

GENERAL REGULATIONS

Inclusive waters: All waters draining into the east side of Knik Arm south of, and including, the Eklutna River drainage, and all waters draining into the north and west sides of Turnagain Arm, and all waters draining into the south side of Turnagain Arm east of, and including, Ingram Creek.

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

KING SALMON

- The fresh waters of the Anchorage Bowl are **closed to king salmon fishing**, except Campbell Creek, Eagle River, Ship Creek and stocked lakes. See special regulations.
- In stocked lakes (see pages 84–85 for a list of stocked lakes): 5 per day, 5 in possession.
- In other Anchorage Bowl waters open to king salmon fishing:
 - There is a combined annual limit of 5 king salmon 20 inches or longer from the waters of the following areas: Cook Inlet Salt Waters, West Cook Inlet, Susitna River Drainage, Knik Arm, Anchorage Bowl, Kenai River and Kenai Peninsula.
 - A king salmon 20 inches or longer that is removed from salt or fresh water must be retained and becomes part of the bag limit of the person who originally hooked the fish. A person may not remove a king salmon 20 inches or longer from the water before releasing it.
 - Anglers who keep a king salmon 20 inches or longer must immediately record that harvest. See page 5 for recording instructions.

OTHER SALMON

- In lakes and ponds and in all flowing waters:
 - **Closed to salmon fishing** unless allowed under special regulations.
- A coho salmon 16 inches or longer that is removed from fresh water must be retained and becomes part of the bag limit of the person who originally hooked the fish. A person may not remove a coho salmon 16 inches or longer from the water before releasing it.

RAINBOW/STEELHEAD TROUT

- In stocked waters (see pages 84–85 for a list of stocked waters):
 - 5 per day, 5 in possession, only 1 fish may be 20 inches or longer.
- In other lakes and ponds and in all unstocked flowing waters:
 - 2 per day, 2 in possession, only 1 fish may be 20 inches or longer.
- 20 inches or longer:
 - There is a total annual limit of 2 rainbow/steelhead trout 20 inches or longer taken north of the latitude of Point Adam, from the waters of the following areas: West Cook Inlet, Susitna River Drainage, Knik Arm, Anchorage Bowl, Kenai Lake drainages, Kenai River tributaries, and Kenai Peninsula.
 - Anglers who keep a rainbow/steelhead trout 20 inches or longer must immediately record that harvest. See page 5 for recording instructions.

ARCTIC CHAR/DOLLY VARDEN

- In stocked lakes (see pages 84–85 for a list of stocked lakes):
 - 5 per day, 5 in possession.
- In other lakes and ponds and in all flowing waters:
 - 5 per day, 5 in possession, only 1 fish may be 12 inches or longer.

ARCTIC GRAYLING

- In stocked lakes (see pages 84–85 for a list of stocked lakes):
 - 5 per day, 5 in possession.
- In other lakes and ponds and in all flowing waters:
 - 2 per day, 2 in possession. See special regulations for Symphony Lake.

LAKE TROUT

- 2 per day, 2 in possession.

NORTHERN PIKE

- No limit.
- Northern pike may be taken by spear, sport fishing gear, ice fishing gear, or by bow and arrow (the arrow must be attached to the bow with a line and the arrow must have a barbed tip).
- When fishing through the ice for northern pike, anglers may use two hooks on a single line, provided that both hooks are attached to one single piece of bait.

OTHER FINFISH

- No limit.



Bird Creek

by Ken Marsh

METHODS AND MEANS

Use of Beads:

- In all flowing waters, beads fished ahead of flies, lures, or bare hooks must be fixed within 2 inches of the hook, or be free to slide on the entire length of the line or leader.

Fishing in Anchorage Bowl drainages:

- Anglers must observe all municipal ordinances and regulations, and receive permission to fish from private property. For current motor boat restrictions, go to <http://www.muni.org/Parks/lakes.cfm>.

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- **Ft. Richardson Portion**-A recreational access permit and an installation access pass are both required.

