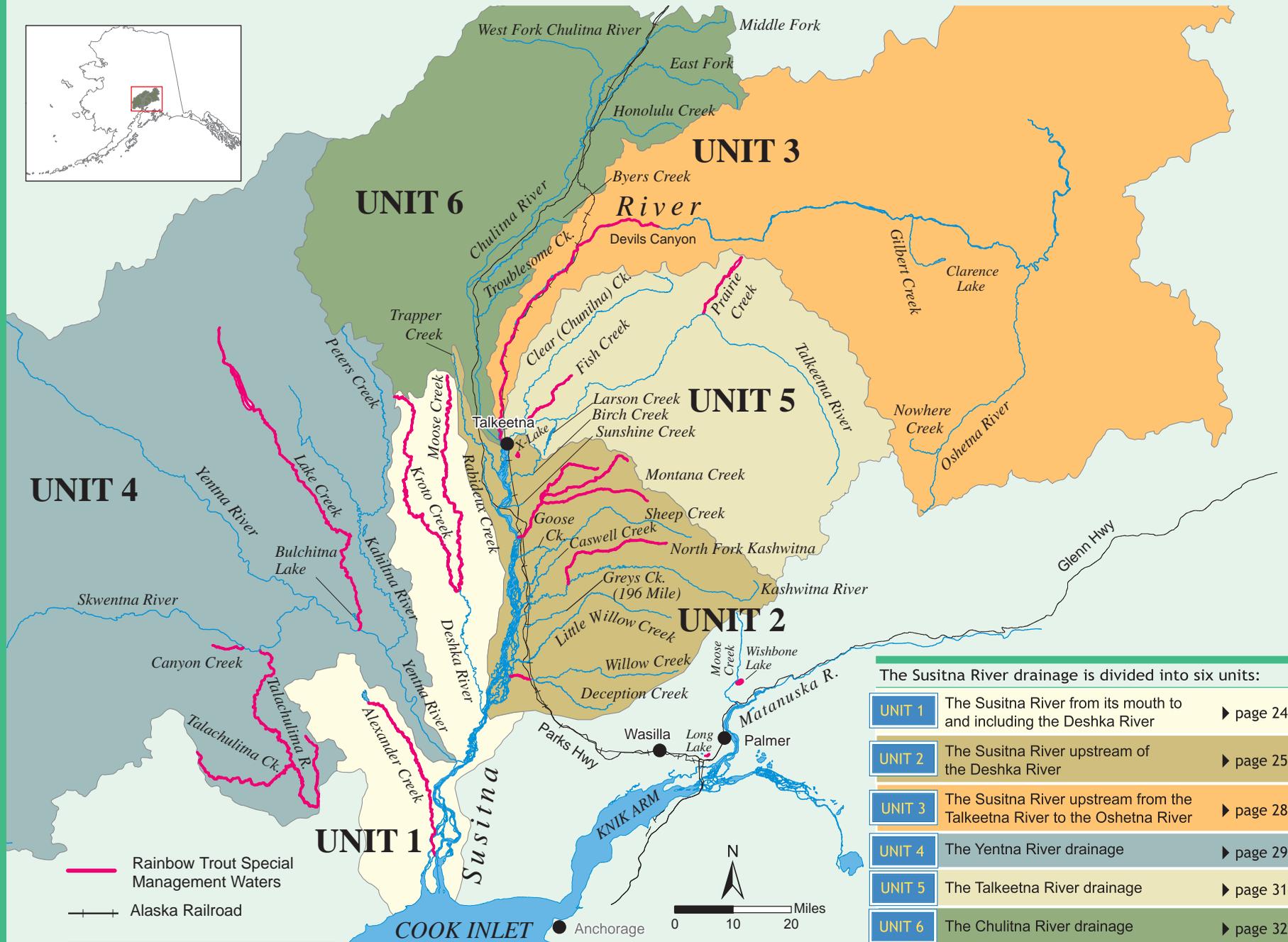
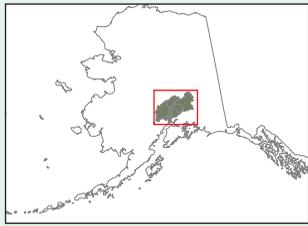
and Measures. **At least one witness is mandatory, as is a photograph.**

For catch-and-release honorary certificates, do not remove your fish from the water. Hold it just at the water's surface while a photograph is quickly taken, then release it into the current.

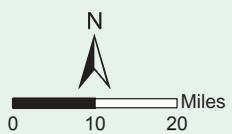
Minimum lengths for catch-and-release honorary certificates: *Arctic char/Dolly Varden*, 30 inches; *Arctic grayling*, 18 inches; *brook trout*, 20 inches; *cutthroat trout*, 20 inches; *lake trout*, 36 inches; *lingcod*, 53 inches; *northern pike*, 40 inches; *rainbow/steelhead*, 32 inches; *sheefish*, 45 inches.

Affidavit forms and complete program rules are available at most ADF&G offices, and you can also download them from our website:

www.sf.adfg.state.ak.us/Trophy/



 Rainbow Trout Special Management Waters
 Alaska Railroad



The Susitna River drainage is divided into six units:

UNIT 1	The Susitna River from its mouth to and including the Deshka River	▶ page 24
UNIT 2	The Susitna River upstream of the Deshka River	▶ page 25
UNIT 3	The Susitna River upstream from the Talkeetna River to the Oshetna River	▶ page 28
UNIT 4	The Yentna River drainage	▶ page 29
UNIT 5	The Talkeetna River drainage	▶ page 31
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GENERAL SEASONS AND LIMITS: Susitna River

