

GENERAL REGULATIONS

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. Salt waters within 200 miles of shore from Cape Suckling to Cape Fairfield.

The Fishing Season for all species is open year-round unless otherwise noted below.

KING SALMON

- Fresh waters:
 - 20 inches or longer: 2 per day, 4 in possession.
 - Less than 20 inches: 10 per day, 10 in possession.
- Salt waters:
 - 2 per day, 4 in possession, no size limit.

OTHER SALMON

- Fresh waters:
 - 6 per day, 12 in possession, only 3 per day, 3 in possession maybe coho (silver) salmon.
- Salt waters:
 - Pink and chum salmon taken in a sport fishery maybe used as bait, but are part of your bag limit.
 - 6 per day, 12 in possession, only 3 per day, 3 in possession maybe coho (silver) salmon.

RAINBOW/STEELHEAD AND CUTTHROAT TROUT

- In unstocked lakes and ponds, all flowing waters and in salt waters:
 - **Season:** June 15–April 14:
 - 11 inch minimum and 16 inch maximum:
 - 2 per day, 2 in possession.
- In stocked lakes (see pages 84–85 for a list of stocked lakes):
 - 10 per day, 10 in possession.

ARCTIC CHAR/DOLLY VARDEN

- 10 per day, 10 in possession.

ARCTIC GRAYLING

- 10 per day, 10 in possession.

LINGCOD

- **Season:** July 1–December 31:
 - 2 per day, 4 in possession, minimum 35 inches long with head attached, or 28 inches or greater in length with head removed.
- Lingcod which are gaffed must be retained. **A gaff may not be used to puncture any fish intended or required to be released.**

ROCKFISH

- The first two non-pelagic rockfish caught must be retained.
- May 1–September 15:
 - 4 per day, 8 in possession, only 2 per day, 2 in possession may be non-pelagic.
- September 16–April 30:
 - 8 per day, 8 in possession, only 2 per day, 2 in possession may be non-pelagic.
- See the rockfish identification chart on page 90)

HALIBUT

Pacific halibut fisheries are managed by the federal government under international treaty. See page 7 for federal contact information.

- **Season:** February 1–December 31.
- **Unguided anglers:** 2 per day, 4 in possession.
- **Consult federal regulations for the following:**
 - 1) Bag, size, and possession limits for guided (charter) anglers.
 - 2) Possession and landing requirements.
 - 3) Inseason changes to the regulations.

SPINY DOGFISH

- 5 per day, 5 in possession.

SHARKS (EXCEPT SPINY DOGFISH)

- 1 per day, 1 in possession.
- There is an annual limit of 2 sharks. These harvested fish must be recorded. See page 5 for recording instructions.

OTHER FINFISH

- No limit.

SHELLFISH

- See page 8–10.



San Juan Bay, Montague Island

by Ken Marsh

FRESH WATER METHODS AND MEANS

Bait and gear restriction:

- Only unbaited, artificial lures are allowed April 15–June 14.

FRESH WATER SPECIAL REGULATIONS

Copper River Highway streams— All freshwater drainages crossed by the Copper River Highway from and including Eyak River to the Million Dollar Bridge, including Clear Creek (Mile 42):

- Salmon (except king salmon) limits: 3 per day, 3 in possession.
- Coho salmon: No closed season.
 - August 15–September 15: After harvesting a bag limit of coho salmon, a person may not sport fish with bait for the rest of that day in these waters.
 - 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.



Yelloweye rockfish

Clear Creek— Mile 42, Copper River Highway:

- Upstream of the Carbon Mountain Road bridge:
 - Closed year-round to all salmon fishing.**
- Downstream of the Carbon Mountain Road bridge:
 - Salmon (except king salmon) limits: 3 per day, 3 in possession.

Eccles Creek (Whitshed Road):

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

Eshamy Lake and Creek:

- Sockeye salmon limits: 3 per day, 6 in possession.

Eyak Lake—including tributaries:

