

General Regulations - North Gulf Coast

Inclusive waters: Salt waters within 200 miles of shore from the longitude of Gore Point to the longitude of Cape Fairfield. All fresh waters between Gore Point and Cape Fairfield.

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

Snagging: Snagging is legal year-round in North Gulf Coast salt waters.

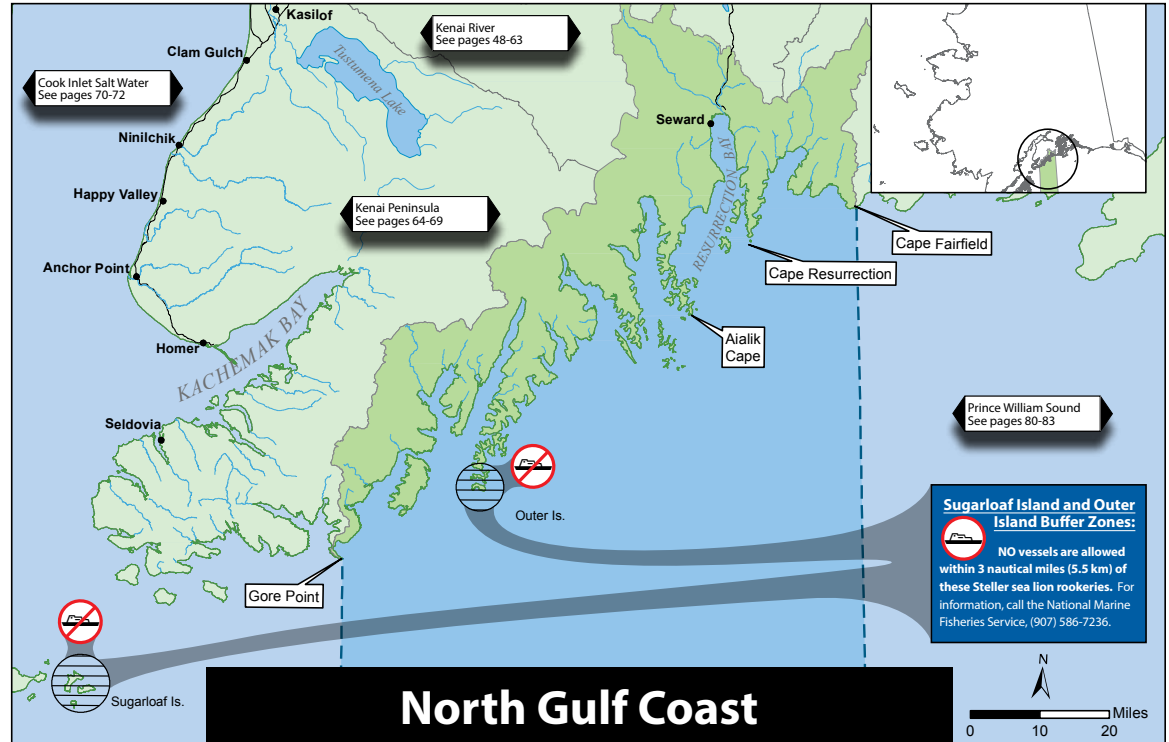
Gaffs: A gaff may not be used to puncture any fish intended or required to be released.

KING SALMON

- Fresh waters:
 - Closed to king salmon fishing.**
- Salt waters (except Resurrection Bay, see special regulation on page 78):
 - 1 per day, 1 in possession (there is no annual limit or recording requirement).

OTHER SALMON

- Fresh waters (except Resurrection Bay, see special regulation on page 77):
 - 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.
- Salt waters (except Resurrection Bay, see special regulation on page 78):
 - Pink salmon taken in the sport fishery may be used as bait, but are part of your bag limit.
 - 6 per day, 6 in possession, only 3 per day, 3 in possession maybe coho (silver) salmon.



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RAINBOW/STEELHEAD TROUT

- Fresh waters:
 - There is a total annual limit of 2 rainbow/steelhead trout 20 inches or longer.
 - Anglers who keep a rainbow/steelhead trout 20 inches or longer must immediately record that harvest. See page 5 for recording instructions.
- In flowing waters:
 - 2 per day, 2 in possession, only 1 fish may be 20 inches or longer.
- In lakes and ponds:
 - 5 per day, 5 in possession, only 1 fish may be 20 inches or longer.
- In all North Gulf Coast salt waters:**
 - No open season. No retention. All rainbow/steelhead trout caught may not be removed from the water and must be released immediately.