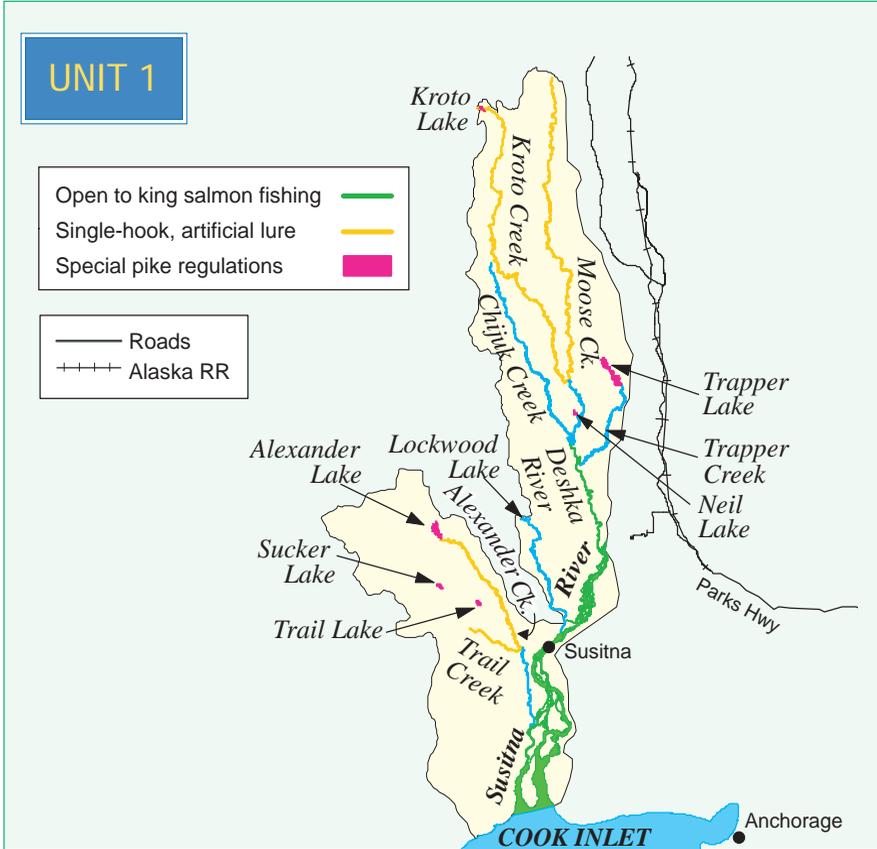
UNIT 1

(Exceptions are listed afterward, by area)

INCLUSIVE WATERS: From the mouth of the Susitna River upstream to its confluence with the Deshka River (including the Deshka River drainage, but *excluding* the Yentna River drainage)—the waters of the Susitna River and its westside tributaries, and all eastside waters within ½ mile of the Susitna River.

- From September 1 through July 13, only unbaited, artificial lures are allowed in the flowing waters of the Susitna River drainage from its mouth upstream to its confluence with the Deshka River.
- In waters open to king salmon fishing, **including the Deshka River**, fishing is not allowed between 11:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. May 15–July 13.

Species	Open season	Daily limits
King salmon – in all flowing waters, lakes, and ponds draining into the west side of the Susitna, and in all waters draining into the east side of the Susitna within ½ mile of the Susitna River		
20" or longer	January 1–July 13	1 per day/2 in possession
Less than 20"		10 per day/10 in possession
–in all waters draining into the east side of the Susitna more than ½ mile from the Susitna	CLOSED	
Other salmon 16" or longer	open entire year	3 per day/6 in possession
Other salmon less than 16"		10 per day/10 in possession
Rainbow/steelhead trout:		
–in flowing waters	June 15–April 14	2 per day/2 in possession <i>only 1 (one) fish 20" or longer</i>
	April 15–June 14	NO RETENTION
–in lakes and ponds	open entire year	2 per day/2 in possession <i>only 1 (one) fish 20" or longer</i>
Arctic char/Dolly Varden		5 per day/5 in possession <i>only 1 (one) fish over 12" long</i>
Arctic grayling		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



UNIT 1 EXCEPTIONS (if an individual drainage or species is not listed below, then the general seasons and limits shown at left apply):

- Alexander Creek drainage** (includes Alexander Lake)
- **Alexander Creek and all waters within a ½-mile radius of the stream's confluence with the Susitna River are closed year-round to king salmon fishing.**
 - In all flowing waters upstream of ADF&G markers 400 yd upstream from its confluence with Trail Creek, only one unbaited, **single-hook**, artificial lure is allowed year-round.
 - In all flowing waters, *no retention of rainbow/steelhead trout, Arctic char/Dolly Varden, or Arctic grayling is allowed.* Open season for these species is entire year.

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UNIT 1 EXCEPTIONS (cont'd) . . .

Alexander Creek drainage, cont'd

- The bag and possession limit for other salmon 16" or longer is 3 per day/6 in possession only 2 per day/4 in possession may be coho (silver) salmon.
- In Alexander Lake, the bag and possession limit for northern pike is: less than 27" in length—no bag limit; 27" or longer—1 per day/1 in possession.
- Spears or bow and arrow are not allowed for taking northern pike in Alexander Lake.
- In Alexander Lake and Alexander Creek, 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.

Deshka River drainage

- In flowing waters of the Deshka River drainage upstream of the forks at Moose/Kroto creeks, only one unbaited, **single-hook**, artificial lure is allowed year-round. In all other flowing waters (except as listed below), only unbaited, artificial lures are allowed September 1–July 13.
- The Deshka River drainage, from its mouth upstream approximately 17 miles to ADF&G markers near Chijuk Creek, and all waters within a 1/2-mile radius of the Deshka's confluence with the Susitna River, is open to fishing for king salmon January 1–July 13. The remainder of the drainage is **closed year-round to fishing for king salmon**.
- In the Deshka River drainage, from its mouth upstream approximately 17 miles to ADF&G markers near Chijuk Creek, and all waters within a 1/2-mile radius of the Deshka's confluence with the Susitna River, only unbaited, artificial lures are allowed September 1–May 14. **Bait is allowed May 15–August 31.**
- In waters open to king salmon fishing, fishing is not allowed between 11:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. May 15–July 13.
- After taking a king salmon 20" or longer, a person may not fish for king salmon on that same day.
- In all flowing waters upstream of the forks at Moose/Kroto creeks, **NO RETENTION OF RAINBOW TROUT IS ALLOWED.**

Alexander, Trapper, Sucker, Neil, Trail, and Kroto lakes, Alexander Creek, and Fish creeks (both lower Susitna River and Kroto Slough), and Witsoe Creek

- 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.