SPECIAL REGULATIONS

Bird Creek drainage:

- **Closed to all sport fishing, January 1–July 13.**
- **Closed year-round to king salmon fishing.**
- **From its mouth upstream approximately 500 yards to an ADF&G marker:**
 - Open to fishing for salmon (except king salmon), July 14–December 31.
 - Salmon (except king salmon) limits:
 - 16 inches or longer:
 - 3 per day, 3 in possession in combination.
 - Less than 16 inches:
 - 10 per day, 10 in possession in combination.
- **Upstream from the ADF&G marker approximately 500 yards upstream of its mouth:**
 - **Closed year-round to all salmon fishing.**
- In Bird Creek upstream of the marker placed upstream of the Seward Highway bridge, all land is privately owned. Obtain permission before fishing from private land.

Campbell Creek:

Entire drainage:

- **Closed to all sport fishing, April 15–June 14.**
- Rainbow/steelhead trout limits: Campbell Creek is a stocked rainbow/steelhead trout water; therefore, the limits for stocked waters from the general regulations apply. **Waters above the forks near Piper Street are closed to retention (see map on page 50).**
- Arctic Char/Dolly Varden limits: 5 per day, 5 in possession, only 1 fish may be 12 inches or longer.
- **From its mouth upstream to ADF&G markers under the Dimond Blvd. bridge—including Campbell Lake:**
 - **Closed year-round to all fishing.**
- **From ADF&G markers under the Dimond Blvd. bridge to the Old Seward Highway:**
 - Youth-Only Fishery:
 - Anglers 15 years of age and younger may fish for king salmon. Fishing is allowed only between 6:00 a.m.–10:00 p.m. on the last Saturday and Sunday of June each year. During 2016, this will be Saturday, June 25 and Sunday, June 26.
 - Youth-Only King salmon limits:
 - 10 per day, 10 in possession, only 1 fish may be 20 inches or longer.
 - Anglers who keep a king salmon 20 inches or longer must immediately record that harvest. See page 5 for recording instructions.
 - After taking a king salmon 20 inches or longer in this fishery a person may not sport fish for any species of finfish in waters open to king salmon fishing that same day.
 - Anglers 16 years of age and older may **NOT** sport fish in the Campbell Creek from ADF&G markers under the Dimond Blvd. bridge to the Old Seward Highway between 6:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 25 and Sunday, June 26.

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SPECIAL REGULATIONS (continued)

Campbell Creek (continued):

- From ADF&G markers under the Dimond Blvd. bridge to ADF&G markers near Shelikof St.:
 - Coho (silver) salmon limits:
 - Season for coho only is July 14–September 30.
 - 3 per day, 3 in possession.
 - **Closed to all other salmon species fishing.**
- From ADF&G markers near Shelikof St. upstream to ADF&G markers on the upstream side of the Lake Otis Pkwy. bridge:
 - **Closed year-round to all fishing.**