ARCTIC CHAR/DOLLY VARDEN

- Fresh waters:
 - In flowing waters:
 - 2 per day, 2 in possession.
 - In lakes and ponds:
 - 5 per day, 5 in possession.
- Salt waters (Dolly Varden only):
 - 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.

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LINGCOD

- **Season:** July 1–December 31:
 - 1 per day, 1 in possession, must be at least 35 inches long with head attached or 28 inches from tip of tail to front of dorsal fin with head removed.
- Resurrection Bay **closed to lingcod fishing**. See special regulation on page 78.

ROCKFISH

- 4 per day, 8 in possession, only 1 per day, 2 in possession may be non-pelagic (see chart on page 92).

HALIBUT

Pacific halibut fisheries are managed by the federal government under international treaty. See page 7 for federal contact information.

- **Season:** February 1–December 31.
- **Unguided anglers:** 2 per day, 4 in possession.
- **Consult federal regulations for the following:**
 - 1) Bag, possession and size limits and other regulations for guided (charter) anglers.
 - 2) Filleting requirements for fish cleaned at sea.

SPINY DOGFISH

- 5 per day, 5 in possession.

SHARKS (EXCEPT SPINY DOGFISH)

- 1 per day, 1 in possession.
- There is an annual limit of 2 sharks. These harvested fish must be recorded. See page 5 for recording instructions.

OTHER FINFISH

- No limit.

SHELLFISH

- See page 79.

Fresh Water Methods and Means - North Gulf Coast

Bait and tackle restrictions in flowing waters:

- September 1–December 31: Only unbaited, artificial lures or flies are allowed.

Fresh Water Special Regulations - North Gulf Coast

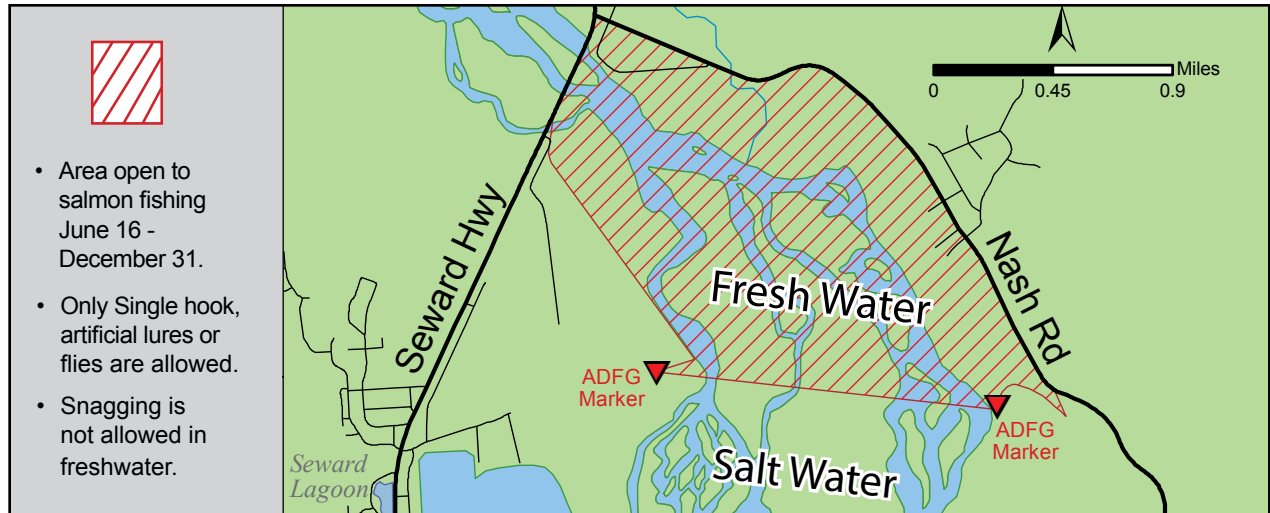
If an individual water body or species is not listed below, then the general regulations shown on page 76 apply.

First Lake Youth-Only Fishery:

- Only open to anglers 15 years of age or younger.
- Four consecutive days beginning the third Thursday in May (May 17–20, 2018).

