

GENERAL REGULATIONS

Inclusive waters: All fresh waters of the Kenai Peninsula, including Upper and Lower Summit lakes (excluding the Kenai River drainage and North Gulf Coast freshwater drainages).

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

KING SALMON

- The fresh waters of the Kenai Peninsula are **closed to king salmon fishing**, except Anchor River, Deep Creek, Kasilof River and Nimitzchik Rivers. See special regulations.
- In Kenai Peninsula fresh waters open to king salmon fishing by special regulation:
 - 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 stocked lakes (see pages 84–85 for a list of stocked lakes):
 - 10 per day, 10 in possession in combination.
- In other lakes, ponds and all flowing waters:
 - 16 inches or longer:
 - 3 per day, 3 in possession, only 2 per day, 2 in possession maybe coho (silver) salmon.
 - 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.
 - Less than 16 inches:
 - 10 per day, 10 in possession in combination.

RAINBOW/STEELHEAD TROUT

- In flowing waters:
 - 2 per day, 2 in possession, only 1 fish may be 20 inches or longer. If 20 inches or longer see below.
- In lakes and ponds:
 - 5 per day, 5 in possession, only 1 fish may be 20 inches or longer. If 20 inches or longer see below.
- 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 flowing waters:
 - 2 per day, 2 in possession.
- In lakes and ponds:
 - 5 per day, 5 in possession.

LAKE TROUT

- 20 inches or longer:
 - 2 per day, 2 in possession.
- Less than 20 inches:
 - 10 per day, 10 in possession.

ARCTIC GRAYLING

- 5 per day, 5 in possession.

BURBOT

- 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.

The following special rules apply to ice-fishing for northern pike in the waters listed below:

- Sport fishing through the ice for northern pike is allowed using 5 lines provided that:
 - Standard ice fishing gear is used;
 - the fishing gear is closely attended, and;
 - all other species of fish caught are released immediately.
- **Tote Road Lakes** • **Hall Lake**
- **Tiny Lake**

OTHER FINFISH

- No limit.

METHODS AND MEANS

Bait restriction in flowing waters:

- Only unbaited, artificial lures are allowed in flowing waters of the Kenai Peninsula during September 16–December 31, but watch for more restrictive dates in the special regulations listed below and in the Kenai River and its drainages.

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.

SPECIAL REGULATIONS

Anchor River drainage (see map on page 66):

- **Closed to all fishing November 1–May 19.**
- Rainbow/steelhead trout limits (entire drainage):
 - No retention. All rainbow/steelhead trout caught may not be removed from the water and must be released immediately.
- **In all flowing waters:**
 - Only one unbaited, single-hook, artificial lure is allowed July 1–15 and September 1–October 31.
- **From its mouth upstream approximately 2 miles to ADF&G markers, near the confluence of the North and South forks:**
 - King salmon:
 - **Season:** May 20–22; May 24; May 27–29; May 31; June 3–5; June 7; June 10–12; June 14; June 17–19; and June 21.
 - 20 inches or longer:
 - 1 per day, 1 in possession, only 1 fish may be 20 inches or longer.
 - 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.
 - No more than 2 of these 5 king salmon 20 inches or longer may be taken from the Anchor River and Deep Creek combined (see page 64).
 - Anglers who keep a king salmon 20 inches or longer must immediately record that harvest. See page 5 for recording instructions.
 - After harvesting a king salmon 20 inches or longer from the Anchor River, a person may not fish for any species of fish in either the Anchor River, Deep Creek or the Ninilchik River for the rest of that day.
 - Less than 20 inches: 10 per day, 10 in possession.
 - All other species:
 - **Season:** May 20–22; May 24; May 27–29; May 31; June 3–5; June 7; June 10–12; June 14; June 17–19; and June 21. and July 1–October 31.
 - General regulations on pages 64–65 apply.