GENERAL SEASONS AND LIMITS: Susitna River

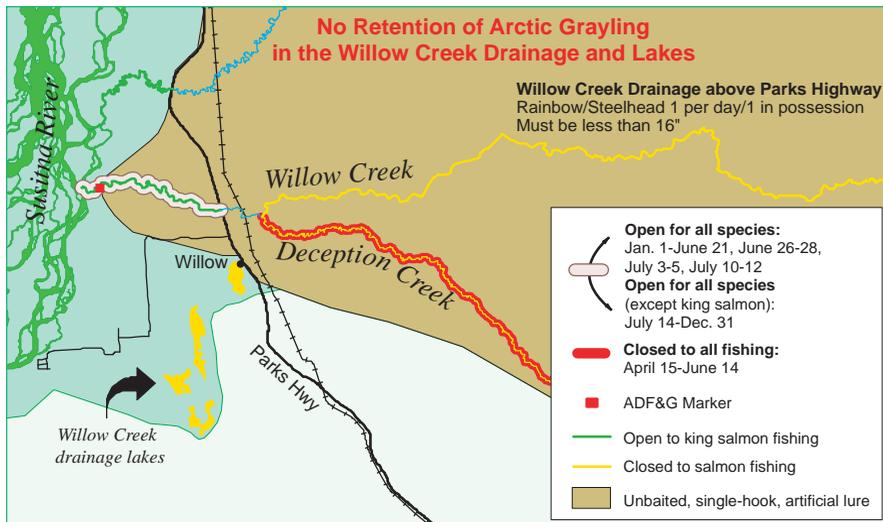
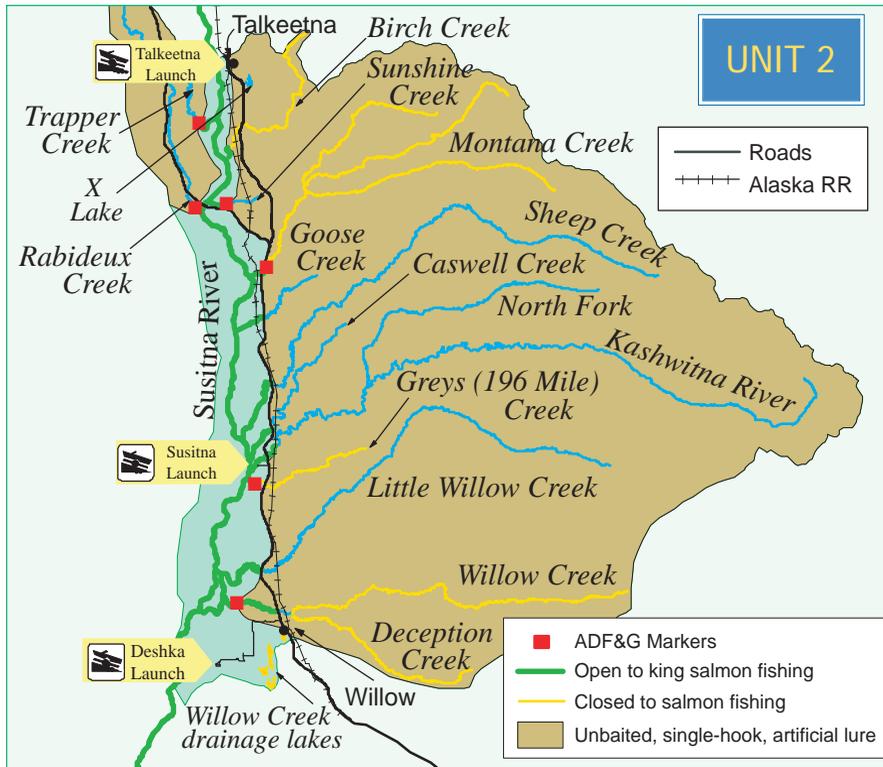
UNIT 2

(Exceptions are listed afterward, by area)

INCLUSIVE WATERS: The Susitna River drainage, from its confluence with the Deshka River, upstream to its confluence with the Talkeetna River, excluding the Talkeetna River drainage. **The lower portions of most streams crossed by the Parks Highway have exceptions to the general regulations, listed on the following pages. See map on page 26.**

- In all flowing waters of Unit 2, only one unbaited, **single-hook**, artificial lure is allowed Sept. 1–May 31, and only unbaited, artificial lures are allowed June 1–July 13.
- After taking a king salmon 20" or longer, a person may not fish for any species of fish in any water open to king salmon fishing during that same day.

Species	Open season	Daily limits
King salmon	CLOSED	☛ but see 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
Other salmon less than 16" . . . . .		. . . . . 10 per day/10 in possession in combination
Salmon in stocked lakes (p. 19) . . . . .		. . . . .
Rainbow/steelhead trout:		
–in flowing waters	June 15–April 14 . . . . .	. . . . . 2 per day/2 in possession only 1 (one) fish 20" or longer
	April 15–June 14	NO RETENTION
–in stocked lakes (p.19)	open entire year	. . . . . 5 per day/5 in possession only 1 (one) fish 20" or longer
–in other lakes and ponds . . . . .		. . . . . 2 per day/2 in possession only 1 (one) fish 20" or longer
Arctic char/Dolly Varden:		
–in flowing waters and unstocked lakes and ponds	open entire year	. . . . . 5 per day/5 in possession only 1 (one) fish over 12" long
–in stocked lakes (p. 19) . . . . .		. . . . . 5 per day/5 in possession
Arctic grayling	open entire year	. . . . . 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



► The following waters of Unit 2 are closed to all fishing June 22-25, June 29-July 2, July 6-9, July 13. (See Unit 2 Exceptions below for their open seasons.)

- **Caswell Creek, Goose Creek, Little Willow Creek, Sheep Creek, and Willow Creek drainages** from their mouths upstream to the Parks Highway.
- **Kashwitna River** from its mouth upstream to the Alaska Railroad Bridge.
- **Montana Creek drainage** from its mouth upstream to an ADF&G marker ½ mile above the Parks Highway.
- **Birch Creek, Greys Creek, Rabideux Creek, Sunshine Creek, and Trapper Creek drainages** within a ¼-mile radius of the Susitna River.
- **The Susitna River**, and other flowing waters not listed above, within a ¼-mile radius of the Susitna River.

UNIT 2 EXCEPTIONS (if an individual drainage or species is not listed below, then the general seasons and limits shown on page 25 apply):

Birch Creek

FROM ITS MOUTH TO ADF&G MARKERS ¼ MILE UPSTREAM:

- This section is open to fishing for all species, including king salmon, January 1-June 21, June 26-28, July 3-5, and July 10-12. Daily limits for king salmon are: **20" or longer 1 per day/1 in possession, less than 20" 10 per day/10 in possession.** Bag/possession limits for other species follow general limits on page 25.
- This section is **closed to all fishing** June 22-25, June 29-July 2, July 6-9, and July 13.
- This section is open to fishing for all species **except** king salmon July 14-December 31, following the general limits on page 25.