Resurrection Bay fresh waters—(All flowing waters and all lakes and ponds north of a line between Cape Resurrection and Aialik Cape, and south of Mile 12, Seward Highway):

- **Closed year-round to all salmon fishing** (except see below).
 - **Resurrection River, downstream of the Seward Highway and Nash Road to ADF&G markers:**
 - Only unbaited, single-hook, artificial lures or flies are allowed.
 - Salmon limits (except king salmon):
 - Open to salmon (except king salmon) fishing June 16–December 31.
 - 3 per day, 3 in possession, of which only 2 may be coho salmon.



Seward Lagoon and Outfall Stream Youth-Only Fishery:

- Only open to anglers 15 years of age or younger.
 - Only one hook (single or treble) per line may be used; artificial lures or flies and bait are legal.
 - A person may not attempt to snag fish or retain a fish not hooked inside the mouth.
 - King salmon limits:
 - Open to king salmon fishing the third Friday and weekend in June (June 15–17, 2018) and the second Friday and weekend in July (July 6–8, 2018).
 - 2 per day, 2 in possession.
 - Coho salmon limits:
 - Open to coho salmon fishing the last Friday and weekend of August (August 24–26, 2018) and the first Friday and weekend in September (September 7–9, 2018).
 - 2 per day, 2 in possession.
 - **Closed to fishing for other species during these youth-only fisheries.**
 - **Closed to all fishing the remainder of the year.**


Salt Water Special Regulations - North Gulf Coast

If an individual water body or species is not listed below, then the general regulations shown on page 76 apply.

Resurrection Bay— North of a line from Aialik Cape to Cape Resurrection:

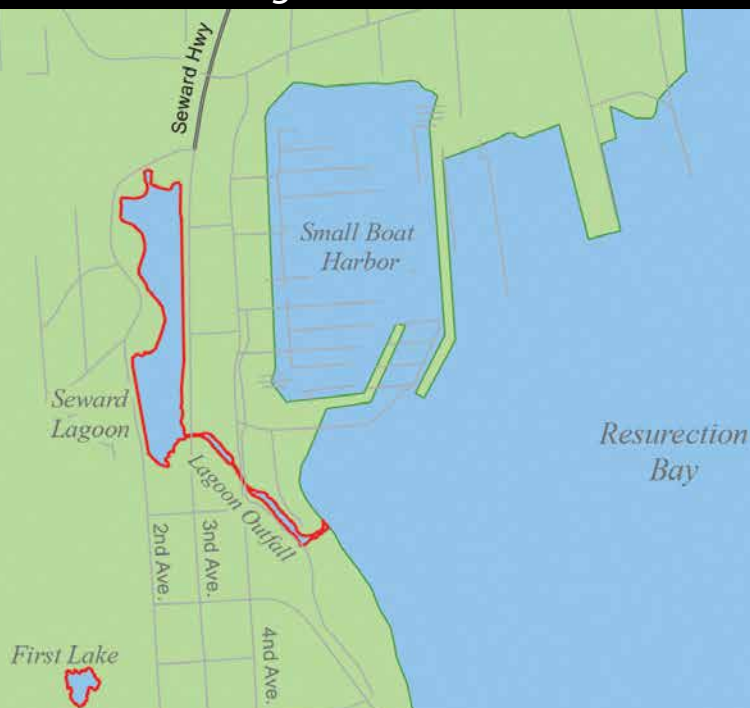
- A person may possess only the limit of fish allowed for the water on which that person is fishing (see page 7). For example, possession of more than 3 coho salmon outside Resurrection Bay (south of a line from Aialik Cape to Cape Resurrection) exceeds the North Gulf Coast salt waters possession limit for this species. It is illegal to fish for any species in these waters with more than 3 coho salmon in your possession.
- King salmon limits:
 - May 1–August 31: 2 per day, 2 in possession.
 - September 1–April 30: 1 per day, 1 in possession.
 - There is no annual or seasonal king salmon limit in effect, and there is no king salmon harvest recording requirement.
- Salmon (except king salmon) limits:
 - Open to fishing year-round.
 - 6 per day, 6 in possession. All 6 may be coho (silver) salmon.
- Lingcod:
 - **Closed year-round to lingcod fishing.**
 - Lingcod caught accidentally must be released immediately. You cannot legally fish for any species of fish inside Resurrection Bay if you possess a lingcod taken elsewhere.

Youth-Only Fisheries - Seward Lagoon and First Lake

 Areas outlined in red indicate Youth-Only Fisheries.

See regulations for Seward Lagoon and Outfall Stream Youth-Only Fishery above.

