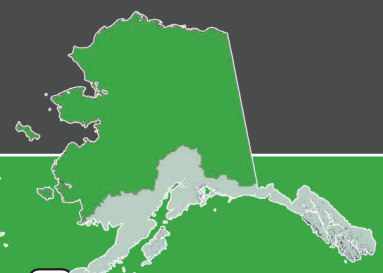


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The Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) is responsible for managing fish and game under statutory authority from the Alaska Legislature. By law, the mission of ADF&G is to protect, maintain, and improve the fish, game, and aquatic plant resources of the state, and manage their use and development in the best interest of the economy and the well-being of the people of the state, consistent with the sustained yield principle.

The Division of Sport Fish (DSF) is one of four divisions within ADF&G. By law, the mission of DSF is to protect and improve the state's sport fisheries resources. DSF operations are largely funded by anglers and recreational boaters through contributions to Federal Aid in Sport Fish Restoration and ADF&G license funds. At least 15% of the state's federal aid apportionment must be used for improvement of recreational boating facilities and access.

ADF&G MAY CHANGE FISHING REGULATIONS AT ANY TIME BY EMERGENCY ORDER.

Statewide, numerous emergency orders may be issued to open or close seasons or areas, modify bag and possession limits, methods and means, and more in any given year. Most, but not all, affect salmon fishing, as opposed to fishing for resident species. Emergency orders may also be posted at key access points. All emergency orders are widely announced via news media, recorded on ADF&G hotlines, available at ADF&G offices, and online at www.adfg.alaska.gov. Anglers can also subscribe to receive emergency orders, advisory announcements, and press releases through the ADF&G website.

HOW REGULATIONS ARE CHANGED 2

The Alaska Board of Fisheries (Board) adopts Alaska's fishing regulations under statutory authority from the Alaska Legislature. The Board sets fishing seasons, bag limits, and methods and means. It also sets policy and provides direction of the management of the state's fishery resources through regulatory management plans. The Board consists of seven members that are appointed by the governor, confirmed by the Legislature, and serve three-year terms.

The Board process is one of the more open systems for incorporating public input into state fisheries policy. The Board meets four to six times per year to consider proposed changes to fishing regulations in specific areas of the state. Any individual or organization may submit a proposal to change a fishing regulation. The Board uses biological and socioeconomic information provided by ADF&G, public comment, input from Advisory Committees and guidance from the Alaska Department of Public Safety and Alaska Department of Law when creating regulations.

The Board meets on a three-year cycle. It most recently addressed Bristol Bay Finfish regulations in December 2022; Arctic, Yukon, and Kuskokwim Finfish regulations in January 2023; Alaska Peninsula, Aleutian Island, and Chignik Finfish regulations in February 2023; and will address Statewide Finfish regulations in March 2023.

Alaska Board of Fisheries Current Members

Märit Carlson-VanDort (Chair)	Anchorage
Mike Heimbuch	Homer
John Jensen	Petersburg
John Wood	Willow
Tom Carpenter	Cordova
McKenzie Mitchell	Fairbanks
Stan Zuray	Tanana

For more information on the board process, please visit the Boards webpage at www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=fisheriesboard.main or contact the ADF&G Boards Support Section at (907) 465-4110.

HOW TO USE THIS BOOK



Licensing Requirements - Read licensing and harvest recording requirements on pages 4 and 5.

Regional Regulations - Read the regional regulations for allowable sport fishing gear, possession requirements for sport-caught fish, and other general regulations, as well as prohibited acts.


General Regulations - Read the general regulations for seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the area in which you intend to fish.

Special Regulations - Check out the Northern Alaska Waters Index on pages 10 and 11. If a special regulation exists for the species when and where you plan to fish, follow the special regulation; special regulations supersede the general regulations listed for that area. If the waters you plan to fish **DO NOT APPEAR** in the index or within the special regulations, follow the general regulations for seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for that area.

This summary of Alaska sport and personal use fishing and shellfish regulations is published by the Division of Sport Fish as a service to anglers. It is not intended to be a complete digest of all fishing regulations.

For a complete list of all sport fishing regulations, see the Alaska Administrative Code, Title 5 online at www.akleg.gov/basis/aac.asp#5.

Some regulations in this booklet may be changed by the Alaska Board of Fisheries during its regular meetings, by emergency regulation, or by emergency order at any time.