UPSTREAM FROM ADF&G MARKERS ¼ MILE UPSTREAM FROM ITS MOUTH:

- This section is **closed year-round to all salmon fishing.**
- This section is open year-round to fishing for other species, following the general limits on page 25.
- Only one unbaited, **single hook**, artificial lure is allowed year-round.

Drainages of Caswell, Goose, Little Willow, and Sheep Creeks

FROM THEIR MOUTHS UPSTREAM TO THE PARKS HIGHWAY BRIDGES:

- This section of each drainage is open to fishing for all species, including king salmon, January 1-June 21, June 26-28, July 3-5, and July 10-12. Daily limits for king salmon are: **20" or longer 1 per day/1 in possession, less than 20" 10 per day/10 in possession.** Bag/possession limits for other species follow the general limits on page 25.
- This section of each drainage is **closed to all fishing** June 22-25, June 29-July 2, July 6-9, and July 13.
- This section of each drainage is open for all species except king salmon from July 14-December 31, following the general limits on page 25.

UPSTREAM OF THE PARKS HIGHWAY BRIDGES:

- This section of each drainage is open year-round, following the general seasons and limits on page 25, and only one unbaited, **single hook**, artificial lure is allowed year-round.

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UNIT 2 EXCEPTIONS (cont'd) . . .

Greys Creek

FROM ITS MOUTH TO ADF&G MARKERS ¼ MILE UPSTREAM:

- This section is open to fishing for all species, including king salmon, January 1–June 21, June 26–28, July 3–5, and July 10–12. Daily limits for king salmon are: **20" or longer 1 per day/1 in possession, less than 20" 10 per day/10 in possession.** Bag/possession limits for other species follow general limits on page 25.
- This section is **closed to all fishing** June 22–25, June 29–July 2, July 6–9, and July 13.
- This section is open to fishing for all species except king salmon from July 14–December 31, following the general seasons and limits on page 25.

UPSTREAM FROM ADF&G MARKERS ¼ MILE UPSTREAM FROM ITS MOUTH:

- This section is **closed to all fishing** April 15–June 14, and **closed year-round to fishing for salmon.**
- This section is open to fishing for all species except salmon January 1–April 14 and June 15–December 31, following the general limits on page 25.
- Upstream of the Parks Highway bridge, only one unbaited, single hook, artificial lure is allowed year-round.

Drainages of Rabideux Creek, Sunshine Creek, and Trapper Creek

FROM THEIR MOUTHS TO ADF&G MARKERS ¼ MILE UPSTREAM:

- This section of each drainage is open to fishing for all species, including king salmon, January 1–June 21, June 26–28, July 3–5, and July 10–12. Daily limits for king salmon are: **20" or longer 1 per day/1 in possession, less than 20" 10 per day/10 in possession.** Bag/possession limits for other species follow the general limits on page 25.
- This section of each drainage is **closed to all fishing** June 22–25, June 29–July 2, July 6–9, and July 13.
- This section of each drainage is open to fishing for all species (except king salmon) July 14–December 31, following the general limits on page 25.

UPSTREAM FROM ADF&G MARKERS ¼ MILE UPSTREAM FROM THEIR MOUTHS:

- This section of each drainage is open year-round following the general limits on page 25.
- In all waters of Rabideux Creek drainage upstream of the Parks Highway, only one unbaited, single hook, artificial lure is allowed year-round.
- In all waters of the Sunshine Creek drainage more than ¼ mile upstream from its mouth, only one unbaited, single hook, artificial lure is allowed year-round.
- In all waters of the Trapper Creek drainage upstream of the Susitna River Rd., only one unbaited, single hook, artificial lure is allowed year-round.

Kashwitna River drainage

FROM ITS MOUTH UPSTREAM TO THE ALASKA RAILROAD BRIDGE:

- This section is open to fishing for all species, including king salmon, January 1–June 21, June 26–28, July 3–5, and July 10–12. Daily limits for king salmon are: **20" or longer 1 per day/1 in possession, less than 20" 10 per day/10 in possession.** Bag/possession limits for other species follow general limits on page 25.
- This section is **closed to all fishing** June 22–25, June 29–July 2, July 6–9, and July 13.
- This section is open to fishing for all species (except king salmon) from July 14–December 31, following the general limits on page 25.

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Kashwitna River drainage, cont'd

UPSTREAM OF THE ALASKA RAILROAD BRIDGE:

- This section is open year-round following the general limits on page 25, **except that:**
 - In the North Fork of the Kashwitna River, and in all waters within a ¼-mile radius of its confluence with the Kashwitna River, only one unbaited, single-hook, artificial lure is allowed year-round.
 - The North Fork of the Kashwitna River, and all waters within a ¼-mile radius of its confluence with the Kashwitna River is open year-round to fishing for rainbow/steelhead trout, but **NO RETENTION of rainbow/steelhead trout is allowed year-round.**

Montana Creek drainage

FROM ITS MOUTH UPSTREAM TO ADF&G MARKERS ½ MILE ABOVE PARKS HIGHWAY:

- This section is open to fishing for all species, including king salmon, January 1–June 21, June 26–28, July 3–5, and July 10–12. Daily limits for king salmon are: **20" or longer 1 per day/1 in possession, less than 20" 10 per day/10 in possession.** Bag/possession limits for species other than king salmon, rainbow trout, and Arctic grayling follow general limits on page 25.
- This section is **closed to all fishing** June 22–25, June 29–July 2, July 6–9, and July 13.
- **NO RETENTION of rainbow trout or Arctic grayling is allowed year-round** in Montana Creek, including all waters within ½-mile radius of its confluence with the Susitna River.
- This section is open to fishing for all species (except king salmon) July 14–December 31. The bag and possession limits for species other than king salmon, rainbow trout, and Arctic grayling follow the general limits on page 25.
- Upstream of the Parks Highway, only one unbaited, single-hook, artificial lure is allowed year-round.

UPSTREAM OF ADF&G MARKERS ½ MILE ABOVE THE PARKS HIGHWAY:

- This section is **closed year-round** to fishing for salmon.
- This section is open year-round to fishing for rainbow/steelhead trout and Arctic grayling, but **NO RETENTION of rainbow/steelhead trout or Arctic grayling is allowed year-round.**
- Upstream of the Parks Highway, only one unbaited, single-hook, artificial lure is allowed year-round.