See regulations on page 77 for First Lake Youth-Only Fishery.



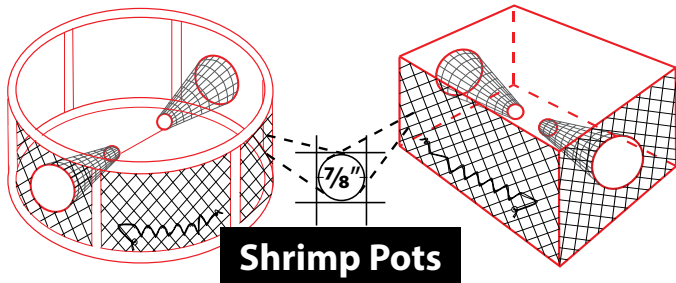
Shrimp and Shrimp Pot Requirements - North Gulf Coast

SHRIMP

- **Personal Use Shrimp-Alaska residents only**—All North Gulf Coast waters, including Resurrection Bay (See map on page 76):
 - **Season:** April 15 through September 15.
 - A permit is required. Permits are available at ADF&G offices in Anchorage, Soldotna, and Homer, and at The Fish House in Seward.
 - Shrimp may only be taken with pots:
 - 5 pots per person, maximum of 5 pots per vessel.
 - There are no bag, possession, or size limits.

Shrimp pot requirements:

- Two vertical sides of all shrimp pots must be made entirely of webbing big enough to allow a 7/8-inch round wooden dowel to go through without stretching or otherwise deforming the opening.
- The two vertical sides must touch each other and cannot be covered by anything.
- The other two sides, top, bottom, and tunnels may be composed of any material.
- The 7/8-inch size allows undersize and juvenile shrimp to escape.



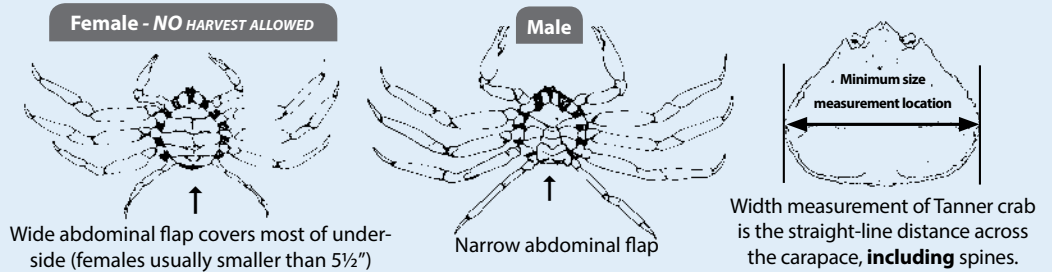
A shrimp pot with no definable sides, such as a round pot, must have 50% of its vertical surface area covered with 7/8-inch webbing. The other 50% of its vertical sides, as well as its top and bottom, may be composed of any material

Tanner Crab - North Gulf Coast

TANNER CRAB

Check for emergency orders for additional regulations.

- **North Gulf Coast:**
 - A permit is required and is available online at: www.adfg.alaska.gov/store.
 - **Season:** October 1 - February 28:
 - Male crabs only, 4½ inch minimum: 3 per day, 3 in possession.
 - May operate 1 pot per vessel.



DUNGENESS CRAB

- **Season:** Closed.

KING CRAB

- **Season:** Closed.

RAZOR CLAMS

- There are no bag or possession limits.

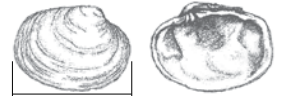
LITLLENECK AND BUTTER CLAMS

- 80 per day, 80 in possession in combination.
 - Littleneck clams: Must be 1½ inches or wider.
 - Butter clams: Must be 2½ inches or wider.

OTHER SHELLFISH

- No limit.

BUTTER CLAM



Minimum 2½ inches across the widest part of the shell for Cook Inlet and North Gulf Coast harvest requirement.

The butter clam shell is thick and white. It has heavy concentric growth rings, but no vertical ridges. The shell's inner edge is smooth. Butter clams are 3 to 5 inches long.

PACIFIC LITLLENECK CLAM



Minimum 1½ inches across the widest part of the shell for Cook Inlet and North Gulf Coast harvest requirement.

Littleneck clam shells have concentric growth rings and distinct vertical ridges. The inner edge is ridged like the edge of a quarter. Littleneck clams are about 2 inches long.