



## ADF&G regulations, licenses, and fisheries management

Sport fishing license fees and requirements are explained in the *Alaska Sport Fishing Regulations Summary*, and sport fishing licenses can be obtained on line at [www.admin.adfg.state.ak.us/license](http://www.admin.adfg.state.ak.us/license) or by mail from:

**ADF&G Licensing**  
**P. O. Box 25525**  
**Juneau, AK 99802-55225**  
**(907) 465-2376**

In general, fishing regulations for each management area become open to review every three years by the Alaska Board of Fisheries (BOF). Any new regulations from BOF action become effective in spring, following the previous winter's meeting. It is the BOF who actually determine when and how the fisheries operate and how many fish each user group may harvest. ADF&G then manages the fisheries under BOF direction, to provide maximum harvest levels while insuring sufficient numbers of fish escape to perpetuate the run. The Fish & Wildlife Protection Division (Dept. of Public Safety) enforces the BOF directives.

BOF inquiries should be directed to:

**Alaska Dept. of Fish & Game**  
**Boards Support Section**  
**P. O. Box 25526**  
**Juneau, AK 99802-5526**  
**(907) 465-4110**

Also inquire at Sport Fish area offices before angling, to see if inseason emergency orders (EO's) have been issued for the area where you intend to fish—EO's do not appear in the regulations summary booklet. They are issued either because emergency situations require immediate restrictive measures, or, conversely, because it has become feasible to liberalize some fishing opportunities—oriented mainly at increasing harvests of hatchery fish. Checking for inseason EO's is especially important if you are fishing for king salmon, since inseason bag limits and other regulations very often differ from 'baseline' regulations in the summary booklet.

Sometimes, sport and commercial fishers find themselves fishing the same waters, and questions arise as to methods or numbers of fish taken by one group or the other. In areas where sport and commercial fishers share the same waters, it is to the benefit of each party to exercise consideration for one another.

There is plenty of room for both to co-exist, if a few courtesies are extended by all parties. ■