

GENERAL REGULATIONS

Inclusive waters: The Tanana River Area consists of all waters of the Tanana River drainage.

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

KING SALMON

- 20 inches or longer—1 per day, 1 in possession.
- less than 20 inches—10 per day, 10 in possession.

CHUM & COHO SALMON

- 3 per day, 3 in possession—in combination, no size limit.

ARCTIC CHAR & DOLLY VARDEN

- 10 per day, 10 in possession, no size limit.

RAINBOW TROUT

- 10 per day, 10 in possession, no size limit.

LAKE TROUT

- 2 per day, 2 in possession, no size limit.

ARCTIC GRAYLING

- 5 per day, 5 in possession, no size limit.

NORTHERN PIKE

- **Season:** In **flowing waters and lakes** of the Tanana River drainage, excluding the Tolovana River drainage and those lakes listed below, the open season for northern pike fishing is **January 1–December 31**.
 - See the special regulations for northern pike fishing seasons in Harding, Little Harding, George, and Volkmar lakes, the Chisana River drainage, and the Tolovana River drainage, including Minto Flats, Goldstream Creek, and Chatanika River.
- 5 per day, 5 in possession—only one of which may be 30 inches or longer.
- When fishing for northern pike through the ice, only two closely attended lines may be used, regardless of the bag limit.

WHITEFISH

- 15 per day, 15 in possession, no size limit.

SHEEFISH

- 2 per day, 2 in possession, no size limit.

BURBOT

- All lakes:
 - 5 per day, 5 in possession, no size limit.
- Flowing waters:
 - 15 per day, 15 in possession, no size limit.
- **Burbot Set Line Regulations:** (see page 7 "Sport Fishing Gear for Burbot"):
 - **Tanana River drainage—lakes:**
 - Burbot set lines **may not** be used in Clearwater, Fielding, Grizzly, Jack, Harding, "T", or Tangle lakes.
 - In all other lakes in the Tanana River drainage, burbot set lines may only be used October 15–May 15.
 - **Tanana River drainage—rivers and streams:**
 - Set lines may be used year-round to catch burbot in all flowing waters of the Tanana River drainage.

OTHER FINFISH

- No limit.

STOCKED WATERS

- 10 in combination of stocked species—only one of which may be 18 inches or longer; see pages 38-39.

MILITARY LANDS: The Northern Alaska Region encompasses four military bases. Civilians are allowed to sport fish on some of these military lands, but a permit from the military is required, and some areas may be closed periodically. Please call for more information **BEFORE** entering military lands to sport fish:

Clear AFS
585-6592 or 585-6293

Donnelly Training Area
873-1615 or 873-1616

Eielson AFB
377-5182

Ft. Wainwright
361-9686 or
<http://usartrak.isportsman.net>

METHODS AND MEANS

Hook Size:

- Multiple hooks with a gap between point and shank larger than ½ inch may be used for taking fish other than salmon, except where noted.

Ice Houses:

- All ice houses not removed from the ice at the end of a day's fishing must be registered and a permit obtained from ADF&G.
- Each registered ice house must have its permit number displayed on its side and roof in distinguishable numbers at least 12 inches in height.
- Ice houses must be removed from all water bodies by April 30.

Use of Spears or Bow and Arrows:

- Suckers and burbot may be taken with spear or bow and arrow the entire year.
- Northern pike may be taken by spear or bow and arrow during any open season for northern pike that occurs between **September 1–April 30**, or may be speared by persons completely submerged during any open season for northern pike, excluding Harding and Little Harding lakes, which are closed to northern pike fishing.
- Whitefish (excluding sheefish) may be taken by spear or bow and arrow **September 1–April 30** and may be speared the entire year **only** by persons completely submerged, excluding the Chatanika River drainage.
- In the Chatanika River drainage, whitefish may only be taken by spear under the authority of a personal use permit. These household permits are available only at the ADF&G office in Fairbanks as announced by news release (generally during the 3rd week of August). The permits are valid only during the dates provided on the permit and the household limit is 10 whitefish.

SPECIAL REGULATIONS

Chatanika River and its tributaries:

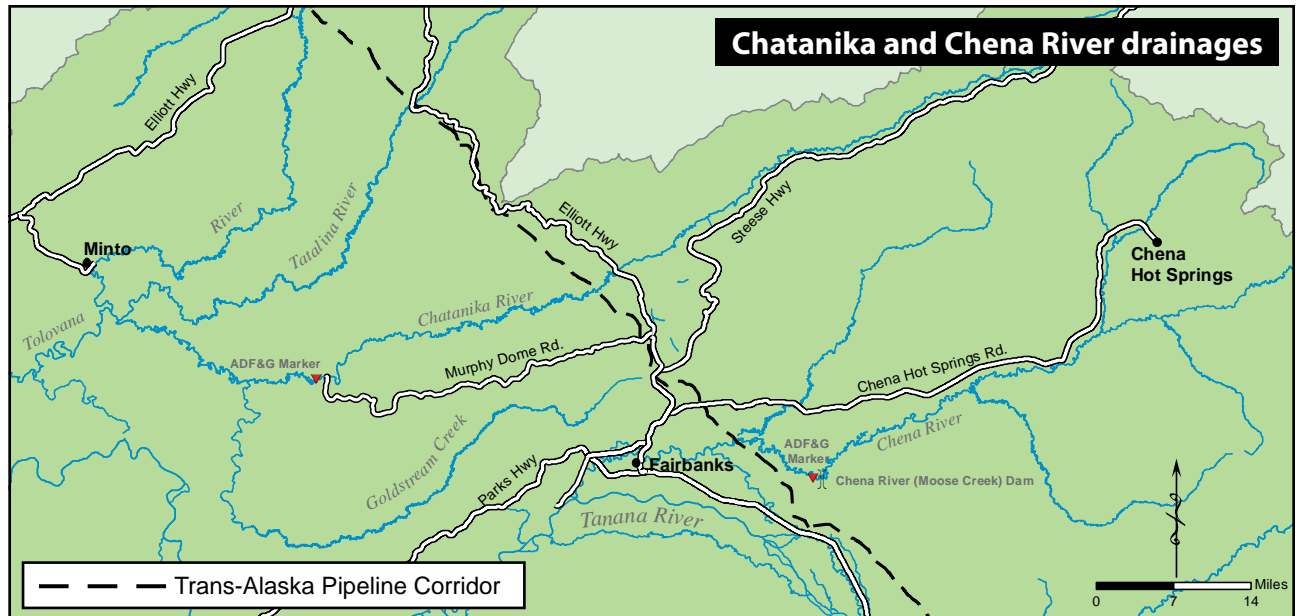
- Only unbaited, artificial lures may be used, except that bait may be used only on hooks with a gap between point and shank larger than $\frac{3}{4}$ inch.
- Whitefish: Whitefish may not be taken by spear or bow and arrow. Contact Fairbanks ADF&G for information on the Chatanika River personal use whitefish spear fishery. See page 24 for whitefish bag limits.
- Northern pike: Open season June 1–October 14 only.
- **Upstream of the upstream edge of the Elliott Highway bridge:**
 - **Closed to salmon fishing.** All salmon caught must be released immediately.
- **Upstream from the mouth of Goldstream Creek to the boundary of the Fairbanks Nonsubsistence Use area (identified by an ADF&G marker located approximately 1 mile downstream of the Murphy Dome Road):**
 - Only single hooks may be used.

Chena River and its tributaries, including Badger or Chena Slough:

- Only 1 unbaited, **single-hook**, artificial lure may be used, except that an artificial lure with a single treble hook with a gap between point and shank larger than $\frac{1}{2}$ inch may be used when taking fish other than salmon. Treble hooks may not be used when fishing for salmon.
- Bait may only be used on a single hook with a gap between point and shank larger than $\frac{3}{4}$ inch.
- Arctic grayling: Arctic grayling retention is prohibited. All Arctic grayling must be released immediately.
- **Upstream from the ADF&G marker located 300 ft downstream of the Chena River dam:**
 - **Closed to salmon fishing.** All salmon caught must be released immediately.

Chisana River drainage—upstream of the Northway Bridge (includes Deadman Lake):

- Northern pike limits: 2 per day, 2 in possession, only one of which may be 30 inches or longer.



Delta River and its tributaries:

- **Closed to salmon fishing.** All salmon caught must be released immediately.
- From the mouth of the Delta River to an ADF&G marker 2 miles upstream.
 - **Closed to sport fishing.**



Northern pike from the Chatanika River by Dane Happ

Delta Clearwater River, including Clearwater Lake drainage:

- Only 1 unbaited, **single-hook**, artificial lure may be used January 1–August 31.
- Only unbaited, artificial lures may be used September 1–December 31.
- Set lines may not be used in Clearwater Lake.
- Arctic grayling limits:
 - January 1–May 31, Arctic grayling retention prohibited. All Arctic grayling must be released immediately.
 - June 1–December 31, 1 per day, 1 in possession, which must be 12 inches or less.

Dune Lake:

- Rainbow trout, landlocked salmon, Arctic grayling limits: Combined (all species) limit of 5 fish, only one of which may be 18 inches or longer.

SPECIAL REGULATIONS (continued)

Fielding Lake:

- **Closed to fishing for burbot and lake trout September 1-30.** Open season is October 1–August 31.
- Only 1 unbaited, **single-hook**, artificial lure may be used.
- Set lines may not be used.
- Burbot limits: 1 per day, 1 in possession, no size limit.
- Lake trout limits: 1 per day, 1 in possession, which must be 26 inches or longer.

Five-Mile Clearwater Creek:

- Only 1 unbaited, **single-hook**, artificial lure may be used January 1–August 31.
- Only unbaited, artificial lures may be used September 1–December 31.
- Arctic grayling limits: 2 per day, 2 in possession, only one of which may be 12 inches or longer.