Anglers Please Note: New or revised regulations and information for 2023 are printed in **GREEN TEXT** with a corresponding  symbol.

EMERGENCY ORDERS: Inseason changes to regulations.

Regulations in this booklet may be changed by emergency order at any time. If an inseason change has been made by emergency order for the species when and where you plan to fish, follow the inseason regulation; inseason regulatory changes prevail over the regulations listed in this booklet. All such changes can be found by contacting any ADF&G Sport Fish office or online on the ADF&G website.



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COVER PHOTOS

Middle Image: Seamus Glade - 14 years old, northern pike caught in a lake within the Tanana Drainage.

Left Image: Courtney Carroll - Arctic grayling caught on the Upper Chena River.

First Right Image: Tony Garvey and Vance Johnson - Dolly Varden caught in the Wulik River.

Second Right Image: Elliott Evans - 17 years old, trophy humpback whitefish speared in the Chatanika River
Personal Use Whitefish Spear Fishery.

AN ALASKA SPORT FISHING LICENSE IS REQUIRED FOR ALL RESIDENT ANGLERS 18 YEARS AND OLDER, AND NONRESIDENT ANGLERS 16 YEARS AND OLDER TO FISH IN ALL FRESH AND SALT WATERS IN ALASKA.

A sport fishing license must be in the anglers actual possession, must be signed, and may be in paper or electronic form.

- In accordance with the regulations outlined in this summary booklet, a sport fishing license allows you to take, or attempt to take finfish or shellfish in the fresh and salt waters of Alaska. Additionally, you may need a king salmon stamp or a harvest record card.
- Your sport fishing license, PID, or DV must be in your possession while you are sport fishing.
- All persons engaged in sport fishing or in possession of sport-caught finfish or shellfish must show their sport fishing license, required harvest record card and/or king stamp, and their harvest to any representative of ADF&G or any peace officer of the state, upon request.
- No person may alter, loan, or transfer to any other person any sport fishing license; and no person may use any license issued to another person.
- If your sport fishing, hunting, or trapping license is revoked in any state, you may not obtain an Alaska sport fishing license.

A resident of Alaska is a person who...

- For the preceding 12 consecutive months, has maintained a home in Alaska with the intent to stay, and who is not claiming residency (or receiving benefits under a claim of residency) in another state, territory, or country. Benefits include but are not limited to applying for a resident fishing and hunting license in another state, obtaining a driver's license in another state, or receiving benefits or paying taxes as a resident of another state.

Active duty military personnel and their dependents...

- Stationed in Alaska for the preceding 12 months may purchase a resident sport fishing license regardless of benefits received in another state. Resident sport fishing regulations apply.
- Permanently stationed in Alaska for less than 12 months may purchase a nonresident military sport fishing license and a nonresident military annual king salmon stamp at reduced rates and are considered nonresidents. Nonresident sport fishing regulations apply.

If you have questions about your residency, please call your local Alaska Wildlife Troopers. See the Alaska Wildlife Troopers telephone numbers listed on page 9.

SPORT FISHING LICENSE FEES - ALASKA RESIDENTS

Alaska Sport Fishing License \$20

Alaska residents 18 years old and older. Valid for the calendar year from date of purchase.

ADF&G Permanent (Senior) ID Card (PID) FREE

Free to qualifying Alaska residents. You must be 60 years old or older to apply for a PID which is good for fishing, hunting, and trapping. **FOR ALASKA RESIDENTS ONLY.** If you become a nonresident, your PID card is no longer valid and you are required to purchase a nonresident sport fishing license.

ADF&G Disabled Veteran ID Card (DV) FREE

Free to qualifying Alaska residents who are disabled veterans with a disability of 50% or greater that was incurred during military service. This card is only good for fishing and hunting. **FOR ALASKA RESIDENTS ONLY.** If you become a nonresident, your DV card is no longer valid and you are required to purchase a nonresident sport fishing license.

Resident Blind Sport Fishing License \$0.50

Affidavit required - forms are available from ADF&G or license vendors.

Low Income Sport Fishing License \$5

To be eligible for a low income license, you must be an Alaska resident and have an annual family or household income equal to or less than the most recent poverty guidelines for the state. These are set by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services for the year preceding application. AS. 16.05.340(a)(6) **THIS IS NOT A PROGRAM BASED LICENSE.** For more information, please visit www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=license.lowincome.