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**SPECIAL REGULATIONS
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Anchor River drainage (continued):

- **Upstream from the ADF&G markers, near the confluence of the North and South forks:**
 - **Closed year-round to all salmon fishing.**
 - **Season:** August 1–October 31.
 - Rainbow/steelhead trout:
 - No retention is allowed. All rainbow/steelhead trout caught may not be removed from the water and must be released immediately.
 - All other species (except salmon): Follow the general regulations.
- **Bridge Creek Reservoir:**
 - Open to fishing year-round following general regulations on pages 64-65.

Bench Creek drainage—including Bench Lake:

- **Closed to all fishing May 1–June 10.**

Bishop Creek drainage—including Daniels Creek:

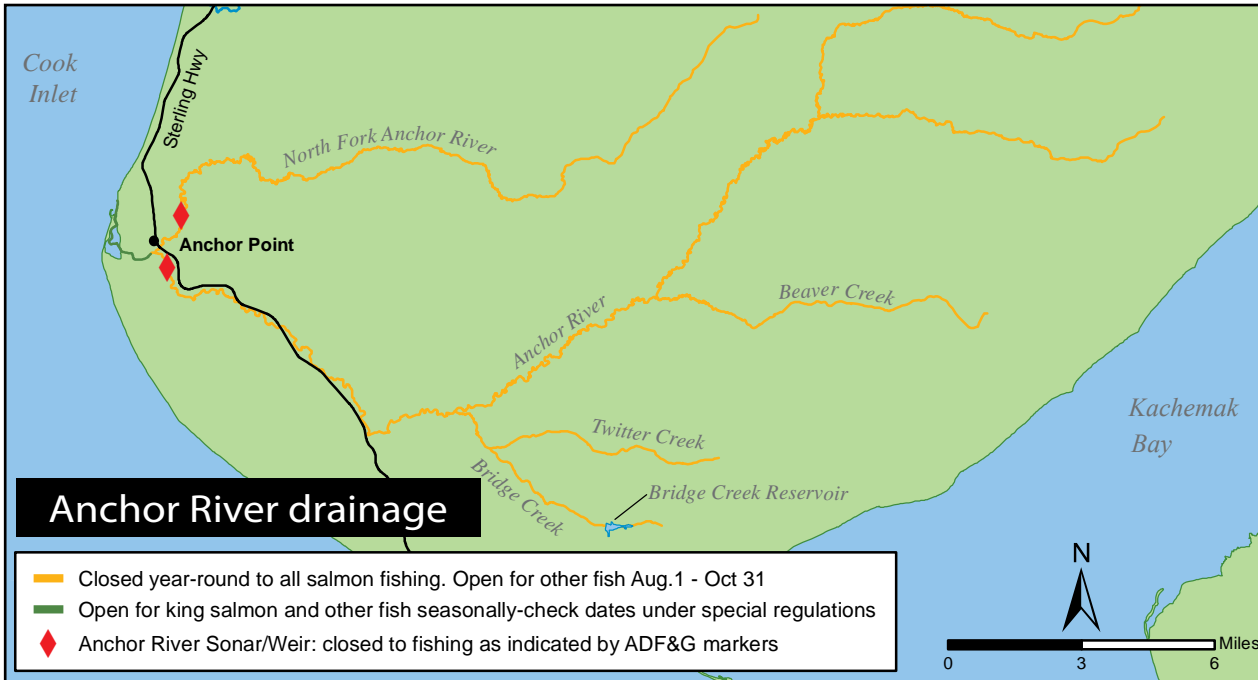
- **Closed year-round to all salmon fishing.**
- **Closed to all fishing May 1–June 10.**

Crooked Creek and Coal Creek:

- **Closed to all fishing May 1–June 10.**
- Rainbow/steelhead trout:
 - No retention is allowed. All rainbow/steelhead trout caught may not be removed from the water and must be released immediately.
- **In all flowing waters:**
 - Only one unbaited, single-hook, artificial lure is allowed September 1–December 31.