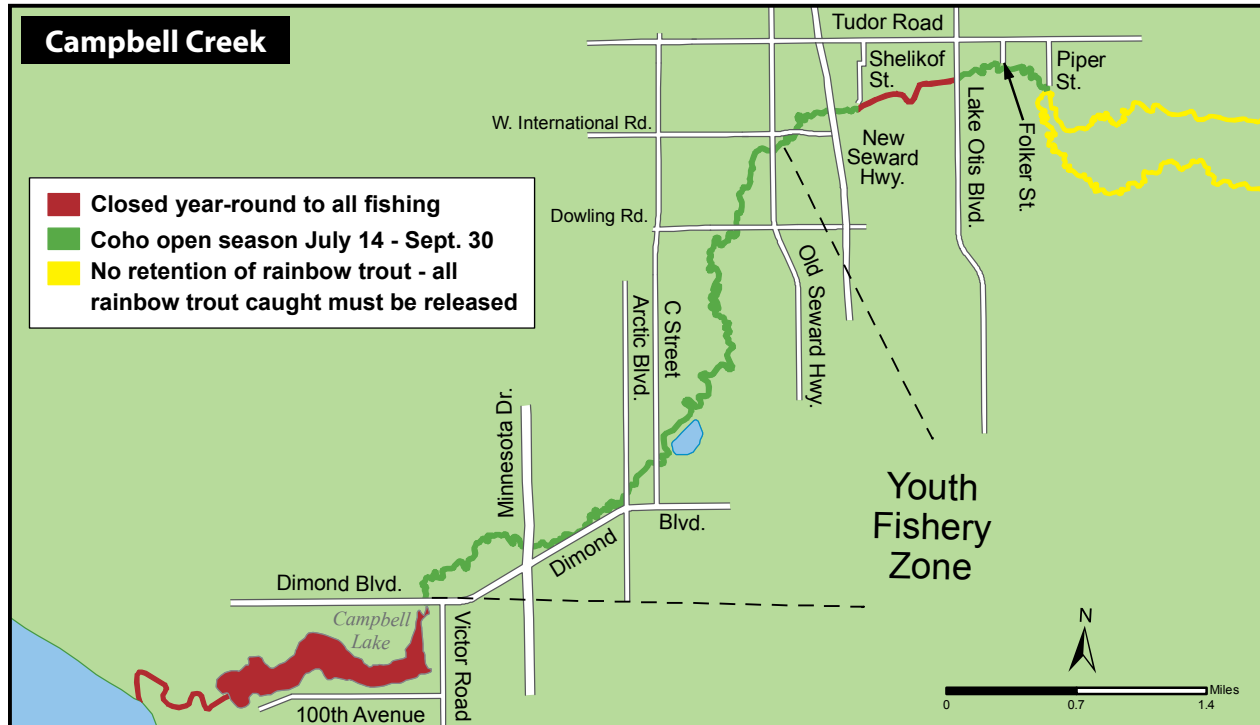
- From ADF&G markers on the upstream side of the Lake Otis Pkwy. bridge to an ADF&G marker located near Piper St.:
 - Coho (silver) salmon limits:
 - Season for coho only is July 14–September 30.
 - 3 per day, 3 in possession.
 - **Closed to all other salmon species fishing.**
- **Upstream of the forks near Piper St.:**
 - Only one unbaited, single-hook, artificial lure is allowed year-round.
 - Rainbow/steelhead trout limits: No retention. All rainbow/steelhead trout caught must be released immediately.

Chester Creek drainage:

- **Closed year-round to all salmon fishing.**
- **Closed to all sport fishing, April 15–June 14.**
- Stocked rainbow trout water.

Eagle River drainage:

- In those waters of Eagle River open to salmon fishing:
 - Salmon (except king salmon) limits:
 - 16 inches or longer:
 - 3 per day, 3 in possession, only 2 per day, 2 in possession may be coho (silver) salmon.
 - Less than 16 inches:
 - 10 per day, 10 in possession in combination.
- From its mouth upstream to the Route Bravo bridge on Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson:
 - **Closed year-round to all fishing.**
- From the Route Bravo bridge upstream to ADF&G markers at Mile 7.4 of the Eagle River Road, including waters within 100 yards of its confluence with the South Fork (but not including South Fork):
 - Open year-round to fishing for all species (except king salmon).
- From Bailey Bridge on Fort Richardson upstream to ADF&G markers in the Alaska State Parks' Eagle River Campground:
 - Open to fishing for king salmon during the following 3-day periods in 2016: May 28–30, June 4–6, June 11–13, and June 18–20.
 - King salmon limits: 1 per day, 1 in possession, only 1 fish may be 20 inches or longer.
 - There is an annual limit of 2 king salmon 20 inches or longer from the waters of this area.
 - Anglers who keep a king salmon 20 inches or longer must immediately record that harvest. See page 5 for recording instructions.
 - After taking a king salmon 20 inches or longer, a person may not fish for any species of fish that same day in waters open to king salmon sport fishing.
- From the ADF&G markers at Mile 7.4 of the Eagle River Road upstream, and the North Fork and its tributaries (but not including South Fork):
 - Open to fishing for all species (except king salmon), September 16–May 31.



Eagle River drainage (continued):

• South Fork Eagle River:

- **From its confluence with Eagle River upstream to the falls:**
 - **Closed year-round to all salmon fishing.**
 - Open to fishing for all species (except salmon), August 15–May 31.
- **From the falls upstream:** General regulations apply.

Eklutna River drainage:

• In those waters of Eklutna River open to salmon fishing:

- Salmon (except king salmon) limits:
 - 16 inches or longer:
 - 3 per day, 3 in possession, only 2 per day, 2 in possession may be coho (silver) salmon.
 - Less than 16 inches:
 - 10 per day, 10 in possession in combination.
- **From its mouth upstream to the Glenn Highway bridge:**
 - Open year-round to salmon (except king salmon) fishing.
- **Upstream of the Glenn Highway bridge:**
 - Open to salmon fishing (except king salmon), January 1–September 30.

