SUSITNA RIVER DRAINAGE - UNITS 1-6

Unit 1
The Susitna River from its mouth to and including the Deshka River.

Unit 2
The Susitna River upstream of the Deshka River.

Unit 3
The Susitna River upstream from the Talkeetna River to the Oshetna River.

Unit 4
The Yentna River drainage.

Unit 5
The Talkeetna River drainage.

Unit 6
The Chulitna River drainage.

See the Northern Alaska Sport Fish Regulation Summary

West Cook Inlet
See pages 17-19
Inclusive waters: From the mouth of the Susitna River upstream to its confluence with the Deshka River (including the Deshka River drainage, but excluding the Yentna River drainage)—the waters of the Susitna River and its westside tributaries, and all eastside waters within ½ mile of the Susitna River.

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

**KING SALMON**
- In all flowing waters, lakes, and ponds draining into the west side of the Susitna, and in all waters draining into the east side of the Susitna within ½ mile of the Susitna River:
  - **Open season:** January 1–July 13:
  - **May 15–July 13:** In waters open to king salmon fishing, including the Deshka River, fishing is only allowed between 6 a.m. and 11 p.m. each day.
  - 20 inches or longer: 1 per day, 2 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.
  - A king salmon 20 inches or longer that is removed from the water must be retained and becomes part of the bag limit of the person who originally hooked the fish. You must not remove a king salmon 20 inches or longer from the water before releasing it.
  - If you retain a king salmon 20 inches or longer, you must immediately record that harvest. See page 5 for recording instructions.
  - Less than 20 inches: 10 per day, 10 in possession.

**OTHER SALMON**
- 16 inches or longer: 3 per day, 6 in possession.
  - 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. You must 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.
RAINFOREST/STEELHEAD TROUT
• In flowing waters:
  • April 15–June 14: No retention.
  • June 15–April 14: 2 per day, 2 in possession, only 1 of which may be 20 inches or longer.
• In lakes and ponds: 2 per day, 2 in possession, only 1 of which 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, except in the stocked lakes of the Knik Arm and Susitna River areas, where the annual limit is 10 rainbow/steelhead trout 20 inches or longer (see pages 88–89 for a list of stocked lakes in these areas).
  • If you retain a rainbow/steelhead trout 20 inches or longer, you must immediately record that harvest. See page 5 for recording instructions.

ARCTIC CHAR/DOLLY VARDEN
• 5 per day, 5 in possession, only 1 of which may be 12 inches or longer.

ARCTIC GRAYLING
• 2 per day, 2 in possession, no size limit.

LAKE TROUT
• 2 per day, 2 in possession, no size limit.

NORTHERN PIKE
• No limit.
• Live Release Prohibited. You are not allowed to release live pike back into the water. Pike not retained for personal use may be disposed of through lawful and safe methods, including returning dead pike to the water.
• 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, you 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.
    • Alexander Creek and Lake
    • Amber Lake
    • Fish Creek (Lower Susitna River)
    • Fish Creek (Kroto Slough
    • Kroto Lakes
    • Ladyslipper Lake
    • Lockwood Lake
    • Lower and Upper Vern Lakes (Ding-Dong Lakes)
    • Neil Lake
    • Parker Lake
    • Sucker Lake
    • Trail Lake
    • Trapper Lake
    • Whitsol Lake
    • Witsoe Creek

BURBOT
• 5 per day, 5 in possession, no size limit.
• Bait is allowed while fishing for burbot, and burbot may be taken with more than one line and hook only if:
  • The total number of aggregate hooks/lines does not exceed the daily bag limit for burbot in the water being fished;
  • The hooks are single hooks with a gap between point and shank larger than ¾ inch;
  • Each hook is set to rest on the bottom of the lake or stream; and
  • The burbot fishing gear is closely attended by the angler, except in flowing waters of the Susitna and Yentna river drainages, where lines must be tended at least once each 24 hours.
• Each line is identified with angler’s name and address.
• When fishing for burbot, you must immediately release all other fish caught incidentally.

OTHER FINFISH
• No limit.

Methods and Means - Unit 1

Tackle Restrictions:
• Flowing waters of the Susitna River drainage—from its mouth upstream to its confluence with the Deshka River:
  • July 14–August 31: Bait and multiple hooks are allowed.
  • September 1–July 13: Only unbaited, artificial lures or flies are allowed (multiple hooks are allowed during this timeframe).
**Special Regulations - Unit 1**

**Alexander Creek drainage**—includes Alexander Lake:
- **Salmon (except king salmon):**
  - 16 inches or longer: 3 per day, 6 in possession, only 2 per day, 4 in possession may be coho (silver) salmon.
- **In all flowing waters:**
  - Rainbow/steelhead trout, Arctic char/Dolly Varden, and Arctic grayling: No retention is allowed. Any rainbow/steelhead trout, Arctic char/Dolly Varden, or Arctic grayling caught must be released immediately.
  - Alexander Creek and all waters within a ½-mile radius of the stream’s confluence with the Susitna River:
    - Closed year-round to fishing for king salmon.
    - July 14–April 30: Open to fishing for species other than king salmon following General Regulations.
- All waters within a ½-mile radius of the stream’s confluence with the Susitna River:
  - May 1–July 13: Closed to all sport fishing.
- In all flowing waters upstream of ADF&G markers 400 yards upstream from its confluence with Trail Creek:
  - Only one unbaited, single hook, artificial lure or fly is allowed year-round.

