

## General Regulations - Kuskokwim

**Inclusive waters:** The Kuskokwim - Goodnews Area consists of all waters of the Kuskokwim River drainage, and all waters draining into, and including, the Bering Sea and Kuskokwim Bay south of the westernmost point of the Naskonat Peninsula and north of Cape Newenham.

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

### **KING SALMON**

- 20 inches or longer—3 per day, 3 in possession—only 2 of which may be 28 inches or longer.
- Less than 20 inches—10 per day, 10 in possession.

### **OTHER SALMON**

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

### **ARCTIC CHAR, DOLLY VARDEN & LAKE TROUT**

- All lakes:
  - 2 per day, 2 in possession—in combination, no size limit.
- Flowing and salt waters:
  - 10 per day, 10 in possession—only 2 of which may be 20 inches or longer and only 2 may be lake trout.

### **RAINBOW TROUT**

- 2 per day, 2 in possession—only 1 of which may be 20 inches or longer.

### **ARCTIC GRAYLING**

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

### **SHEEFISH**

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

### **NORTHERN PIKE**

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

### **BURBOT**

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

### **OTHER FINFISH**

- No limit.

### **SHELLFISH**

- See pages 38-39.

### **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, size, and possession limits for guided (charter) anglers.
  - 2) Possession and landing requirements.
  - 3) Inseason changes to the regulations.
- **Filleting requirements for fish cleaned at sea:** No person shall possess on board a vessel, including charter vessels and pleasure craft used for fishing, Pacific halibut that have been filleted, mutilated, or otherwise disfigured in any manner, except that each Pacific halibut may be cut into no more than 2 ventral pieces, 2 dorsal pieces, and 2 cheek pieces, with a patch of skin on each piece, naturally attached.

## Methods and Means - Kuskokwim

### **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.

### **Use of spears or bow and arrows:**

- Suckers and burbot may be taken with spear or bow and arrow the entire year.
- **September 1–April 30:** Northern pike or whitefish (excluding sheefish) may be taken by spear or bow and arrow during any open season for northern pike or whitefish, or may be speared by persons completely submerged during any open season for northern pike or whitefish.

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A beautiful rainbow trout from the Kanektok River.

**Special Regulations - Kuskokwim**

**Aniak River drainage:**

- Open to fishing year-round.
- Salmon limits (all species): In the Aniak River drainage, the per day *aggregate bag limit* for salmon is 3 fish (combination of king, sockeye, chum, coho, and pink salmon), of which no more than 2 may be king salmon.
- King salmon limits: 20 inches or longer—2 per day, 2 in possession.
  - **There is an annual limit of 2 king salmon 20 inches or longer. Immediately upon landing and retaining a king salmon 20 inches or longer, you must fill out a harvest record; see page 5.**
- Sockeye, chum, coho, and pink salmon (in combination) limits: 3 per day, 3 in possession.
- Arctic char/Dolly Varden limits: In flowing waters, 3 per day, 3 in possession no size limit.
- Rainbow trout: Rainbow trout retention prohibited. All rainbow trout must be released immediately.
- Arctic grayling limits: 2 per day, 2 in possession, no size limit.
- Sheefish limits: 2 per day, 2 in possession, no size limit.
- **In all flowing waters upstream of Doestock Creek:**
  - Only 1 unbaited, single hook, artificial lure or fly may be used year-round.

**Holitna River drainage:**

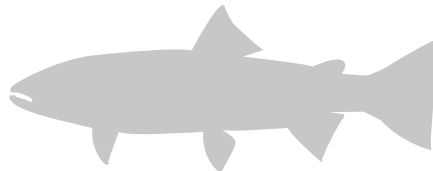
- Open to fishing year-round.
- Arctic char/Dolly Varden limits: In flowing waters, 3 per day, 3 in possession, no size limit.
- Arctic grayling limits: 2 per day, 2 in possession, no size limit.
- Sheefish limits: 2 per day, 2 in possession, no size limit.

**Kasigluk River drainage:**

- Open to fishing year-round.
- Rainbow trout limits: 2 per day, 2 in possession, only 1 of which may be 20 inches or longer.
  - **There is an annual limit of 2 rainbow trout 20 inches or longer. Immediately upon landing and retaining a rainbow trout 20 inches or longer, you must fill out a harvest record; see page 5.**
- **In all flowing waters:**
  - Only 1 unbaited, single hook, artificial lure or fly may be used year-round.