Deep Creek drainage:

- **Closed to all fishing November 1–May 26.**
- Rainbow/steelhead trout (entire drainage):
 - No retention is allowed. All rainbow/steelhead trout caught may not be removed from the water and must be released immediately.
- **In all flowing waters:**
 - Only one unbaited, single-hook, artificial lure is allowed July 1–15 and September 1–October 31.
- **From its mouth upstream approximately 2 miles to ADF&G markers:**
 - King salmon:
 - **Season:** May 27–29; June 3–5; June 10–12.
 - 20 inches or longer:
 - 1 per day, 1 in possession.
 - 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.
 - No more than 2 of these 5 king salmon 20 inches or longer may be taken from the Anchor River (see pages 65-66) and Deep Creek combined.
 - 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 from Deep Creek, a person may not fish for any species of fish in either the Anchor River, Deep Creek or the Ninilchik River for the rest of that day.
 - Less than 20 inches: 10 per day, 10 in possession.
- Other species:
 - **Season:** May 27–29; June 3–5; June 10–12, and July 1–October 31.
- General regulations on pages 64-65 apply.





Ninilchik River hatchery king salmon

Deep Creek drainage (continued):

- **Upstream from ADF&G markers:**
 - **Closed year-round to all salmon fishing.**
 - Rainbow/steelhead trout:
 - **Season:** August 1–October 31, but no retention is allowed. All rainbow/steelhead trout caught may not be removed from the water and must be released immediately.
- Other species (except salmon):
 - **Season:** August 1–October 31, general regulations on pages 64-65 apply.

English Bay River drainage:

- **From its mouth (including the lagoon) upstream to the outlet of Lower English Bay Lake:**
 - Fly-fishing-only June 1–July 31. See page 7 for a description of acceptable gear.
- **English Bay River and all lakes and ponds of English Bay River drainage upstream from the outlet of Lower English Bay Lake:**
 - **Closed year-round to all salmon fishing.**

Kasilof River —excluding Crooked Creek, Coal Creek, and Tustumena Lake and its tributaries (see map on page 68):