**Deshka River drainage:**
- **King salmon:** After retaining a king salmon 20 inches or longer, you may not fish for king salmon on that same day anywhere else.
- In flowing waters of the Deshka River drainage upstream of the forks at Moose/Kroto creeks:
  - Only one unbaited, single hook, artificial lure or fly is allowed year-round.
- **Rainbow/steelhead trout:** No retention of rainbow trout is allowed. All rainbow trout caught must be released immediately.
- In flowing waters of the Deshka River drainage downstream of the forks at Moose/Kroto creeks to ADF&G markers near Chijuk Creek:
  - September 1–July 13: Only unbaited, artificial lures or flies are allowed.

**The Deshka River drainage, from its mouth upstream approximately 17 miles to ADF&G markers near Chijuk Creek, and all waters within a ½-mile radius of the Deshka’s confluence with the Susitna River:**
- From May 15–July 13: Fishing is only allowed between 6 a.m. and 11 p.m. each day in the Deshka River.
  - January 1–July 13: Open to fishing for all species including king salmon.
  - June 1–August 31: Bait and multiple hooks are allowed.
  - September 1–May 31: Only unbaited, artificial lures or flies are allowed.
Inclusive waters: The Susitna River drainage, from its confluence with the Deshka River, upstream to its confluence with the Talkeetna River, excluding the Talkeetna River drainage. The lower portions of most streams crossed by the Parks Highway have exceptions to the General Regulations, listed on the following pages.

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

**KING SALMON**
- Generally, Unit 2 is closed to fishing for king salmon, but there are exceptions. See Special Regulations.
- In stocked lakes: 10 per day, 10 in possession, in combination with other salmon. See pages 88–89 for a list of stocked lakes.
- In waters where king salmon fishing is allowed, the following regulations apply:
  - **May 15–July 13:** Fishing is only allowed between 6 a.m. and 11 p.m. each day.
  - A king salmon 20 inches or longer that is removed from the water must be retained and becomes part of the bag limit of the person who originally hooked the fish. You must not remove a king salmon 20 inches or longer from the water before releasing it.
  - 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.
  - If you retain a king salmon 20 inches or longer, you must immediately record that harvest. See page 5 for recording instructions.
  - After taking a king salmon 20 inches or longer, you may not fish for any species of fish in any water open to king salmon fishing during that same day.

**ARCTIC GRAYLING**
- 2 per day, 2 in possession.

**ARCTIC CHAR/DOLLY VARDEN**
- In stocked lakes: 5 per day, 5 in possession. See pages 88–89 for a list of stocked lakes.
- In other lakes and ponds and in all flowing waters: 5 per day, 5 in possession, only 1 of which may be 12 inches or longer.
**OTHER SALMON**
- In stocked lakes: 10 per day, 10 in possession, in combination with king salmon. See pages 88–89 for a list of stocked lakes.
- In other lakes and ponds and in all flowing waters:
  - 16 inches or longer: 3 per day, 3 in possession, only 2 per day, 2 in possession may be coho salmon.
  - Less than 16 inches: 10 per day, 10 in possession, in combination.
- A coho salmon 16 inches or longer that is removed from the water must be retained and becomes part of the bag limit of the person who originally hooked the fish. You must not remove a coho salmon 16 inches or longer from the water before releasing it.

**RAINBOW/STEELHEAD TROUT**
- In stocked lakes: 5 per day, 5 in possession, only 1 of which may be 20 inches or longer. See pages 88–89 for a list of stocked lakes.
- In other lakes and ponds: 2 per day, 2 in possession, only 1 of which may be 20 inches or longer.
- In flowing waters:
  - **April 15–June 14:** No retention.
  - **June 15–April 14:** 2 per day, 2 in possession, only 1 of which 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 or 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, except in the stocked lakes of the Knik Arm and Susitna River areas, where the annual limit is 10 rainbow/steelhead trout 20 inches or longer (see pages 88–89 for a list of stocked lakes in these areas).
    - If you retain a rainbow/steelhead trout 20 inches or longer, you must immediately record that harvest. See page 5 for recording instructions.