George Lake:

- Northern pike: Open season is June 1–April 20 only.
- **George Lake/George Lake outlet stream:**
 - Set lines may only be used October 15–May 15.

Goodpaster River drainage:

- **Closed to fishing for salmon other than king salmon.** (see season and area open to king salmon fishing below).
- Only 1 unbaited, **single-hook**, artificial lure may be used June 1–August 31.
- **From the confluence of the Tanana River to an ADF&G marker located approximately 25 miles upstream:**
 - King salmon: Open season June 1–August 31. All king salmon caught may not be removed from the water and must be released immediately.

Grizzly Lake (of the Nabesna River drainage):

- Set lines may not be used.

Harding Lake:

- **Closed to fishing for northern pike**, this includes spearing, and bow and arrow fishing. All northern pike must be released immediately.
- Only 1 **single-hook** or 1 single-hook, artificial lure may be used.
- Set lines may not be used.
- Burbot limits: 2 per day, 2 in possession, no size limit.
- Lake trout limits: 1 per day, 1 in possession, which must be 30 inches or longer.
- Arctic char/Dolly Varden limits: 10 per day, 10 in possession, only one of which may be 18 inches or longer.
- Coho salmon limits: 10 per day, 10 in possession.

Jack Lake (of the Nabesna River drainage):

- Set lines may not be used.

Kantishna River drainage—downstream from the mouth of the Toklat River:

- **Closed to chum salmon fishing**, August 15–December 31.

Koole Lake:

- Rainbow trout, Arctic grayling, Arctic char, landlocked salmon limits: Combined (all species) limit is 5 fish, only one of which may be 18 inches or longer.

Little Harding Lake:

- **Closed to fishing for northern pike**, this includes spearing, and bow and arrow fishing. All northern pike must be released immediately.

Piledriver Slough—upstream from its confluence with Moose Creek:

- Only 1 unbaited, **single-hook**, artificial lure may be used.
- Arctic grayling: Arctic grayling retention prohibited. All Arctic grayling must be released immediately.

Rainbow Lake (west of Delta Junction):

- Rainbow trout limits: 5 per day, 5 in possession, only one of which may be 18 inches or longer.

Richardson Clearwater River drainage:

- Only unbaited, artificial lures may be used.

Salcha River and its tributaries:

- **Fishing from the Richardson Hwy bridge over the Salcha River is prohibited.**
- Only unbaited, artificial lures may be used, except that bait may be used only on hooks with a gap between point and shank larger than 3/4 inch.
- **Upstream from the ADF&G marker located about 2½ miles upstream of the Richardson Hwy bridge:**
 - **Closed to salmon fishing.** All salmon must be released immediately.

Shaw Creek and its tributaries:

- Only 1 unbaited, **single-hook**, artificial lure may be used.
- Arctic grayling: April 1–May 31, Arctic grayling retention prohibited. All Arctic grayling must be released immediately.
- **Downstream of the Richardson Hwy bridge:**
 - Bait may be used only on single hooks with a gap between point and shank larger than 3/4 inch.

Stocked Lakes (listed on pages 38-39):

- Bait and artificial lures are permitted, including treble hooks.
- Rainbow trout, Arctic char/Dolly Varden, Arctic grayling, landlocked salmon limits:
 - 10 per day, 10 in possession, in combination of stocked species, only one of which may be 18 inches or longer.

“T” Lake:

- Set lines may not be used.
- Burbot limits: 2 per day, 2 in possession, no size limit.

Tanana River (2 miles above and below Shaw Creek):

- Bait may be used only on single hooks with a gap between point and shank larger than 3/4 inch.
- Arctic grayling: April 1–May 31, Arctic grayling retention prohibited. All Arctic grayling must be released immediately.

Tangle Lakes system (all waters of the Delta River drainage upstream of Wildhorse Creek-see map below):

- Set lines may not be used.
- Lake trout limits: 1 per day, 1 in possession, no size limit.
- Burbot limits: 2 per day, 2 in possession, no size limit.

Toklat River drainage:

- **Closed to sport fishing August 15–May 15.**

Tok River and its tributaries:

- Only 1 unbaited, **single-hook**, artificial lure may be used.
- **Closed to salmon fishing.** All salmon caught must be released immediately.
- Arctic char/Dolly Varden: Arctic char/Dolly Varden retention prohibited. All Arctic char/Dolly Varden caught must be released immediately.
- Arctic grayling limits: Open season May 15–October 31. 2 per day, 2 in possession, no size limit.

Tolovana River drainage, including Minto Flats, Tatalina River, and Goldstream Creek:

- Northern pike: Open season June 1–October 14 only.

Volkmar Lake:

- Northern pike limits: Open season June 1–April 20. 2 per day, 2 in possession, only one of which may be 30 inches or longer.

