

General Regulations - Kenai Peninsula

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, Kaslof River and Ninilchik River. 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 86–87 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.

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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 - Kenai Peninsula

Bait Restrictions:

- Only unbaited, artificial lures are allowed in flowing waters of the Kenai Peninsula from September 16–December 31. Bait and multiple hooks are allowed year-round in lakes and ponds and during certain timeframes on select flowing waters. Find more information in the special regulations listed below.

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 - Kenai Peninsula

Anchor River drainage

- **Closed to all fishing in flowing waters November 1–May 18.**
- Rainbow/steelhead trout (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 or fly is allowed July 1–15 and September 1–October 31. Bait and multiple hooks are allowed July 16–August 31, and May 19–June 30 (but only during days and times open to fishing. See bullet point below).
- **From its mouth upstream approximately 2 miles to ADF&G markers, near the confluence of the North and South forks:**
 - King salmon:
 - **Season:** May 19–21; May 23; May 26–28; May 30; June 2–4; June 6; June 9–11; June 13; June 16–18; and June 20.
 - Bait and multiple hooks are allowed during open fishing periods.
 - 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 19–21; May 23; May 26–28; May 30; June 2–4; June 6; June 9–11; June 13; June 16–18; and June 20, and July 1–October 31.
 - General regulations on pages 66-67 apply.

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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.
 - Bait and multiple hooks are allowed August 1–31. From September 1–October 31, only one, unbaited, single hook artificial lure or fly is allowed.
 - 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 66–67.

Bench Creek drainage—including Bench Lake:

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

Bishop Creek drainage—including Daniels Creek:

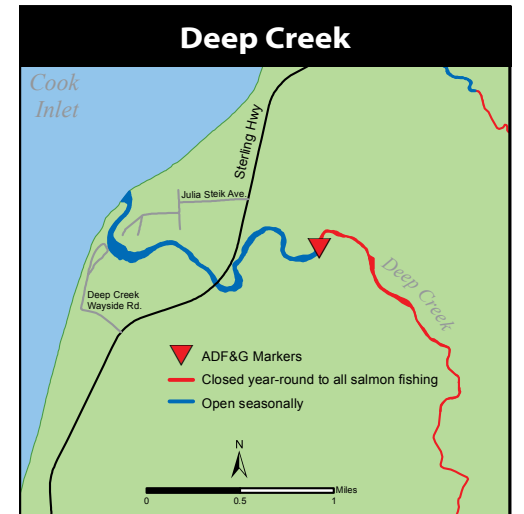
- **Closed year-round to all salmon fishing.**
- **Closed to all fishing May 1–June 10.**

Crooked Creek and Coal Creek:

- **Closed to all fishing May 1–June 10.**
- **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 or fly is allowed September 1–December 31. Bait and multiple hooks are allowed when the fishing season opens on June 11 through August 31.

Deep Creek drainage:

- **Closed to all fishing November 1–May 25.**
- 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 or fly is allowed July 1–15 and September 1–October 31. Bait and multiple hooks are allowed July 16–August 31, and May 26–June 30 (but only during days and times open to fishing. See bullet point below).
- **From its mouth upstream approximately 2 miles to ADF&G markers:**
 - King salmon:
 - **Season:** May 26–28; June 2–4; June 9–11.
 - 20 inches or longer: 1 per day, 1 in possession.
 - Bait and multiple hooks are allowed during open fishing periods.
 - 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 page 67) 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 26–28; June 2–4; June 9–11, and July 1–October 31.
 - General regulations on pages 66–67 apply.
- **Upstream from ADF&G markers:**
 - **Closed year-round to all salmon fishing.**
 - Bait and multiple hooks are allowed August 1–31. From September 1–October 31, only one, unbaited single hook artificial lure or fly is allowed.
 - 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 66–67 apply.