**LAKE TROUT**
- 2 per day, 2 in possession.

**BURBOT**
- 5 per day, 5 in possession, no size limit.
- Bait is allowed while fishing for burbot, and burbot may be taken with more than one line and hook only if:
  - The total number of aggregate hooks/lines does not exceed the daily bag limit for burbot in the water being fished;
  - The hooks are single hooks with a gap between point and shank larger than ¾ inch;
  - Each hook is set to rest on the bottom of the lake or stream; and
  - The burbot fishing gear is closely attended by the angler, except in flowing waters of the Susitna and Yentna river drainages, where lines must be tended at least once each 24 hours.
  - Each line is identified with angler’s name and address.
  - When fishing for burbot, you must immediately release all other fish caught incidentally.

**NORTHERN PIKE**
- No limit.
- **Live Release Prohibited.** You are not allowed to release live pike back into the water. Pike not retained for personal use may be disposed of through lawful and safe methods, including returning dead pike to the water.
- 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, you 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.
- **Crystal Lake**  •  **Long Lake**  •  **Shirley Lake**

**OTHER FINFISH**
- No limit.

### METHODS AND MEANS - UNIT 2

**Tackle Restrictions:**
- **June 1–July 13:** Only unbaited, artificial lures or flies are allowed.
- **July 14–August 31:** Bait and multiple hooks are allowed.
- **September 1–May 31:** In all flowing waters of Unit 2, only one unbaited, single hook, artificial lure or fly is allowed.
- In non-flowing waters, bait and multiple hooks are allowed year-round, unless prohibited under Special Regulations.

### SPECIAL REGULATIONS - UNIT 2

#### Birch Creek:
- From its mouth to ADF&G markers ½ mile upstream:
  - **Jan. 1 - June 15:** Open to all species, including king salmon.
  - **June 16 - 19:** Open to species other than king salmon.
  - **June 20 - 22:** Open to all species, including king salmon.
  - **June 23 - 26:** Open to species other than king salmon.
  - **June 27 - 29:** Open to all species, including king salmon.
  - **June 30 - July 13:** Open to species other than king salmon.
  - **July 14 - Dec. 31:** Open to all species, except king salmon.

- King salmon:
  - 20 inches or longer: 1 per day, 1 in possession.
  - Less than 20 inches: 10 per day, 10 in possession.

- **May 15–July 13:** Fishing is only allowed from 6 a.m. to 11 p.m. each day.
- **June 1–July 13:** Only unbaited, artificial lures or flies are allowed (multiple hooks are allowed during this time).
- **July 14–August 31:** Bait and multiple hooks are allowed.
- **September 1–May 31:** Only one, unbaited, single hook artificial lure or fly is allowed.
- **Upstream from ADF&G markers ¼ mile from its mouth:**
  - **Closed year-round to all salmon fishing.**
  - **Open year-round to fishing for other species.**
  - **Only one unbaited, single hook, artificial lure or fly is allowed year-round.**
Special Regulations - Unit 2 (continued)

Caswell, Little Willow and Sheep Creek drainages:
- From its mouth upstream to the Parks Highway bridge:
  - January 1–April 14 and June 15–December 31: Closed to all fishing.
  - North fork of the Kashwitna River, and all waters within a ¼ mile radius of its confluence with the Kashwitna River:
    - Only one unbaited, single hook, artificial lure or fly is allowed year-round.
- Rainbow/steelhead trout:
  - Open to fishing year-round, but no retention is allowed. All rainbow/steelhead trout caught must be released immediately.

Goose Creek Special Regulations continued...
- Upstream of the Parks Highway bridge:
  - Open year-round to fishing for all species except king salmon following General Regulations.
  - Only one, unbaited, single hook, artificial lure or fly is allowed year-round.

Greys (196 Mile) Creek:
- From its mouth to ADF&G markers ¼ mile upstream:
  - Jan 1 - June 15: Open to all species, including king salmon.
  - June 16 - 19: Open to species other than king salmon.
  - June 20 - 22: Open to all species, including king salmon.
  - June 23 - 26: Open to species other than king salmon.
  - June 27 - 29: Open to all species, including king salmon.
  - June 30 - July 13: Open to species other than king salmon.
  - July 14 - Dec. 31: Open to all species, except king salmon.

Kashwitna River drainage:
- From its mouth upstream to the Alaska railroad bridge:
  - Jan. 1 - June 15: Open to all species, including king salmon.
  - June 16 - 19: Open to species other than king salmon.
  - June 20 - 22: Open to all species, including king salmon.
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  - June 27 - 29: Open to all species, including king salmon.
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  - July 14 - Dec. 31: Open to all species, except king salmon.

Little Willow Creek drainage:
- See Caswell Creek Special Regulations.
Montana Creek drainage:
• Entire drainage including all waters within ½ mile radius of its confluence with the Susitna River:
  • Rainbow/steelhead trout and Arctic grayling: No retention allowed year-round. All rainbow trout and Arctic grayling caught must be released immediately.