Susitna River and all flowing waters within a ¼-mile radius of the River, from its confluence with the Deshka River upstream to its confluence with the Talkeetna River

Unless otherwise included as an exception in this section, these waters are:

- open to fishing for all species, including king salmon, January 1–June 21, June 26–28, July 3–5, and July 10–12. The bag limits for king salmon are: **20" or longer 1 per day/1 in possession, less than 20" 10 per day/10 in possession.** Limits for other species follow the general seasons and limits on page 25.
- **closed to all fishing** June 22–25, June 29–July 2, July 6–9, and July 13.
- open to fishing for all species (except king salmon) from July 14–December 31, following the general seasons and limits on page 25.

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UNIT 2 EXCEPTIONS (cont'd)

Willow Creek drainage flowing waters (see map on page 26)

FROM ITS MOUTH UPSTREAM TO THE PARKS HIGHWAY:

- This section is open to fishing for all species, including king salmon, January 1–June 21, June 26–28, July 3–5, and July 10–12. Daily limits for king salmon are: **20" or longer 1 per day/1 in possession, less than 20" 10 per day/10 in possession.** Bag/possession limits for other species follow the general limits on page 25.
- This section is **closed to all fishing** June 22–25, June 29–July 2, July 6–9, and July 13.
- **NO RETENTION** of rainbow trout or Arctic grayling is allowed year-round, including all waters within a ½-mile radius of its confluence with the Susitna River.
- This section is open to fishing for all species (except king salmon) July 14–December 31.
- In the Willow Creek drainage upstream from ADF&G markers ½ mile upstream from its mouth, only one unbaited, **single-hook**, artificial lure is allowed year-round. The bag and possession limits for species other than king salmon, rainbow trout, and Arctic grayling follow the general limits on page 25.

UPSTREAM OF THE PARKS HIGHWAY: closed for king salmon.

- Only one unbaited, **single hook**, artificial lure is allowed year-round.
- In Willow Creek from the Parks Highway bridge upstream to its confluence with Deception Creek, open season for all species except king salmon is year-round.
- The Willow Creek drainage above Deception Creek and the Deception Creek drainage are **closed year-round** to fishing for salmon.
- The Deception Creek drainage is **closed to all fishing** April 15–June 14.
- In all of the Willow Creek drainage upstream of the Parks Highway, the bag limit for rainbow/steelhead trout is 1 per day/1 in possession—must be less than 16" long. From April 15–June 14, **NO RETENTION** of rainbow/steelhead trout is allowed.
- In all of the Willow Creek drainage upstream of the Parks Highway, **NO RETENTION** of Arctic grayling is allowed.
- In all of the Willow Creek drainage upstream of the Parks Highway, bag and possession limits for species except king salmon, rainbow trout, and Arctic grayling follow the general limits on page 25.

Willow Creek drainage lakes (Crystal, Shirley, Long, Rainbow, and Willow lakes) (see map on page 26)

- Crystal, Shirley, Long, Rainbow and Willow lakes are **closed year-round to fishing for all salmon.**
- All Willow Creek drainage lakes are open year-round to fishing for Arctic grayling, but **NO RETENTION** is allowed.
- All Willow Creek drainage lakes are open year-round to fishing for rainbow/steelhead.
- In Crystal and Willow lakes, the daily bag and possession limit for rainbow/steelhead trout is 5 per day/5 in possession—only 1 (one) may be over 20" in length.
- In Crystal and Long lakes, special regulations for northern pike are described on page 15.
- In Shirley, Long, and Rainbow lakes, the daily bag and possession limit for rainbow/steelhead trout is 2 per day/2 in possession—only 1 (one) may be over 20" in length.

X Lake (near Talkeetna)

- Open season is May 1–October 31. X Lake is **closed to all fishing** Nov. 1–April 30.
- **NO RETENTION OF RAINBOW TROUT ALLOWED.**
- Only one unbaited, **single-hook**, artificial lure is allowed. □

GENERAL SEASONS AND LIMITS: Susitna River

UNIT 3

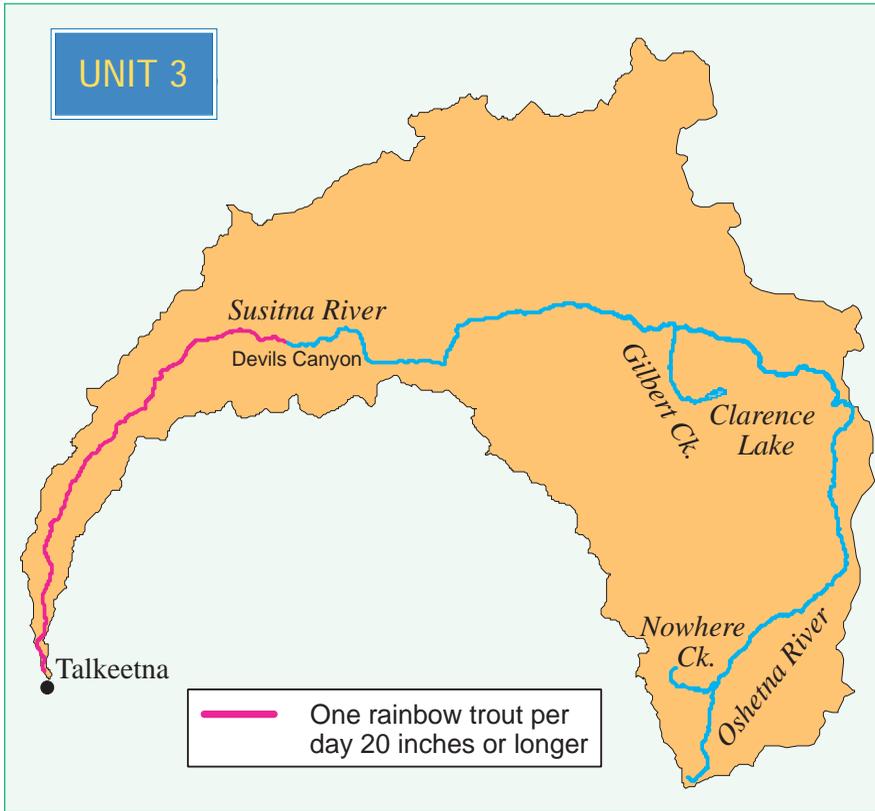
INCLUSIVE WATERS: Susitna River drainages from its confluence with the Talkeetna River upstream to its confluence with the Oshetna River (including the Oshetna River drainage, but **excluding** the Chulitna River drainage). See map on page 29.

