YUKON RIVER DRAINAGE General and Special Regulations



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GENERAL REGULATIONS

Inclusive waters: The Yukon River Area consists of all waters of the Yukon River drainage, excluding the Tanana River drainage, and all waters draining into, and including, Norton Sound and the Bering Sea south of Point Romanof and north of the westernmost point of Naskonat Peninsula. Includes the White River drainage, south of the Alaska Highway

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 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 two may be lake trout.

ARCTIC GRAYLING

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

<u>SHEEFISH</u>

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

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

No open season.

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

Dall River area—all flowing waters and lakes in the Dall River and Little Dall River watersheds:

- Only unbaited, single-hook, artificial lures may be used.
- Set lines are prohibited.
- Northern pike limits:

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- Open season is May 20–September 30.
- Fish less than 30 inches: 4 per day, 4 in possession.
- Fish 48 inches or longer: 1 per day, 1 in possession.
- All fish 30 inches or longer and less than 48 inches must be released immediately (see graphic at right).

Innoko River drainage—all waters of the Innoko River drainage and all waters draining into the Yukon River from Holy Cross downstream to and including Piamiut Slough:

• Northern pike limits: 3 per day, 3 in possession, only one of which may be 30 inches or longer.



Nome Creek (of Beaver Creek drainage):

- Only unbaited, <u>single-hook</u>, artificial lures may be used April 1–May 31.
- Arctic grayling: Arctic grayling retention prohibited. All Arctic grayling caught must be released immediately.

Nowitna River drainage:

• Northern pike limits: 5 per day, 5 in possession, only one of which may be 30 inches or longer.



Dall River Northern Pike Limits

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, excluding the Ray River where General Regulations apply):

- **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.

Yukon River drainage—from the mouth of the Tanana River upstream to and including the Hodzana River:

• Northern pike limits: 5 per day, 5 in possession, only one of which may be 30 inches or longer.