From its mouth upstream to ADF&G markers located ½ mile above the Parks Highway:

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• King salmon:
  • 20 inches or longer: 1 per day, 1 in possession.
  • Less than 20 inches: 10 per day, 10 in possession.

• May 15–July 13: Fishing is only allowed from 6 a.m. to 11 p.m. each day.

• June 1–July 13: Only unbaited, artificial lures or flies are allowed (multiple hooks are allowed during this time).

• July 14–August 31: Bait and multiple hooks are allowed.

• September 1–May 31: Only one, unbaited, single hook artificial lure or fly is allowed.

• Upstream from ADF&G markers ¼ mile upstream of the creek’s mouth (on all drainages):
  • Open to fishing for all species except king salmon year-round.

• Rabideux Creek:
  • All waters upstream of the Parks Highway:
    • Open year-round to fishing for all species except king salmon
    • Only one unbaited, single hook, artificial lure or fly is allowed year-round.

• Sunshine Creek:
  • All waters upstream from ADF&G markers ¼ mile upstream from its mouth:
    • Open year-round to fishing for all species except king salmon
    • Only one unbaited, single hook, artificial lure or fly is allowed year-round.

Rabideux, Sunshine and Trapper Creek drainages:
• From the mouth to ADF&G markers located ¼ mile upstream (on all drainages):

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• King salmon:
  • 20 inches or longer: 1 per day, 1 in possession.
  • Less than 20 inches: 10 per day, 10 in possession.

• May 15–July 13: Fishing is only allowed from 6 a.m. to 11 p.m. each day.

• June 1–July 13: Only unbaited, artificial lures or flies are allowed (multiple hooks are allowed during this time).

• July 14–August 31: Bait and multiple hooks are allowed.

• September 1–May 31: Only one, unbaited, single hook artificial lure or fly is allowed.

• Trapper Creek:
  • All waters upstream of the Susitna River Road:
    • Open year-round to fishing for all species except king salmon.
    • Only one unbaited, single hook, artificial lure or fly is allowed year-round.

Trapper Creek drainage:
• See Rabideux Creek Special Regulations.

Sheep Creek drainage:
• See Caswell Creek Special Regulations.

Sunshine Creek drainage:
• See Rabideux Creek Special Regulations.

Susitna River and all flowing waters within a ¼-mile radius of the river, from its confluence with the Deshka River upstream to its confluence with the Talkeetna River:

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  • 20 inches or longer: 1 per day, 1 in possession.
  • Less than 20 inches: 10 per day, 10 in possession.

• May 15–July 13: Fishing is only allowed from 6 a.m. to 11 p.m. each day.

• June 1–July 13: Only unbaited, artificial lures or flies are allowed (multiple hooks are allowed during this time).

• July 14–August 31: Bait and multiple hooks are allowed.

• September 1–May 31: Only one, unbaited, single hook artificial lure or fly is allowed.

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Willow Creek drainage:

- Arctic grayling: No retention in the entire drainage, including all waters within a ½ mile radius of its confluence with the Susitna River. All Arctic grayling caught must be released immediately.

- From its mouth upstream to the Parks Highway:

  - **May 1–July 13:** Fishing from a boat for any species is prohibited in a portion of the Susitna River at the furthest downstream mouth of Willow Creek. The area closed to fishing from a boat is from an ADF&G marker located on the upstream bank, downstream approximately 300 yards to another ADF&G marker.

  - **June 1–July 13:** Only unbaited, artificial lures or flies are allowed (multiple hooks are allowed during this time), but only up to the ADF&G markers located ½ mile upstream from the mouth of Willow Creek.

  - **July 14–August 31:** Bait and multiple hooks are allowed, but only up to the ADF&G markers located ½ mile upstream from the mouth of Willow Creek.

  - **September 1–May 31:** Only one, unbaited, single hook artificial lure or fly is allowed.

- King salmon:
  - 20 inches or longer: 1 per day, 1 in possession.
  - Less than 20 inches: 10 per day, 10 in possession.

- Rainbow/steelhead: No retention, including all waters within a ½ mile radius of its confluence with the Susitna River. All rainbow trout caught must be released immediately.

- Upstream from ADF&G markers located ½ mile upstream from its mouth:
  - Only one unbaited, single hook, artificial lure or fly is allowed year-round.

- Upstream of the Parks Highway to its confluence with Deception Creek:
  - Open year-round to fishing for all species except king salmon.
  - Only one unbaited, single hook, artificial lure or fly is allowed year-round.

- Rainbow/steelhead trout:
  - **April 15–June 14:** No retention.
  - **June 15–April 14:** 1 per day, 1 in possession, less than 16 inches long.

- Upstream of Deception Creek:
  - Open year-round to fishing for all species except salmon.
  - Only one unbaited, single hook, artificial lure or fly is allowed year-round.