- In all flowing waters of Unit 3, only one unbaited, **single-hook**, artificial lure is allowed year-round.
- In waters open to fishing for king salmon, fishing is not allowed between 11:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m., May 15–July 13.

Species	Open season	Daily limits
King salmon – upstream from its confluence with the Talkeetna, to and including Devils Canyon		
20" or longer	January 1–July 13	1 per day/2 in possession
less than 20"		10 per day/10 in possession
– upstream of Devils Canyon	CLOSED	
Other salmon 16" or longer	open entire year	3 per day/3 in possession <i>only 2 per day/2 in possession may be coho (silver) salmon</i>
Other salmon less than 16"		10 per day/10 in possession
Rainbow/steelhead trout:		
– flowing waters upstream from its confluence with the Talkeetna River to and including Devils Canyon	June 15–April 14	1 (one) per day—must be 20" or longer
– flowing waters upstream of Devils Canyon	April 15–June 14	NO RETENTION
– lakes and ponds	June 15–April 14	2 per day/2 in possession <i>only 1 (one) fish 20" or longer</i>
– lakes and ponds	April 15–June 14	NO RETENTION
Arctic char/Dolly Varden	open entire year	5 per day/5 in possession <i>only 1 (one) fish over 12" long</i>
Arctic grayling:		
– upstream from its confluence with the Talkeetna River, to and including Devils Canyon		2 per day/2 in possession
– upstream of Devils Canyon		5 per day/5 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

UNIT 3 EXCEPTIONS—on page 29

UNIT 3



— One rainbow trout per day 20 inches or longer

UNIT 3 EXCEPTIONS (unless the individual drainage or species is listed below, general seasons and limits on page 28 apply):

Clarence Lake

- Daily bag and possession limit for rainbow trout is 2 per day (only one may be greater than 20" long) and 2 in possession.
- Daily bag and possession limit for Arctic grayling is 2 per day/2 in possession.

Trophy rainbow trout waters in Unit 3

- In the Susitna River drainage, upstream of its confluence with the Talkeetna River to Devils Canyon (excluding the Chulitna River drainage), the bag and possession limit for rainbow trout is one (1) fish per day 20" or longer, and two (2) fish 20" or longer per season. **NO FISH UNDER 20" MAY BE RETAINED.** □

GENERAL SEASONS AND LIMITS: Susitna River

UNIT 4

(Exceptions are listed afterward, by area)

INCLUSIVE WATERS: Flowing waters, lakes and ponds of the Yentna River drainage. See map on page 30.

- In all flowing waters of Unit 4, only unbaited, artificial lures are allowed September 1–July 13.
- In waters open to fishing for king salmon, fishing is not allowed between 11:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m., May 15–July 13.

Species	Open season	Daily limits
King salmon:		
20" or longer	January 1–July 13	1 per day/2 in possession
Less than 20"		10 per day/10 in possession
Other salmon 16" or longer	open entire year	3 per day/6 in possession
Other salmon less than 16"		10 per day/10 in possession
Rainbow/steelhead trout:		
–in flowing waters	June 15–April 14	2 per day/2 in possession only 1 (one) fish 20" or longer
	April 15–June 14	NO RETENTION
–in lakes and ponds	open entire year	2 per day/2 in possession only 1 (one) fish 20" or longer
Arctic char/Dolly Varden		5 per day/5 in possession only 1 (one) fish over 12" long
Arctic grayling		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

UNIT 4 EXCEPTIONS (if an individual drainage or species is not listed below, then the general seasons and limits shown above apply):

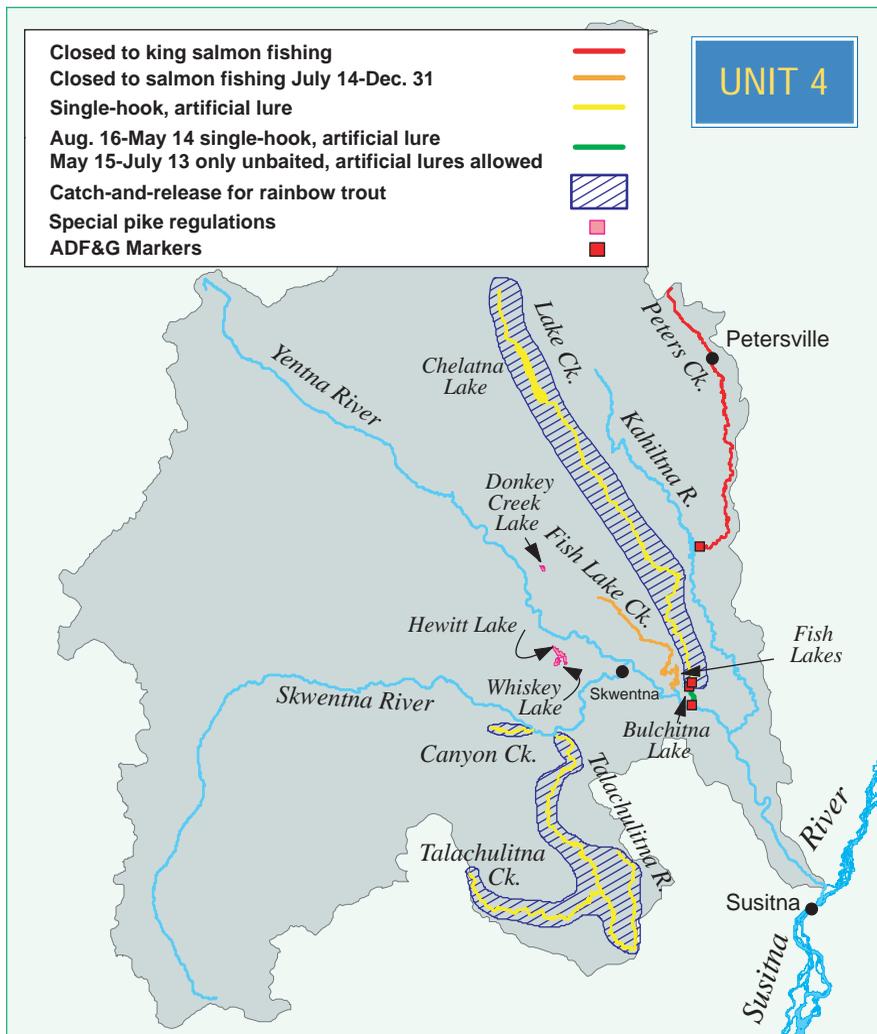
Canyon Creek

- Only one unbaited, **single-hook**, artificial lure is allowed year-round.
- Open season for rainbow/steelhead trout is year-round, but **NO RETENTION is allowed.**

Fish Lake Creek drainage

- After taking a king salmon 20" or longer, a person may not fish for king salmon anywhere on that same day.
- Upstream from the inlet of the first lake, open season for salmon in the Fish Lake Creek drainage is January 1–July 13.