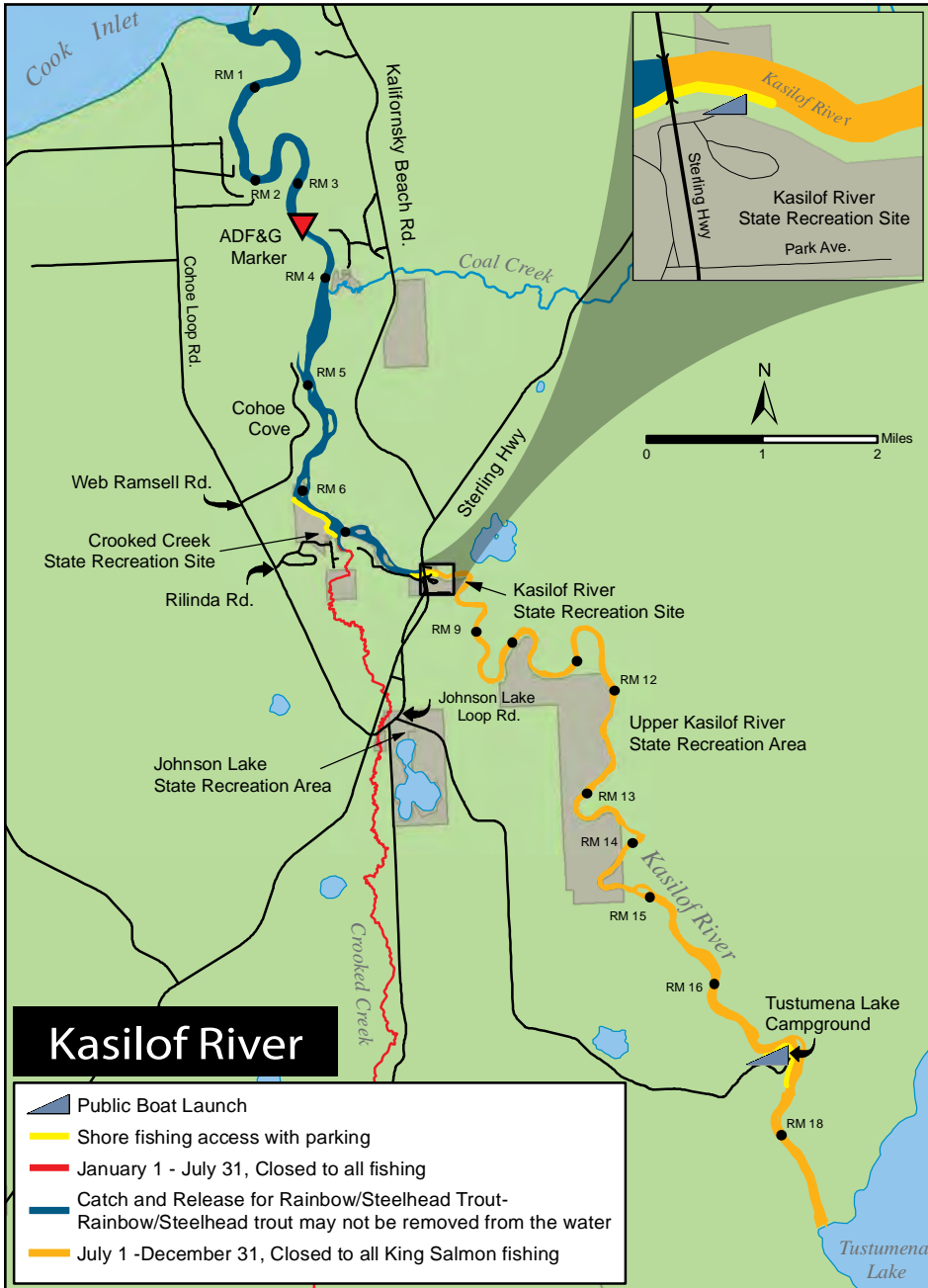
- **King salmon:**
 - January 1–June 30: A person may not fillet, mutilate, or otherwise disfigure a king salmon in such a manner that prevents determination whether the fish is a wild or hatchery fish until the person has stopped fishing in the Kasilof River drainage for the day and has moved more than 100 yards away from the Kasilof River.
- **Rainbow/steelhead trout:**
 - No retention is allowed. All rainbow/steelhead trout caught may not be removed from the water and must be released immediately.
- **From its mouth upstream to the Sterling Highway Bridge:**
- Sport fishing from a motorized boat is not allowed January 1–July 31. Motors 10 hp or less may be used only downstream of ADF&G markers located at approximately river mile 3, and only after fishing from the boat has stopped for the day.
- Only one unbaited, single-hook, artificial lure is allowed, September 16–May 15.
- **King salmon:**
 - 20 inches or longer:
 - January 1–June 30:
 - 2 per day, 2 in possession, only 1 may be a naturally-produced king salmon recognized by the presence of the adipose fin (fish with an adipose fin may be kept only on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays)
 - July 1–July 31:
 - 1 per day, 1 in possession.
 - 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.
 - Anglers who keep a king salmon 20 inches or longer must immediately record that harvest. See page 5 for recording instructions.
 - Less than 20 inches:
 - January 1–July 31: 10 per day, 10 in possession.

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SPECIAL REGULATIONS (continued)

Kasilof River—excluding Crooked Creek, Coal Creek, and Tustumena Lake and its tributaries **(continued)**:

- **From ADF&G markers at the mouth of Crooked Creek downstream to ADF&G markers near the cutbank:**
 - Fishing from an anchored boat is prohibited, January 1–June 30.
 - “Anchoring” means using an anchor or any device other than oars or paddles to slow or stop a boat’s downstream drift.
- **From the Sterling Highway Bridge upstream to ADF&G markers located at the outlet of Tustumena Lake:**
 - Sport fishing from a boat is not allowed, August 1–August 15.
 - Only unbaited, artificial lures allowed, September 16–December 31.
 - King salmon:
 - **Season:** January 1–June 30:
 - 20 inches or longer:
 - 2 per day, 2 in possession, only 1 may be a naturally-produced king salmon recognized by the presence of the adipose fin (fish with an adipose fin may be kept only on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays)
 - 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.
 - Less than 20 inches: 10 per day, 10 in possession.