- Rainbow/steelhead trout:
  - **April 15–June 14:** No retention.
  - **June 15–April 14:** 1 per day, 1 in possession, less than 16 inches long.

Deception Creek drainage:

- Closed year-round to salmon fishing.
- **June 15–April 14:** Open to fishing.
- Only one unbaited, single hook, artificial lure or fly is allowed year-round.

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**Willow Creek drainage lakes** (Crystal, Long, Rainbow, Shirley and Willow):

- **Closed year-round to all salmon fishing.**
- Rainbow/steelhead trout: Open year-round.
- Arctic grayling: No retention. All Arctic grayling caught must be released immediately.
- **Crystal Lake:**
  - Rainbow/steelhead trout: 5 per day, 5 in possession, only 1 may be over 20 inches in length.
  - Northern pike: Sport fishing through the ice for northern pike is allowed using 5 lines, provided standard ice fishing gear is used, the fishing gear is closely attended, and all other fish caught are released immediately. You may use two hooks on a single line, provided that both hooks are attached to one single piece of bait.
  - **Live Release Prohibited.** You are not allowed to release live pike back into the water. Pike not retained for personal use may be disposed of through lawful and safe methods, including returning dead pike to the water.

- **Long Lake:**
  - Rainbow/steelhead trout: 2 per day, 2 in possession, only 1 may be over 20 inches in length.
  - Northern pike: Sport fishing through the ice for northern pike is allowed using 5 lines, provided standard ice fishing gear is used, the fishing gear is closely attended, and all other fish caught are released immediately. You may use two hooks on a single line, provided that both hooks are attached to one single piece of bait.
  - **Live Release Prohibited.** You are not allowed to release live pike back into the water. Pike not retained for personal use may be disposed of through lawful and safe methods, including returning dead pike to the water.

- **Rainbow Lake:**
  - Rainbow/steelhead trout: 2 per day, 2 in possession, only 1 may be over 20 inches in length.

- **Shirley Lake:**
  - Rainbow/steelhead trout: 2 per day, 2 in possession, only 1 may be over 20 inches in length.
  - Northern pike: Sport fishing through the ice for northern pike is allowed using 5 lines, provided standard ice fishing gear is used, the fishing gear is closely attended, and all other fish caught are released immediately. You may use two hooks on a single line, provided that both hooks are attached to one single piece of bait.
  - **Live release of northern pike is prohibited.** See further information under Crystal or Long Lake.

- **Willow Lake:**
  - Rainbow/steelhead trout: 5 per day, 5 in possession, only 1 may be over 20 inches in length.

**X Lake (near Talkeetna):**

- **May 1–October 31:** Open to fishing.
- **November 1–April 30:** Closed to all fishing.
- Only one unbaited, single hook, artificial lure or fly is allowed year-round.
- Rainbow trout/steelhead: No retention of rainbow trout allowed. All rainbow trout caught must be released immediately.
Inclusive waters: Susitna River drainages from its confluence with the Talkeetna River upstream to its confluence with the Oshetna River (including the Oshetna River drainage, but excluding the Chulitna River drainage).

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

**KING SALMON**
- Upstream from its confluence with the Talkeetna, to and including Devils Canyon:
  - Season: January 1–July 13:
  - May 15–July 13: Fishing is only allowed between 6 a.m. and 11 p.m. each day.
  - 20 inches or longer: 1 per day, 2 in possession.
  - A king salmon 20 inches or longer that is removed from the water must be retained and becomes part of the bag limit of the person who originally hooked the fish. You must not remove a king salmon 20 inches or longer from the water before releasing it.
  - 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.
  - If you retain a king salmon 20 inches or longer, you must immediately record that harvest. See page 5 for recording instructions.
  - Less than 20 inches: 10 per day, 10 in possession.
- Upstream of Devils Canyon: **Closed to king salmon fishing.**

**OTHER SALMON**
- 16 inches or longer: 3 per day, 3 in possession.
- A coho salmon 16 inches or longer that is removed from the water must be retained and becomes part of the bag limit of the person who originally hooked the fish. You must 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.
RAINFOREST/STEELHEAD TROUT
- In lakes and ponds: 2 per day, 2 in possession, only 1 of which may be 20 inches or longer.
- In flowing waters upstream from its confluence with the Talkeetna River to and including Devils Canyon:
  - April 15–June 14: No retention.
  - June 15–April 14: 1 per day, must be 20 inches or longer.
- In flowing waters upstream of Devils Canyon:
  - April 15–June 14: No retention.
  - June 15–April 14: 2 per day, 2 in possession, only 1 of which 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, Knik Lake drainages, Kenai River tributaries, and Kenai Peninsula.
  - If you retain a rainbow/steelhead trout 20 inches or longer, you must immediately record that harvest. See page 5 for recording instructions.

ARCTIC CHAR/DOLLY VARDEN
- 5 per day, 5 in possession, only 1 of which may be 12 inches or longer.