**Kisaralik River drainage:**

- Open to fishing year-round.
- Rainbow trout limits:
  - In all flowing waters upstream of the Akiak Village Lodge site (60° 49.5' N, 160° 55.0' W), rainbow trout retention prohibited. All rainbow trout must be released immediately.
  - In all flowing waters downstream of the Akiak Village Lodge site (60° 49.5' N, 160° 55.0' W), 2 per day, 2 in possession, only one of which may be 20 inches or longer.
    - **There is an annual limit of 2 rainbow trout 20 inches or longer. Immediately upon landing and retaining a rainbow trout 20 inches or longer, you must fill out a harvest record; see page 5.**
- **In flowing waters upstream of the Akiak Village Lodge site (60° 49.5' N, 160° 55.0' W):**
  - Only 1 unbaited, single hook, artificial lure or fly may be used year-round.



**Kwethluk River drainage:**

- Open to fishing year-round.
- Rainbow trout limits: 2 per day, 2 in possession, only one of which may be 20 inches or longer.
  - **There is an annual limit of 2 rainbow trout 20 inches or longer. Immediately upon landing and retaining a rainbow trout 20 inches or longer, you must fill out a harvest record; see page 5.**
- **In flowing waters upstream of the confluence of the Kwethluk River and Pulamaneq (Pocahontas) Creek (60° 31.96' N, 161° 05.47' W):**
  - Only 1 unbaited, single hook, artificial lure or fly may be used year-round.

**Kuskokwim River drainage** (*downstream of a point located 1/4 mile upstream of the confluence of the Kuskokwim River with the Holitna River, and all waters draining into Kuskokwim Bay south of the Kuskokwim River*):

- King salmon: Open to fishing year-round. However, king salmon may only be retained **May 1–July 25**.
- Arctic char/Dolly Varden limits: In flowing waters, 5 per day, 5 in possession, only 2 of which may be 20 inches or longer.
- Sheefish limits: 5 per day, 5 in possession, no size limit.
- Northern pike limits: 5 per day, 5 in possession, only 1 of which may be 30 inches or longer

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### **Arolik River drainage:**

- Open to fishing year-round.
- Arctic char/Dolly Varden limits: In flowing waters, 3 per day, 3 in possession, no size limit.
- Rainbow trout limits: 2 per day, 2 in possession, only one of which may be 20 inches or longer.
  - **There is an annual limit of 2 rainbow trout 20 inches or longer. Immediately upon landing and retaining a rainbow trout 20 inches or longer, you must fill out a harvest record; see page 5.**
- Arctic grayling limits: 2 per day, 2 in possession, no size limit.

### **Goodnews River drainage:**

- Open to fishing year-round.
- Arctic char/Dolly Varden limits: In flowing waters, 3 per day, 3 in possession, no size limit.
- Arctic grayling limits: 2 per day, 2 in possession, no size limit.
- **In all flowing waters:**
  - Only 1 unbaited, single hook, artificial lure or fly may be used year-round.
- **In all flowing waters downstream of the Togiak National Wildlife Refuge wilderness boundary:**
  - No person may sport fish from a boat or the river bank within 300 ft of a legally operating subsistence gillnet.

### **Kanektok River drainage:**

- Open to fishing year-round.
- Rainbow trout limits:
  - **June 8–October 31:** Rainbow trout retention prohibited. All rainbow trout must be released immediately.
  - **November 1–June 7:** 2 per day, 2 in possession—only one of which may be 20 inches or longer.
- Arctic char/Dolly Varden limits: In flowing waters, 3 per day, 3 in possession, no size limit.
- Arctic grayling limits: 2 per day, 2 in possession, no size limit.
- **In all flowing waters:**
  - Only 1 unbaited, single hook, artificial lure or fly may be used year-round.
- **In all flowing waters downstream of the Togiak National Wildlife Refuge wilderness boundary:**
  - No person may sport fish from a boat or the river bank within 300 ft of a legally operating subsistence gillnet.

## **Kuskokwim Bay drainages**



See the **Southwestern** Alaska Sport Fish Regulation Summary

In the **Kisaralik, Kasigluk, Kwethluk, and Arolik** river drainages, there is an annual limit of two (2) rainbow trout 20 inches or longer, and a harvest record is required. Immediately upon harvesting a rainbow trout 20 inches or longer, you must fill out the harvest information, in ink, on the back of your license. If you are not required to be licensed, you must use a harvest record card (provided free of charge at ADF&G offices).