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UNIT 4 EXCEPTIONS (*cont'd*) . . .

Lake Creek drainage

- From ADF&G markers 100 yd upstream of its mouth to ADF&G markers ¼ mile upstream of Bulchitna Lake, the following gear restrictions apply:
 - August 16–May 14, only one unbaited, **single-hook**, artificial lure is allowed.
 - May 15–July 13, only unbaited, artificial lures are allowed.
- Upstream from ADF&G markers ¼ mile upstream from the outlet of Bulchitna Lake (including Chelatna Lake), only one unbaited, **single-hook**, artificial lure is allowed year-round.
- After taking a king salmon 20" or longer, a person may not fish for king salmon anywhere on that same day.

Rainbow/steelhead trout

- From ADF&G markers 100 yd upstream of Lake Creek mouth upstream to ADF&G markers ¼ mile upstream from the outlet of Bulchitna Lake (including Chelatna Lake), **NO RETENTION is allowed** Aug. 16–June 14. From June 15–Aug. 15, the daily limit is 2 per day/2 in possession (only 1 over 20").
- Upstream of ADF&G markers ¼ mile upstream from the outlet of Bulchitna Lake (including Chelatna Lake), **NO RETENTION is allowed** year-round.

Peters Creek

- Peters Creek is open to fishing for king salmon, from its mouth upstream to ADF&G markers located 1 mile upstream. General seasons and limits for Unit 4 apply; see page 29. The remainder of the drainage is **closed year-round to king salmon fishing**.

Talachulitna River drainage and all waters within a ¾-mile radius of its confluence with the Skwentna River

- Only one unbaited, **single-hook**, artificial lure is allowed year-round.
- Open season for rainbow/steelhead trout is year-round, but **NO RETENTION is allowed**.

Shell, Onestone, Whiskey, Hewitt, Donkey, Upper Vern, Lower Vern, Lockwood and Cabin lakes, and Indian Creek

- 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 each line, provided that both hooks are attached to one single piece of bait. □

creel surveys . . .

Creel surveys are one of the most common fishery management techniques used by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game to determine harvest in recreational fisheries. During these surveys, creel survey technicians ask anglers about their fishing trip. Their questions are aimed at determining the angler's catch of each species and the fishing time required to catch the fish. When statistically combined with other surveys, this information can be used to estimate total angler participation, catch rate, and total sport harvests of important species. If you are approached by a fishery technician to obtain creel census data, your cooperation in furnishing this valuable information will be appreciated. □

GENERAL SEASONS AND LIMITS: Susitna River

UNIT 5

(Exceptions are listed afterward, by area)

INCLUSIVE WATERS: Flowing waters, lakes and ponds of the Talkeetna River drainage.

- In all flowing waters of Unit 5, only unbaited, artificial lures are allowed September 1–July 13.
- In waters open to fishing for king salmon, fishing is not allowed between 11:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m., May 15–July 13.

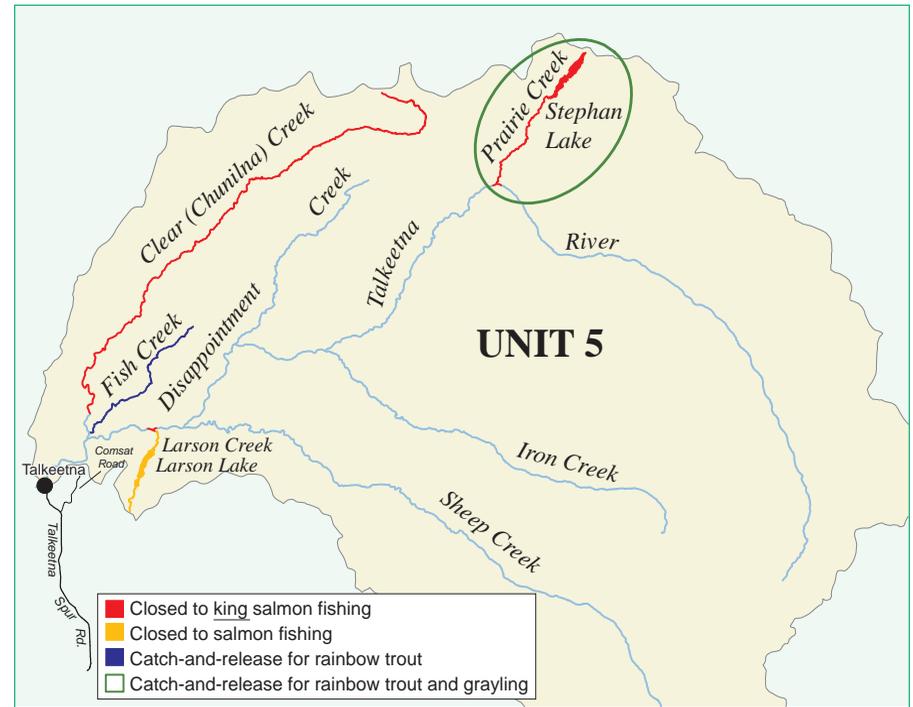
Species	Open season	Daily limits
King salmon:		
20" or longer	January 1–July 13	1 per day/2 in possession
Less than 20"		10 per day/10 in possession
Other salmon 16" or longer	open entire year	3 per day/3 in possession <i>only 2 per day/2 in possession may be coho (silver) salmon</i>
Other salmon less than 16"		10 per day/10 in possession
Rainbow/steelhead trout:		
–in flowing waters	June 15–April 14	2 per day/2 in possession <i>only 1 (one) fish 20" or longer</i>
	April 15–June 14	NO RETENTION
–in lakes and ponds	open entire year	2 per day/2 in possession <i>only 1 (one) fish 20" or longer</i>
Arctic char/Dolly Varden		5 per day/5 in possession <i>only 1 (one) fish over 12" long</i>
Arctic grayling		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

UNIT 5 EXCEPTIONS (if an individual drainage or species is not listed below, then the general seasons and limits shown above apply):

Clear (Chunilna) Creek drainage (includes Fish Creek drainage)

- Upstream of ADF&G markers 2 miles upstream from its mouth, the Clear (Chunilna) Creek drainage is **closed to fishing for king salmon**.
- After taking a king salmon 20" or longer, a person may not fish anywhere for king salmon on that same day.
- In the Fish Creek drainage, only one unbaited, **single-hook**, artificial lure is allowed.
- In the Fish Creek drainage, open season for rainbow/steelhead trout is year-round, but **NO RETENTION is allowed**.