ARCTIC GRAYLING
- Upstream from its confluence with the Talkeetna River, to and including Devils Canyon: 2 per day, 2 in possession.
- Upstream of Devils Canyon: 5 per day, 5 in possession.

BURBOT
- 5 per day, 5 in possession.
- Bait is allowed while fishing for burbot, and burbot may be taken with more than one line and hook only if:
  - The total number of aggregate hooks/lines does not exceed the daily bag limit for burbot in the water being fished;
  - The hooks are single hooks with a gap between point and shank larger than ¾ inch;
  - Each hook is set to rest on the bottom of the lake or stream; and
  - The burbot fishing gear is closely attended by the angler, except in flowing waters of the Susitna and Yentna river drainages, where lines must be tended at least once each 24 hours.
- Each line is identified with angler’s name and address.
- When fishing for burbot, you must immediately release all other fish caught incidentally.

LAKE TROUT
- 2 per day, 2 in possession.

NORTHERN PIKE
- No limit.
- Live Release Prohibited. You are not allowed to release live pike back into the water. Pike not retained for personal use may be disposed of through lawful and safe methods, including returning dead pike to the water.
- 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, you may use two hooks on a single line, provided that both hooks are attached to one single piece of bait.

OTHER FINFISH
- No limit.

Methods and Means - Unit 3

Tackle Restrictions:
- In all flowing waters of Unit 3, only one unbaited, single hook, artificial lure or fly is allowed year-round.

Special Regulations - Unit 3

Clarence Lake:
- Rainbow/steelhead trout: 2 per day, 2 in possession, only 1 of which may be 20 inches or longer.
- Arctic grayling: 2 per day, 2 in possession.

Susitna River:
- Upstream from its confluence with the Talkeetna River, to and including Devils Canyon:
  - May 15–July 13: Fishing is only allowed between 6 a.m. and 11 p.m. each day.
- Upstream of its confluence with the Talkeetna River to Devils Canyon (excluding the Chulitna River drainage)— Trophy rainbow trout waters in Unit 3:
  - Rainbow/steelhead trout:
    - 20 inches or longer: 1 per day, 1 in possession. Annual limit of 2. If you retain a rainbow/steelhead trout 20 inches or longer, you must immediately record that harvest. See page 5 for recording instructions.
    - Less than 20 inches: No retention.
Inclusive waters: Flowing waters, lakes and ponds of the Yentna River drainage.

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

**KING SALMON**
- **Season**: January 1–July 13:
  - **May 15–July 13**: In waters open to fishing for king salmon, fishing is only allowed between 6 a.m. and 11 p.m. each day.
  - 20 inches or longer: 1 per day, 2 in possession.
  - A king salmon 20 inches or longer that is removed from the water must be retained and becomes part of the bag limit of the person who originally hooked the fish. You may not remove a king salmon 20 inches or longer from the water before releasing it.
  - 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.
  - If you retain a king salmon 20 inches or longer, you must immediately record that harvest. See page 5 for recording instructions.
- Less than 20 inches: 10 per day, 10 in possession.

**OTHER SALMON**
- 16 inches or longer: 3 per day, 6 in possession.
- A coho salmon 16 inches or longer that is removed from the water must be retained and becomes part of the bag limit of the person who originally hooked the fish. You must 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.

**RAINBOW/STEELHEAD TROUT**
- In lakes and ponds: 2 per day, 2 in possession, only 1 of which may be 20 inches or longer.
- In flowing waters:
  - **April 15–June 14**: No retention.
  - **June 15–April 14**: 2 per day, 2 in possession, only 1 of which 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.
    - If you retain a rainbow/steelhead trout 20 inches or longer, you must immediately record that harvest. See page 5 for recording instructions.
ARCTIC CHAR/DOLLY VARDEN
• 5 per day, 5 in possession, only 1 of which may be 12 inches or longer.

ARCTIC GRAYLING
• 2 per day, 2 in possession.

NORTHERN PIKE
• No limit.
• Live Release Prohibited. You are not allowed to release live pike back into the water. Pike not retained for personal use may be disposed of through lawful and safe methods, including returning dead pike to the water.
• 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, you 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:
• Northern pike: 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.

Canyon Creek:
• Only one unbaited, single hook, artificial lure or fly is allowed year-round.
• Rainbow/steelhead trout: No retention year-round.

Fish Lake Creek drainage:
• After you retain a king salmon 20 inches or longer, you may not fish for king salmon anywhere else on that same day.
• Upstream from the inlet of the first lake:
  • January 1–July 13: Open to fishing for salmon.

LAKE TROUT
• 2 per day, 2 in possession.