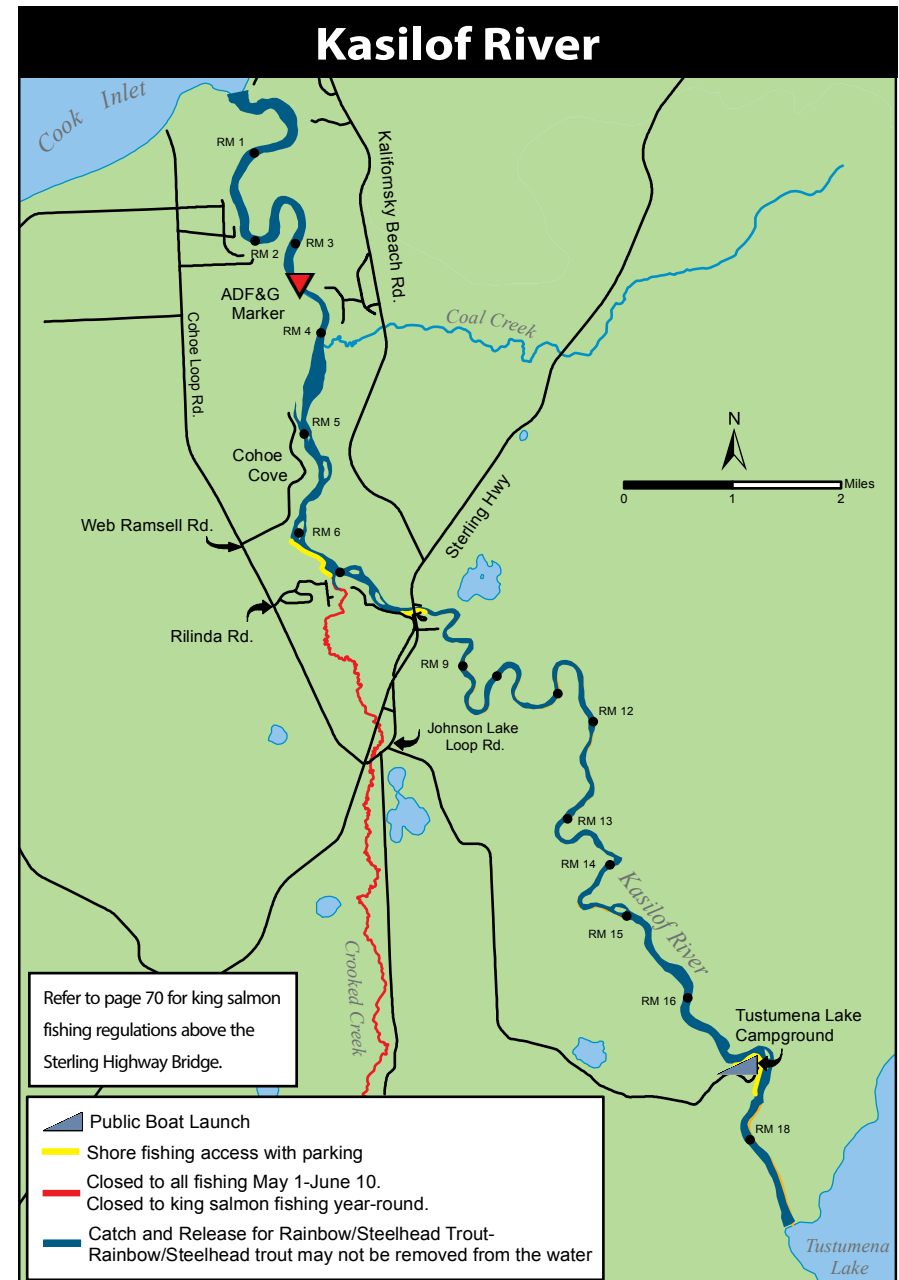


English Bay River drainage:

- **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:

- 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:
 - Open to fishing year-round.
 - 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 or fly is allowed, September 16–May 15. Bait and multiple hooks are allowed May 16–September 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 (naturally-produced or hatchery-produced).
 - 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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Kasilof River—excluding Crooked Creek, Coal Creek, and Tustumena Lake and its tributaries (continued):

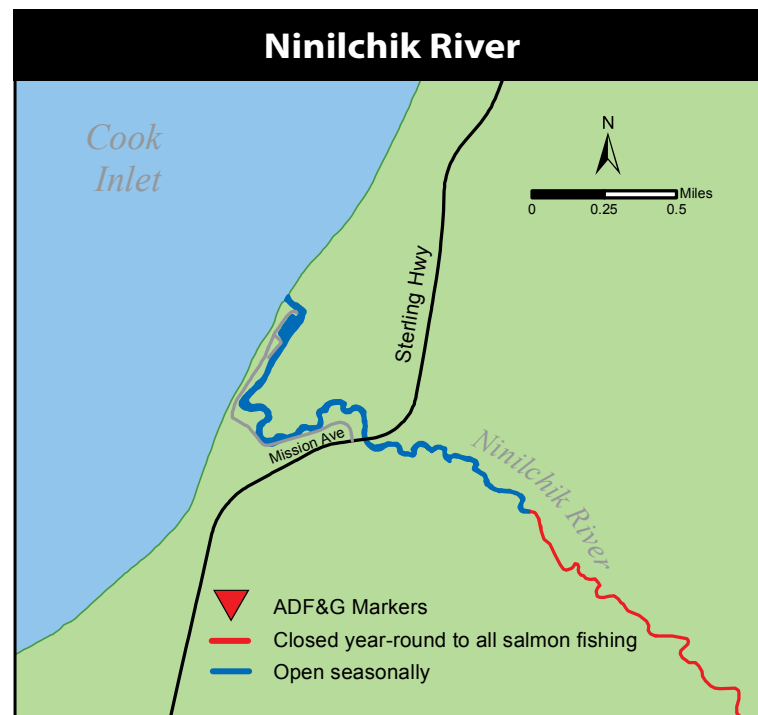
- **From ADF&G markers at the mouth of Crooked Creek downstream to ADF&G markers near the cutbank:**
 - Fishing from an anchored boat is prohibited, January 1–June 30.
 - “Anchoring” means using an anchor or any device other than oars or paddles to slow or stop a boat’s downstream drift.
- **From the 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 or flies allowed, September 16–December 31. Bait and multiple hooks are allowed January 1–September 15.
- 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.