Glacier Creek drainage (including California Creek):

• In waters of Glacier Creek open to salmon fishing:

- Salmon (except king salmon) limits:
 - 16 inches or longer:
 - 3 per day, 3 in possession, only 2 per day, 2 in possession may be coho (silver) salmon.
 - Less than 16 inches:
 - 10 per day, 10 in possession in combination.
- **From its mouth upstream to ADF&G markers 25 yards above the confluence of California Creek:**
 - Open year-round to salmon (except king salmon) fishing.
- **From ADF&G markers 25 yards above the confluence of California Creek upstream:**
 - Open to salmon (except king salmon) fishing, January 1–September 30.
- **California Creek drainage:**
 - **From its confluence with Glacier Creek upstream 25 yards to ADF&G markers above the confluence:**
 - Open year-round to salmon (except king salmon) fishing.
 - **Upstream from ADF&G markers 25 yards above the confluence with Glacier Creek:**
 - Open to salmon (except king salmon) fishing, January 1–September 30.

Indian Creek:

• Downstream of the Seward Highway:

- Open year-round to fishing for all species (except king salmon).
- Salmon (except king salmon) limits:
 - 16 inches or longer:
 - 3 per day, 3 in possession, only 2 per day, 2 in possession may be coho (silver) salmon.
 - Less than 16 inches:
 - 10 per day, 10 in possession in combination.
- **Upstream of the Seward Highway:**
 - **Closed year-round to all salmon fishing.**
 - Open to fishing for other species (except salmon) January 1–June 30.

Ingram Creek drainage:

• In waters of Ingram Creek open to salmon fishing:

- Salmon (except king salmon) limits:
 - 16 inches or longer:
 - 3 per day, 3 in possession, only 2 per day, 2 in possession may be coho (silver) salmon.
 - Less than 16 inches:
 - 10 per day, 10 in possession in combination.
- **From its mouth upstream to ADF&G markers about 50 yd upstream of the Seward Highway:**
 - Open year-round to salmon (except king salmon) fishing.
- **Upstream of ADF&G markers about 50 yd upstream of the Seward Highway:**
 - Open to salmon (except king salmon) fishing, January 1–September 30.

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SPECIAL REGULATIONS (continued)

Peters Creek drainage:

- **From its mouth upstream to the Glenn Highway:**
 - Open year-round to salmon (except king salmon) fishing.
 - Salmon (except king salmon) limits:
 - 16 inches or longer:
 - 3 per day, 3 in possession, only 2 per day, 2 in possession may be coho (silver) salmon.
 - Less than 16 inches:
 - 10 per day, 10 in possession in combination.
- **Upstream of the Glenn Highway:**
 - **Closed year-round to all salmon fishing.**

Placer River drainage—includes Lower Explorer Creek and Skookum Creek:

- Open year-round to fishing for all species (except king salmon).
- **In those waters of Placer River drainage open to salmon fishing:**
 - Salmon (except king salmon) limits:
 - 16 inches or longer:
 - 3 per day, 3 in possession, only 2 per day, 2 in possession may be coho (silver) salmon.
 - Less than 16 inches:
 - 10 per day, 10 in possession in combination.
 - **Lower Explorer Creek, upstream from ADF&G markers near its confluence with Lower Explorer Pond:**
 - Open to fishing for all species (except king salmon), January 1–July 13.
 - **In Skookum Creek upstream of the Alaska Railroad bridge:**
 - Open to fishing for all species (except king salmon), January 1–July 13.

Portage Creek drainage—includes Williwaw Creek and Placer Creek:

- Open year-round to fishing for all species (except king salmon).
- **In those waters of Portage Creek open to salmon fishing:**
 - Salmon (except king salmon) limits:
 - 16 inches or longer:
 - 3 per day, 3 in possession, only 2 per day, 2 in possession may be coho (silver) salmon.
 - Less than 16 inches:
 - 10 per day, 10 in possession in combination.
 - **In all waters of Lower Railroad Slough that enter Portage Creek from the north about 2 miles upstream of the Seward Highway, upstream from ADF&G markers at its confluence with Portage Creek:**
 - Open to fishing for all species (except king salmon), January 1–July 13.
 - **Williwaw Creek:**
 - **Closed year-round to all salmon fishing.**
 - Open to fishing for other species (except salmon) September 16–June 30.
 - **The Placer Creek drainage (all Bear Valley streams):**
 - **Closed year-round to all salmon fishing.**
 - Open year-round to fishing for other species (except salmon).