BURBOT
• 5 per day, 5 in possession, no size limit.
• Bait is allowed while fishing for burbot, and burbot may be taken with more than one line and hook only if:
  • The total number of aggregate hooks/lines does not exceed the daily bag limit for burbot in the water being fished;
  • The hooks are single hooks with a gap between point and shank larger than ¾ inch;
  • Each hook is set to rest on the bottom of the lake or stream; and
  • The burbot fishing gear is closely attended by the angler, except in flowing waters of the Susitna and Yentna river drainages, where lines must be tended at least once each 24 hours.
• Each line is identified with angler’s name and address.
• When fishing for burbot, you must immediately release all other fish caught incidentally.

OTHER FINFISH
• No limit.

Methods and Means - Unit 4

Tackle Restrictions:
• July 14–August 31: Bait and multiple hooks are allowed.
• September 1–July 13: In all flowing waters of Unit 4, only unbaited, artificial lures or flies are allowed.

Special Regulations - Unit 4

Lake Creek drainage:
• King salmon: After you retain a king salmon 20 inches or longer, you may not fish for king salmon anywhere else on that same day.
• From ADF&G markers 100 yards upstream of its mouth to ADF&G markers ¼ mile upstream of the creek that drains Bulchitna Lake:
  • May 15–July 13: Only unbaited, artificial lures or flies are allowed.
  • July 14–August 15: Bait and multiple hooks are allowed.
  • August 16–May 14: Only one unbaited, single hook, artificial lure or fly is allowed.
    • Rainbow/steelhead trout:
      • June 15–August 15: 2 per day, 2 in possession, only 1 of which may be 20 inches or longer.
      • August 16–June 14: No retention.
  • Upstream from ADF&G markers ¼ mile upstream of the creek that drains Bulchitna Lake (including Chelatna Lake):
    • Only one unbaited, single hook, artificial lure or fly is allowed year-round.
    • Rainbow/steelhead trout: No retention year-round.

Peters Creek:
• All waters upstream of ADF&G markers located 1 mile upstream of its confluence with the Kahlitna:
  • Open year-round to fishing for all species except king salmon.

Talachulitna River drainage—including all waters within a ¼-mile radius of its confluence with the Skwentna River:
• Only one unbaited, single hook, artificial lure or fly is allowed year-round.
• King salmon: After you retain a king salmon 20 inches or longer, you must stop fishing for king salmon within a one-mile radius of the mouth of the Talachulitna for the remainder of the day.
• Rainbow/steelhead trout: No retention year-round.
General Regulations - Unit 5

Inclusive waters: Flowing waters, lakes and ponds of the Talkeetna River drainage.

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

KING SALMON
- Season: January 1–July 13:
  - May 15–July 13: In waters open to fishing for king salmon, fishing is only allowed between 6 a.m. and 11 p.m. each day.
  - 20 inches or longer: 1 per day, 2 in possession.
  - A king salmon 20 inches or longer that is removed from the water must be retained and becomes part of the bag limit of the person who originally hooked the fish. You must not remove a king salmon 20 inches or longer from the water before releasing it.
  - 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.

- If you retain a king salmon 20 inches or longer, you must immediately record that harvest. See page 5 for recording instructions.

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

OTHER SALMON
- 16 inches or longer: 3 per day, 3 in possession.
  - A coho salmon 16 inches or longer that is removed from the water must be retained and becomes part of the bag limit of the person who originally hooked the fish. You must 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.
ARCTIC CHAR/DOLLY VARDEN
• 5 per day, 5 in possession, only 1 of which may be 12 inches or longer.

ARCTIC GRAYLING
• 2 per day, 2 in possession.

BURBOT
• 5 per day, 5 in possession, no size limit.
• Bait is allowed while fishing for burbot, and burbot may be taken with more than one line and hook only if:
  • The total number of aggregate hooks/lines does not exceed the daily bag limit for burbot in the water being fished;
  • The hooks are single hooks with a gap between point and shank larger than ¾ inch;
  • Each hook is set to rest on the bottom of the lake or stream; and
  • The burbot fishing gear is closely attended by the angler, except in flowing waters of the Susitna and Yentna river drainages, where lines must be tended at least once each 24 hours.
• When fishing for burbot, you must immediately release all other fish caught incidentally.

LAKE TROUT
• 2 per day, 2 in possession.

OTHER FINFISH
• No limit.

RAINBOW/STEELHEAD TROUT
• In lakes and ponds: 2 per day, 2 in possession, only 1 of which may be 20 inches or longer.
• In flowing waters:
  • April 15–June 14: No retention.
  • June 15–April 14: 2 per day, 2 in possession, only 1 of which 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 or other than salmon that you may retain 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.
    • If you retain a rainbow/steelhead trout 20 inches or longer, you must immediately record that harvest. See page 5 for recording instructions.

NORTHERN PIKE
• No limit.
• Live Release Prohibited. You are not allowed to release live pike back into the water. Pike not retained for personal use may be disposed of through lawful and safe methods, including returning dead pike to the water.
• 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, you may use two hooks on a single line, provided that both hooks are attached to one single piece of bait.