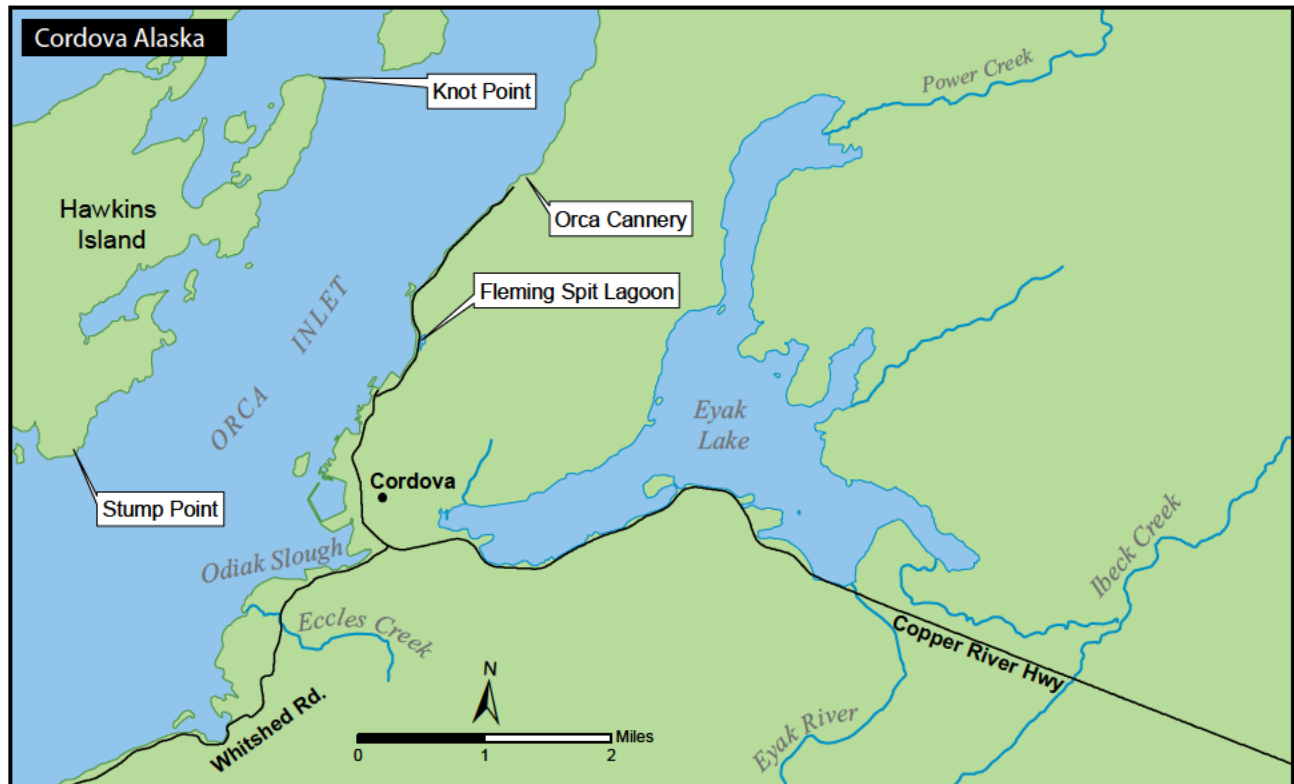
- Closed year-round to all salmon fishing.**

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:

- June 1–September 30, only single-hook, artificial flies with a hook gap of $\frac{3}{8}$ inch or less between point and shank are allowed. No additional weight may be attached to the line.
- Salmon (except king salmon) limits: 3 per day, 3 in possession.

Fleming Spit Lagoon:

- See salt water special regulations below for **Cordova Terminal harvest area.**



Hartney Creek (upstream from Whitshed Road):

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

Ibeck Creek:

- **Upstream from ADF&G markers located approximately 3 miles upstream of the Copper River Highway bridge:**
 - **Closed year-round to all sport fishing.**

Johnstone Bay fresh waters:

- Salmon (except king salmon) limits: 3 per day, 3 in possession, of which only 2 per day/2 in possession may be coho (silver) salmon.

Robe River:

- **Downstream from Richardson Highway to ADF&G markers 300 feet downstream of its confluence with the Lowe River:**
 - Fly-fishing-only waters. See page 7 for legal gear description.
 - Salmon (except king salmon) limits: 3 per day, 3 in possession, of which only 1 per day, 1 in possession may be a sockeye salmon and only 1 per day, 1 in possession may be a coho (silver) salmon.

Shelter Bay fresh waters— all fresh waters draining into Shelter Bay:

- Salmon (except king salmon) limits: 6 per day, 12 in possession, of which only 1 per day, 1 in possession may be coho (silver) salmon.

Solomon Gulch Creek:

- **Downstream from an ADF&G marker 300 feet downstream of the VFDA weir:**
 - Open to salmon fishing under the same regulations as General Regulations for Prince William Sound on page 81.

Valdez area fresh waters—including all fresh waters draining into Port Valdez inside of a line from Allison Point to Mineral Creek, including Mineral Creek (except the Robe River and Solomon Gulch Creek):

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

SALT WATER SPECIAL REGULATIONS

Chenega terminal harvest area—all marine waters inside the entrance of Sawmill and Crab bays (Evans Island):

- Salmon (except king salmon) limits: 6 per day, 12 in possession, regardless of species.

Cordova terminal harvest area—all marine waters north of a line from Odiak Slough to Stump Point, and south of a line from Orca Cannery to Knot Point, including the waters of Fleming Spit Lagoon:

- **Closed to snagging June 1 to September 30.**
- Salmon (except king salmon) limits: 6 per day, 12 in possession, regardless of species.

Esther Island (Lake Bay):

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

Main Bay:

- Sport fishing from a vessel that is within 60 feet of the Prince William Sound Aquaculture hatchery barrier seine, or from a vessel that is anywhere inside the barrier seine is prohibited.

Shelter Bay (Hinchinbrook Island):

- Salmon (except king salmon) limits: 6 per day, 12 in possession, of which only 1 may be a coho (silver) salmon.

Valdez terminal harvest area— all marine waters north of a line from Point Freemantle to Rocky Point, excluding Jack, Galena, and Sawmill bays:

- Salmon (except king salmon) limits: 6 per day, 12 in possession, regardless of species.

Whittier terminal harvest area— all marine waters west of a line from Trinity Point to Gradual Point:

- Salmon (except king salmon) limits: 6 per day, 12 in possession, regardless of species.
- **Whittier small boat harbor:**
 - **Closed to snagging.**



Cordova, Alaska