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Larson Creek drainage

- The Larson Creek drainage, including all waters within a ¼-mile radius of its confluence with the Talkeetna River, is closed year-round to fishing for king salmon.
- The Larson Creek drainage upstream of an ADF&G marker ¼ mile upstream of its confluence with the Talkeetna River is **closed to sport fishing for all salmon year-round**.

Prairie Creek drainage and all waters within a ¼-mile radius of its confluence with the Talkeetna River

- Closed year-round to fishing for king salmon.**
- Only one unbaited, **single-hook**, artificial lure is allowed year-round.
- Open season for rainbow/steelhead trout and Arctic grayling is year-round, but **NO RETENTION is allowed**. □

RIVERBOAT SAFETY . . .

- Stay on the right side of the channel where possible.
- Don't come to a stop with your boat blocking the channel.

For more information, visit the State Office of Boating Safety's website: www.alaskaboatingsafety.org.

GENERAL SEASONS AND LIMITS: Susitna River**UNIT 6***(Exceptions are listed afterward, by area)***INCLUSIVE WATERS:** Flowing waters, lakes and ponds of the Chulitna River drainage.

- In all flowing waters of Unit 6, only unbaited, artificial lures are allowed September 1–July 13.
- In waters open to king salmon fishing, after taking a king salmon 20" or longer, a person may not fish for any species of fish in any water open to king salmon fishing during that same day.

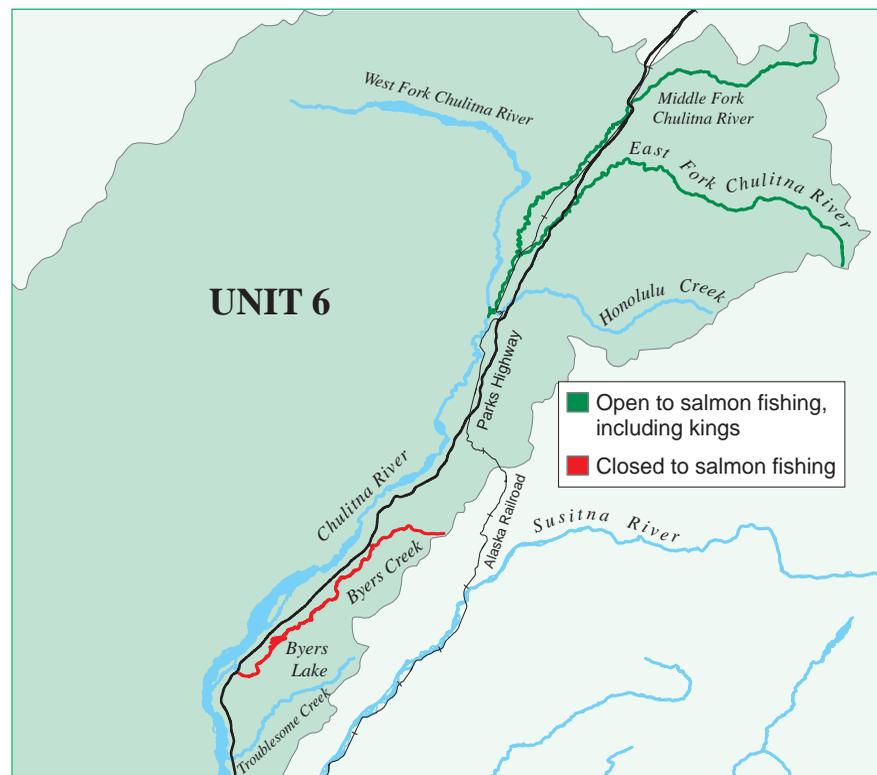
Species	Open season	Daily limits
King salmon	CLOSED	← but see Chulitna River exception
Other salmon 16" or longer	open entire year	..... 3 per day/3 in possession only 2 per day/2 in possession may be coho (silver) salmon
Other salmon less than 16"		..... 10 per day/10 in possession
Rainbow/steelhead trout:		
–in flowing waters	June 15–April 14	..... 2 per day/2 in possession only 1 (one) fish 20" or longer
	April 15–June 14	..... NO RETENTION
–in lakes and ponds	open entire year	..... 2 per day/2 in possession only 1 (one) fish 20" or longer
Arctic char/Dolly Varden		..... 5 per day/5 in possession only 1 (one) fish over 12" long
Arctic grayling		..... 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

UNIT 6 EXCEPTIONS (if an individual drainage or species is not listed below, then the general seasons and limits shown above apply):

Byers Creek drainage

- The Byers Creek drainage is open to fishing for salmon (**except king salmon**) from its mouth upstream to the Parks Highway.
- The remainder of the drainage, including Byers Lake, is **closed year-round to fishing for all salmon**.

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**East Fork Chulitna River drainages**

The East Fork of the Chulitna River and its drainages, including all waters within a ¼-mile radius of the confluence of the East Fork and West Fork of the Chulitna River, and including the Middle Fork of the Chulitna and the first ¼ mile of Honolulu Creek:

- Open to fishing for all species, *including king salmon*, January 1–July 13, **but king salmon may be kept only during** January 1–June 21, June 26–28, July 3–5, and July 10–12. *The bag limits for king salmon on days open to keeping them are: 20" or longer 1 per day/1 in possession, less than 20" 10 per day/10 in possession.* Bag and possession limits for other species follow the general limits at left.
- Open to fishing for all species **except king salmon** July 14–December 31, following the general limits at left.
- Only one unbaited, **single-hook**, artificial lure may be used January 1–July 13. □