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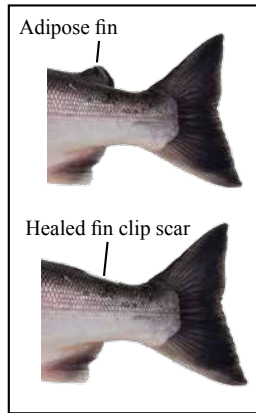
Ninilchik River drainage:

- **Closed to all fishing November 1–May 25.**
- 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 or fly is allowed September 1–October 31. Bait and multiple hooks are allowed May 26–August 31 (but only during days and times open to fishing. See bullet point below).
- **From its mouth upstream approximately 2 miles to ADF&G markers:**
 - **Wild or hatchery king salmon:**
 - Season:** May 26–28; June 2–4 and June 9–11.
 - Bait and multiple hooks are allowed during open fishing periods.
 - 20 inches or longer: 1 per day, 1 in possession, of either wild or hatchery 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.
 - 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.
 - Anglers who keep a king salmon 20 inches or longer must immediately record that harvest. See page 5 for recording instructions.
 - See annual limit information on page 66.
 - Less than 20 inches: 10 per day, 10 in possession, of either wild or hatchery king salmon.



Ninilchik River drainage continued:

- **Hatchery king salmon only—**
 - **Season:** June 16–October 31. (Hatchery king salmon are missing their adipose fin and have a healed fin clip scar).
 - 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.
 - Annual limit applies. See info on page 66.
 - Less than 20 inches: 10 per day, 10 in possession, of **hatchery king salmon only**.
 - All wild king salmon caught may not be removed from the water and must be released immediately.
- Other species:
 - **Season:** May 26–28, June 2–4, and June 9–11, and June 16–October 31.
 - General regulations on pages 66-67 apply.
- **Upstream from the ADF&G markers:**
 - **Closed year-round to all salmon fishing.**
 - Bait and multiple hooks are allowed August 1–31. From September 1–October 31, only one, unbaited single hook artificial lure or fly is allowed.
 - 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) from August 1–October 31 following the general regulations listed on pages 66 and 67.



Ninilchik River Youth-Only Fishery: 🍣

- **From the mouth of the Ninilchik River upstream to the Sterling Highway Bridge marker:**
 - 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 6, 2018).
 - Youth-Only king salmon limits: 1 per day, 1 in possession (of any size) of either wild or hatchery king salmon. Annual limit applies. See info on page 66.
 - 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.
 - Anglers who keep a king salmon 20 inches or longer must immediately record that harvest. See page 5 for recording instructions.

Stariski Creek drainage:

- **Closed year-round to fishing for king salmon.**
- **In all flowing waters:**
 - Only one unbaited, single-hook, artificial lure or fly is allowed July 1–15 and September 1–October 31. Bait and multiple hooks are allowed July 16–August 31.
- **From its mouth upstream to the Sterling Highway bridge:**
 - **Season:** July 1–October 31.
 - Open to fishing for all species except king salmon. See bag limits on pages 66 and 67.
- Rainbow/steelhead trout:
 - No retention is allowed. All rainbow/steelhead trout caught may not be removed from the water and must be released immediately.
- **Upstream of the Sterling Highway bridge:**
 - **Closed year-round to all salmon fishing.**
 - Bait and multiple hooks are allowed August 1–31. From September 1–October 31, only one, unbaited, single hook artificial lure or fly is allowed.
- Rainbow/steelhead trout:
 - No retention is allowed. All rainbow/steelhead trout caught may not be removed from the water and must be released immediately.
- Other species: Season is August 1–October 31.

Swanson River drainage:

- **In all flowing waters:**
 - **Closed to all fishing May 1 – June 10.**
 - Bait and multiple hooks are allowed June 11–April 30.
 - 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:

- **Closed year-round to fishing for sockeye (red) salmon.**
- Open to fishing year-round following general regulations on pages 66 and 67.

Tustumena Lake tributaries:

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