Fishing Ship Creek

Potter Creek/Potter Marsh:

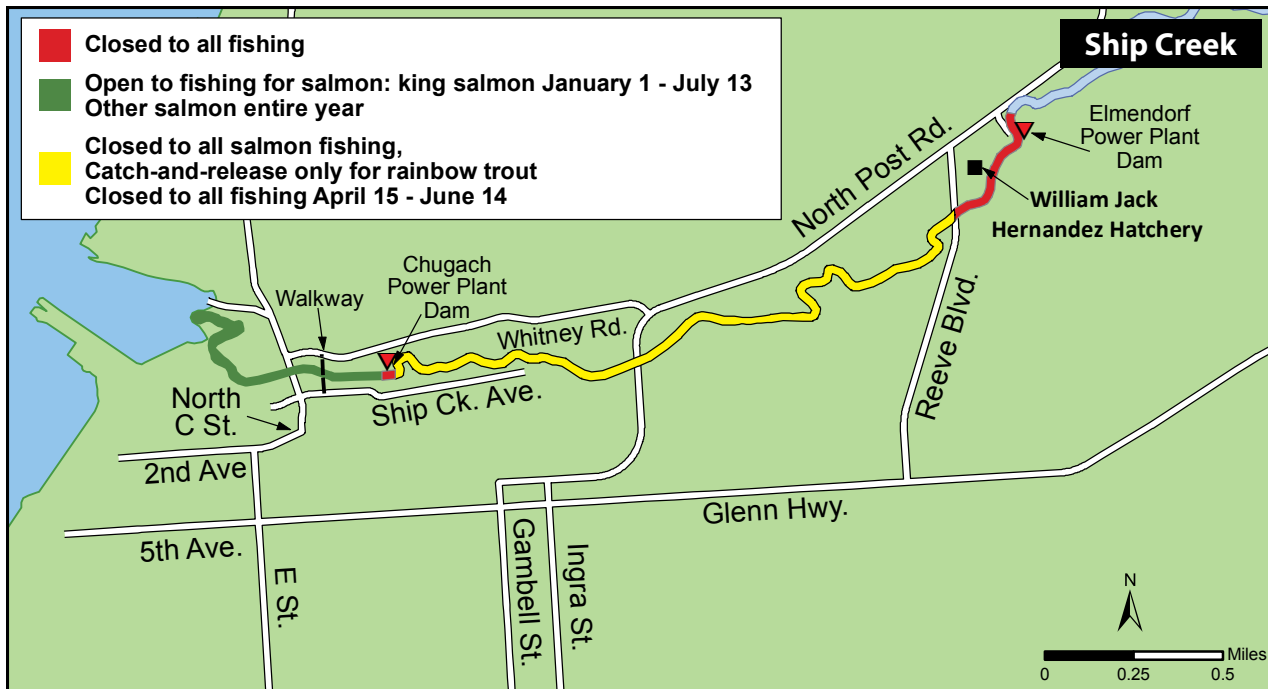
- **Closed year-round to all sport fishing.**

Rabbit Creek:

- **Downstream of Old Seward Highway:**
 - **Closed year-round to all sport fishing.**

Ship Creek:

- **Closed to all sport fishing, between 11:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. from May 15–July 13.**
- Anglers must observe all posted Alaska Railroad regulations regarding access to Ship Creek. Park only in designated areas. Call the railroad at 265-2463 for more information.
- **From the mouth of Ship Creek upstream to a point 100 ft downstream of the Chugach power plant dam (marked by a cable stretched across the creek):**
 - Open to king salmon fishing, January 1–July 13.
 - King salmon limits: 10 per day, 10 in possession, only 1 fish may be 20 inches or longer.
 - Anglers who keep a king salmon 20 inches or longer must immediately record that harvest. See page 5 for recording instructions.
 - After taking a king salmon 20 inches or longer, a person may not fish for any species of fish that same day in waters open to king salmon sport fishing.
 - Open year-round to salmon (except king salmon) fishing.
 - Salmon (except king salmon) limits:
 - 16 inches or longer:
 - 3 per day, 3 in possession, all 3 may be coho (silver) salmon.
 - Less than 16 inches:
 - 10 per day, 10 in possession in combination.
- **From a point 100 ft downstream of the Chugach power plant dam (marked by a cable stretched across the creek) to ADF&G markers 100 ft upstream of the Chugach power plant dam:**
 - **Closed year-round to all sport fishing.**



Ship Creek (continued):

- From ADF&G markers 100 ft upstream of the Chugach power plant dam to the upstream side of the Reeve Blvd. bridge:
 - Closed year-round to all salmon fishing.
 - Closed to all sport fishing, April 15–June 14.
 - Only one unbaited, single-hook, artificial lure may be used.
 - Rainbow/steelhead trout limits: No retention. All rainbow/steelhead trout caught must be released immediately.
- From the upstream side of the Reeve Blvd. bridge to an ADF&G marker 300 ft above the Elmendorf power plant dam:
 - Closed year-round to all fishing.
- The waters upstream from an ADF&G marker 300 ft above the Elmendorf power plant dam:
 - Open to sport fishing. General regulations apply.

Sixmile Creek—Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson:

- From ADF&G markers located at its mouth upstream to Lower Sixmile Lake:
 - Closed year-round to all sport fishing.

Symphony Lake:

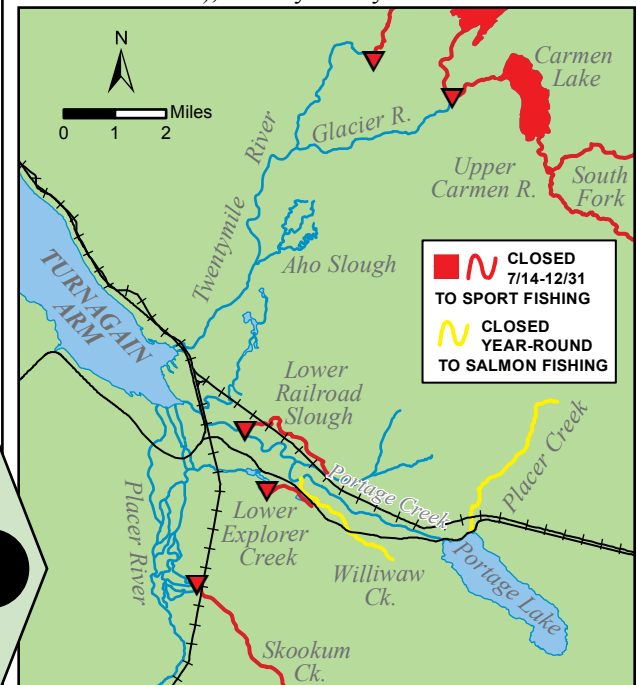
- Closed to all sport fishing, May 1–June 30.
- Arctic grayling limits: 5 per day, 5 in possession, only 1 fish may be greater than 12 inches in length.

Smelt (hooligan) dipnetting in Cook Inlet (includes Twentymile River):

- See personal use regulations on page 14.
- Cook Inlet personal use website: <http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=PersonalUseByAreaSouthcentral.main>
- Cook Inlet hooligan website: <http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=PersonalUsebyAreaSouthcentralHerringAndHooligan.reg>

Twentymile River drainage—includes the Upper Carmen River and Glacier River:

- Open year-round for all species (except king salmon) fishing.
- Salmon (except king salmon) limits:
 - 16 inches or longer:
 - 3 per day, 3 in possession, only 2 per day, 2 in possession may be coho (silver) salmon.
 - Less than 16 inches:
 - 10 per day, 10 in possession in combination.
- Upstream from ADF&G markers about 10 miles upstream of the Seward Highway.
 - Open to fishing for all species (except king salmon), January 1–July 13.
- Upper Carmen and Glacier River drainages:
 - Upstream from ADF&G markers at their confluence:
 - Open to fishing for all species (except king salmon), January 1–July 13.



Placer River, Portage Creek and Twentymile River