Methods and Means - Unit 5

Tackle Restrictions:
• July 14–August 31: Bait and multiple hooks are allowed.
• September 1–July 13: In all flowing waters of Unit 5, only unbaited, artificial lures or flies are allowed.
Inclusive waters: Flowing waters, lakes and ponds of the Chulitna River drainage.

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

**KING SALMON**

- Generally, Unit 6 is closed to fishing for king salmon, but see the Special Regulations for the Chulitna River.
  - A king salmon 20 inches or longer that is removed from the water must be retained and becomes part of the bag limit of the person who originally hooked the fish. You must not remove a king salmon 20 inches or longer from the water before releasing it.
  - 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.
  - If you retain a king salmon 20 inches or longer, you must immediately record that harvest. See page 5 for recording instructions.
  - After retaining a king salmon 20 inches or longer, you may not fish for any species of fish in any water open to king salmon fishing during that same day.

**OTHER SALMON**

- 16 inches or longer: 3 per day, 3 in possession.
  - A coho salmon 16 inches or longer that is removed from the water must be retained and becomes part of the bag limit of the person who originally hooked the fish. You must 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.

**ARCTIC CHAR/DOLLY VARDEN**

- 5 per day, 5 in possession, only 1 of which may be 12 inches or longer.

**ARCTIC GRAYLING**

- 2 per day, 2 in possession.
BURBOT
- 5 per day, 5 in possession, no size limit.
- Bait is allowed while fishing for burbot, and burbot may be taken with more than one line and hook only if:
  - The total number of aggregate hooks/lines does not exceed the daily bag limit for burbot in the water being fished;
  - The hooks are single hooks with a gap between point and shank larger than ¾ inch;
  - Each hook is set to rest on the bottom of the lake or stream; and
  - The burbot fishing gear is closely attended by the angler, except in flowing waters of the Susitna and Yentna river drainages, where lines must be tended at least once each 24 hours.
- Each line is identified with angler’s name and address.
- When fishing for burbot, you must immediately release all other fish caught incidentally.

NORTHERN PIKE
- No limit.
- Live Release Prohibited. You are not allowed to release live pike back into the water. Pike not retained for personal use may be disposed of through lawful and safe methods, including returning dead pike to the water.

LAKE TROUT
- 2 per day, 2 in possession.

OTHER FINFISH
- No limit.

RAINBOW/STEELHEAD TROUT
- In lakes and ponds: 2 per day, 2 in possession, only 1 of which may be 20 inches or longer.
- In flowing waters:
  - April 15–June 14: No retention.
  - June 15–April 14: 2 per day, 2 in possession, only 1 of which 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, except in the stocked lakes of the Knik Arm and Susitna River areas, where the annual limit is 10 rainbow/steelhead trout 20 inches or longer (see pages 88–89 for a list of stocked lakes in these areas).
  - If you retain a rainbow/steelhead trout 20 inches or longer, you must immediately record that harvest. See page 5 for recording instructions.

Methods and Means - Unit 6

Tackle Restrictions:
- July 14–August 31: Bait and multiple hooks are allowed.
- September 1–July 13: In all flowing waters of Unit 6, only unbaited, artificial lures or flies are allowed.

Special Regulations - Unit 6

Byers Creek drainage — including Byers Lake:
- Byers Creek from its mouth upstream to the Parks Highway:
  - Open year-round to fishing for all species except king salmon. See bait and hook regulations under “Methods and Means.”

Byers Creek drainage Special Regulations continued...
- Byers Creek from the Parks Highway upstream, including Byers Lake:
  - Open year-round to fishing for all species except salmon.
  - Bait and multiple hooks are allowed year-round in Byers Lake (except in flowing waters).

East Fork Chulitna River drainages — The East Fork of the Chulitna River and its drainages, including all waters within a ¼-mile radius of the confluence of the East Fork and West Fork of the Chulitna River, and including the Middle Fork of the Chulitna and the first ¼ mile of Honolulu Creek:
- January 1–July 13:
  - Only one unbaited, single hook, artificial lure or fly may be used.
  - Open to fishing for all species, including king salmon:
    - King salmon limits:
      - 20 inches or longer: 1 per day, 1 in possession.
      - Less than 20 inches: 10 per day, 10 in possession.
- July 14–December 31: Open to fishing for all species except king salmon.

Jan. 1 - July 13 | Open to all species, including king salmon.
Jan. 1 - June 15 | King salmon may be retained.
June 16 - 19 | No retention of king salmon.
June 20 - 22 | King salmon may be retained.
June 23 - 26 | No retention of king salmon.
June 27 - 29 | King salmon may be retained.
June 30 - July 3 | No retention of king salmon.
July 4 - 6 | King salmon may be retained.
July 7 - 13 | No retention of king salmon.
July 14 - Dec. 31 | Open to all species, except king salmon.