

# REGIONWIDE REGULATIONS FOR *SALT WATERS*

- Between Cape Suckling and the International Boundary at Dixon Entrance

All regulations in this booklet pertaining to fishing in the marine waters of Alaska also apply in all waters of the exclusive economic zone (the 200-mile limit).

**SEASONS:** The season is open year-round for all species except halibut, lingcod, geoducks, Tanner crab, and king crab.

**LIMITS:**

**King salmon:** must be 28 inches or greater in length; bag, possession, annual and size limits are established by emergency order, as specified in the Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan. **A harvest record is required for nonresident anglers** (see page 7). Anglers should check with the nearest ADF&G office for current bag, possession, annual and size limit regulations.

**Coho, chum, pink, and sockeye salmon:**

Limits: 16 inches or longer—6 of each species daily, 12 of each species in possession

**Coho, chum, pink, and sockeye salmon (in combination):**

Limits: less than 16 inches—10 daily, 10 in possession

**Halibut:**

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 (continued at right)

International Pacific Halibut Commission,  
(206) 634-1838,  
<http://www.iphc.washington.edu/halcom/sport.htm>.

**Lingcod:** The 2010 season, bag, possession, size, and annual limits for the following areas are as follows (see map; all anglers should consult with the nearest ADF&G office or the department website for current regulations):

Inside Southeast area near Ketchikan and Outer Prince of Wales Island area

Season: May 16–November 30

Limits: *Alaska residents*—1 daily, 2 in possession, no size limit.

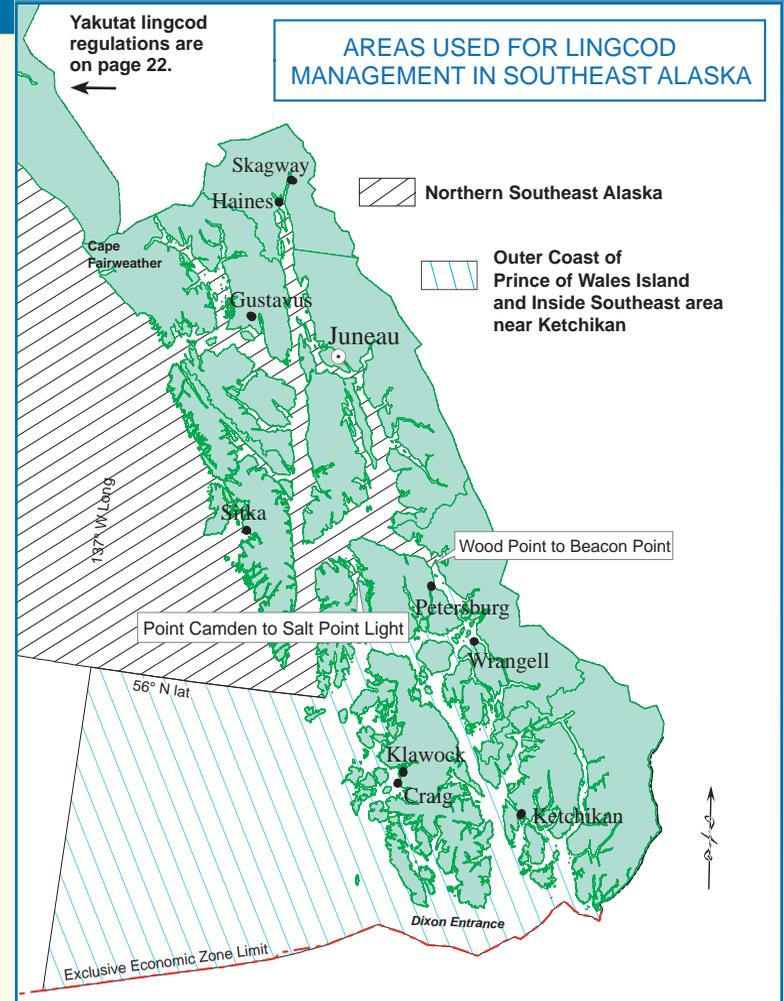
*For nonresidents*—1 daily, 1 in possession, size limit: 30-inch minimum to 35 inches in length, or 55 inches or greater in length. Nonresident annual limit of 2 fish, one of which is 30 to 35 inches in length, and one that is 55 inches or greater in length, harvest record required.

Northern Southeast area

Season: May 16–June 15 and August 16–November 30

Limits: *Alaska residents*—1 daily, 2 in possession, no size limit.