Ninilchik River drainage:

- **Closed to all fishing November 1–May 26.**
- King Salmon:
 - A person may not fillet, mutilate, or otherwise disfigure a king salmon in such a manner that prevents determination whether the fish is a wild or hatchery fish until the person has stopped fishing in the Ninilchik River drainage for the day and has moved more than 100 yards away from the Ninilchik River.
- 20 inches or longer:
 - 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.
 - Anglers who keep a king salmon 20 inches or longer must immediately record that harvest. See page 5 for recording instructions.
- Rainbow/steelhead trout (entire drainage):
 - No retention is allowed. All rainbow/steelhead trout caught may not be removed from the water and must be released immediately.
- **In all flowing waters:**
 - Only one unbaited, single-hook, artificial lure is allowed September 1–October 31.
- **From its mouth upstream approximately 2 miles to ADF&G markers:**
 - **Wild or hatchery king salmon:**
Season: May 27–29; June 3–5 and June 10–12.
 - 20 inches or longer:
 - 1 per day, 1 in possession, of either wild or hatchery king salmon.
 - After taking a king salmon 20 inches or longer from the Ninilchik River, a person may not fish for any species in the Anchor River, Deep Creek or Ninilchik River for the rest of the day.
 - Less than 20 inches:
 - 10 per day, 10 in possession, of either wild or hatchery king salmon.

- **From the mouth of the Ninilchik River upstream to the Sterling Highway Bridge marker:**

• **Youth-Only Fishery:**

- Anglers 15 years of age and younger may fish for king salmon in this section between 6:00 a.m.–9:59 p.m. on the second Wednesday after Memorial Day (June 7, 2017).
- Youth-Only king salmon limits:
 - 1 per day, 1 in possession (of any size) of either wild or hatchery king salmon.
 - After taking a king salmon of any size from the Ninilchik River, a person may not fish for any species in the Anchor River, Deep Creek or Ninilchik River for the rest of the day.

Ninilchik River drainage—From its mouth upstream approximately 2 miles to ADF&G markers (continued):

- **Hatchery king salmon only limits—**(Distinguished from a wild king salmon by the adipose fin. Hatchery king salmon are missing their adipose fin and have a healed fin clip scar):
Season: June 16–October 31. All wild king salmon caught may not be removed from the water and must be released immediately.
 - 20 inches or longer:
 - 1 per day, 1 in possession.
 - After taking a **hatchery king salmon 20 inches or longer** from the Ninilchik River, a person may not fish for any species in the Ninilchik River for the rest of the day.
 - Less than 20 inches:
 - 10 per day, 10 in possession, of **hatchery king salmon** only.
- Other species:
 - **Season:** May 27–29, June 3–5, and June 10–12, and June 16–October 31.
 - General regulations on pages 64–65 apply.

• **Upstream from the ADF&G markers:**

- **Closed year-round to all salmon fishing.**
- Rainbow/steelhead trout:
 - **Season:** August 1–October 31, but no retention is allowed. All rainbow/steelhead trout caught may not be removed from the water and must be released immediately.
- Other species:
 - Open to fishing for other species, except salmon, August 1–October 31, following the general regulations.

Stariski Creek drainage:

- **Closed year-round to fishing for king salmon.**
- Rainbow/steelhead trout:
 - No retention is allowed. All rainbow/steelhead trout caught may not be removed from the water and must be released immediately.
- **In all flowing waters:**
 - Only one unbaited, single-hook, artificial lure is allowed July 1–15 and September 1–October 31.
- **From its mouth upstream to the Sterling Highway bridge:**
 - **Season:** is July 1–October 31.
- **Upstream of the Sterling Highway bridge:**
 - **Closed year-round to all salmon fishing.**
 - Other species: Season is August 1–October 31.

Swanson River drainage:

- **In all flowing waters:**
 - **Closed to all fishing May 1 – June 10.**
 - Bait is allowed year-round.
 - Rainbow/steelhead trout limits: 5 per day, 5 in possession (only one 20 inches or longer).
 - **Sucker Creek:**
 - **Closed year-round to all salmon fishing.**

Tustumena Lake and tributaries:

- **Closed year-round to fishing for sockeye (red) salmon.**
- **Tustumena Lake tributaries:**
 - **Closed to all fishing May 1 – June 10.**