

GENERAL REGULATIONS

Inclusive waters: The North Slope Area consists of all northerly flowing waters, including lakes, draining into, and including, the Arctic Ocean, the Beaufort Sea, and the Chukchi Sea, west of the Canadian border and east of Point Hope.

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

KING SALMON

- 20 inches or longer—3 per day, 3 in possession—only two of which may be 28 inches or longer.
- less than 20 inches—10 per day, 10 in possession.

OTHER SALMON

- 10 per day, 10 in possession, no size limit.

ARCTIC GRAYLING

- 5 per day, 5 in possession, no size limit.

SHEEFISH

- 10 per day, 10 in possession, no size limit.

ARCTIC CHAR, DOLLY VARDEN & LAKE TROUT

- All lakes
 - 2 per day, 2 in possession—in combination, no size limit.
- Flowing and salt waters
 - 10 per day, 10 in possession—only two of which may be 20 inches or longer and only 2 may be lake trout.

NORTHERN PIKE

- 10 per day, 10 in possession, no size limit.

BURBOT

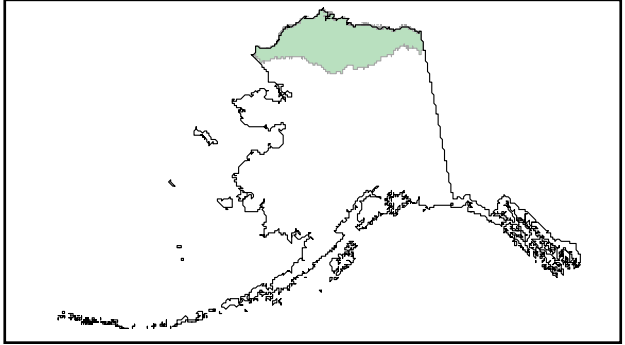
- 15 per day, 15 in possession, no size limit.

OTHER FINFISH

- No limit.

SHELLFISH

- See pages 8-9.



METHODS AND MEANS

Hook Size:

- Multiple hooks with a gap between point and shank larger than ½ inch may be used for taking fish other than salmon, except where noted.

Use of spears or bow and arrows:

- Suckers and burbot may be taken with spear or bow and arrow the entire year. Northern pike or whitefish (excluding sheefish) may be taken by spear or bow and arrow during any open season for northern pike or whitefish September 1–April 30, or may be speared by persons completely submerged during any open season for northern pike or whitefish.

SPECIAL REGULATIONS

Unless listed below, seasons, bag and possession limits for North Slope drainages appear above under General Regulations.

Trans-Alaska Pipeline corridor (a corridor the length of the Pipeline north of the Yukon River extending 5 miles on either side of the Dalton Highway):

- **Closed to salmon fishing.** All salmon caught must be released immediately.
- **Lake trout:** Lake trout retention prohibited. All lake trout caught must be released immediately.
- **Northern pike limits:** 5 per day, 5 in possession, only one of which may be 30 inches or longer.



Fly fishing on the Ivishak River

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