*For nonresidents*—1 daily, 1 in possession, size limit: 30-inch minimum to 35 inches in length, or 55 inches or greater in length. Nonresident annual limit of 2 fish, one of which is 30 to 35 inches in length, and one that is 55 inches or greater in length, harvest record required.



▶ A gaff may not be used to puncture a fish intended or required to be released.

**Pelagic rockfish:**

Limits: 5 daily, 10 in possession, no size restrictions. Pelagic rockfish include dusky (*Sebastes cilatus*), yellowtail (*S. flavidus*), widow (*S. entomelas*), black (*S. melanops*), and blue (*S. mystinus*). These five species are uniformly gray, green, brown, or black.

**Non-pelagic rockfish:**

Resident bag limit is 3 fish, only 1 may be a yelloweye; 6 fish in possession, of which no more than 2 may be yelloweye; all non-pelagic rockfish caught must be retained until the bag limit is reached.

Nonresident bag limit is 2 fish, only 1 may be a yelloweye; 4 fish in possession, of which no more than 2 may be yelloweye; all non-pelagic rockfish caught must be retained until the bag limit is reached; annual limit of 2 yelloweye rockfish, which must be recorded, in ink, on the back of the sport fishing license or on a harvest record at time of harvest (see page 7).

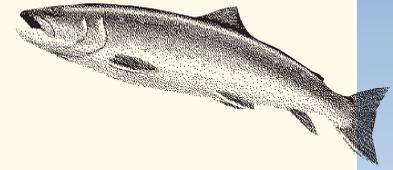
**Sablefish (Black Cod):**

Resident bag limit is 4 fish, 4 fish in possession, no size restrictions.

Nonresident bag limit is 4 fish; 4 in possession, no size restrictions, 8 fish annual limit, which must be recorded, in ink, on the back of the sport fishing license or on a harvest record at time of harvest; harvest record required (see page 7).

**Cutthroat and rainbow trout (in combination):**

Limits: 2 daily, 2 in possession, 11-inch minimum and 22-inch maximum size limit



**Sharks:**

Limits: 1 daily, 1 in possession, **2 shark annual limit, harvest record required** (see page 7).

**Dolly Varden:**

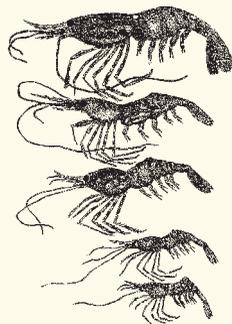
Limits: 10 daily, 10 in possession, no size restrictions

**Steelhead:**

Limits: 1 daily, 2 in possession, 36-inch minimum size, **2 fish annual limit, harvest record required** (see page 7).

**Other fish not listed above:** no bag, possession, or size restrictions

**These SHELLFISH bag and possession limits are for NONRESIDENTS ONLY—**  
(Alaska residents follow personal use shellfish regulations on p. 28-30)



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▶ A live holding facility that is used to accumulate or pool multiple bag limits of shellfish by an individual or individuals is not allowed.

**Abalone:** 5 daily, 5 in possession, 3.5-inch minimum size

**Dungeness crab**—Season: open entire year

**Tanner crab**—Season: July 1–June 15

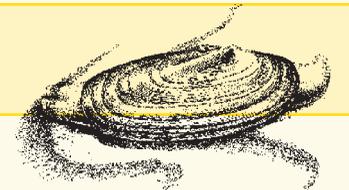
**Dungeness and Tanner crab (in combination):**

3 daily, 3 in possession, males only  
Dungeness—6.5-inch minimum size limit  
Tanner—5.5-inch minimum size limit

(how to determine size—see page 29)

**King crab:** Non-residents may not take king crab.

▶ Male crab less than the minimum size limit and all female crab may not be retained and must be returned to the water immediately.



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**Geoducks:** The geoduck fishery is closed.

**Razor clams:** 10 daily, 10 in possession, no size restrictions

**Rock scallops:** 5 daily, 5 in possession, no size restrictions

**Weathervane scallops:** 10 daily, 10 in possession, no size restrictions

**Shrimp:** 3 pounds or quarts daily and in possession, no size restrictions

**Other fish and shellfish species not listed above:** no bag, possession, or size restrictions



**CAUTION:** Paralytic shellfish poisoning (PSP) in clams has been documented in many areas. Check with local Department of Environmental Conservation offices for details.