SPORT FISHING LICENSE FEES - NONRESIDENTS

Nonresidents under the age of 16 years old do not need to purchase a sport fishing license. Residents of the Yukon Territory may purchase a nonresident license at Alaska resident fees. Annual sport fishing license is valid for the calendar year from date of purchase.

1-Day Sport Fishing License \$15

3-Day Sport Fishing License \$30

7-Day Sport Fishing License \$45

14-Day Sport Fishing License \$75

Annual Sport Fishing License \$100

Nonresident Military Annual Sport Fishing License ... \$20

Only for active duty military service members permanently stationed in Alaska for less than 12 months or for their dependent(s) of such.

SPORT FISHING HARVEST RECORD

Harvest records are required by ALL anglers when harvesting any species with an annual limit. Species with an annual limit are listed in the general regulations section.

- Areas to record harvested species with an annual limit are printed on each sport fishing license.
- A harvest record card is required for resident anglers under 18 years old, nonresident anglers under 16 years old, and PID or DV licensed anglers.
- Immediately upon landing and retaining a fish that has an annual limit, all anglers must enter the species, date, and location **IN INK** on the harvest record portion listed on the back or front of their sport fishing license or on a harvest record card.
- A person obtaining a duplicate or additional license or harvest record card must transfer their harvest records of species with annual limits previously landed during the current year to their new license or harvest record card.

**Alaska Department of Fish and Game
Division of Sport Fish**

Sport Fishing Annual Harvest Record Card

Name: _____

CHECK ONE: ☒ Resident Senior ☐ Resident Disabled Veteran
☐ Resident Under 18 ☐ Nonresident Under 16

Senior PID/DAV Sport Fishing License Number: _____

Youth Angler (Age & Birthday): _____

Harvest Date	Water where fish was harvested	Fish Species

For more information, please review the back of the card or visit www.adfg.alaska.gov.

Example of a Harvest Record Card

WHERE TO GET A SPORT FISHING LICENSE, STAMP, & HARVEST CARD

Sport fishing licenses and king salmon stamps may be purchased at local ADF&G offices, from licensed local vendors (i.e. sporting good stores), and online at <https://store.adfg.alaska.gov>.

Harvest record cards are available at local ADF&G offices, from licensed local vendors, and online at https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/static/license/sportlicense/pdf/sf_harvest_record_card.pdf.

PID or DV cards may be obtained online at <https://store.adfg.alaska.gov>.

KING SALMON STAMP INFORMATION

Anglers sport fishing for king salmon including catch-and-release (except king salmon stocked into landlocked lakes) must purchase a current year's king salmon stamp. Anglers can purchase stamps online and print them immediately. If you purchase a physical stamp, it must be signed across the face of the stamp, in ink, and stuck to the back or front of your sport fishing license depending if you have purchased a handwritten sport fishing license or a sport fishing license online.

Examples of a physical king salmon stamp and a king salmon stamp purchased through the ADF&G online store. →



KING SALMON STAMP FEES

Alaska residents 18 years and older and nonresidents 16 years and older need to purchase a king stamp to fish for king salmon in fresh and salt waters.
Annual king stamps are valid for the calendar year from date of purchase.

Resident Annual King Salmon Stamp	\$10
Nonresident 1-day King Salmon Stamp	\$15
Nonresident 3-day King Salmon Stamp	\$30
Nonresident 7-day King Salmon Stamp	\$45
Nonresident 14-day King Salmon Stamp	\$75
Nonresident Annual King Salmon Stamp	\$100
Nonresident Military King Salmon Stamp	\$30
Duplicate King Salmon Stamp	\$5

The following individuals do not need a king salmon stamp:

- Resident anglers under 18 and nonresidents under 16.
- Residents who possess an ADF&G PID or DV card.
- Residents who possess the Low Income Sport Fishing License.
- Residents who possess the Resident Blind Sport Fishing License.



Purchase your sport fishing license, king salmon stamp, permits, and so much more through the ADF&G online store.



HARVEST RECORD REQUIREMENTS

- Harvest records are required when angling for any species with an annual limit.
- A harvest record form is printed on the sport fishing license. For anglers who do not require a sport fishing license, free harvest reporting cards are available online at https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/static/license/sportlicense/pdf/sf_harvest_record_card.pdf or from ADF&G offices and from fishing license vendors.
- Annual limits are listed in the General and Special Regulations for each area.
- Immediately upon landing and retaining a fish that requires harvest recording, anglers must enter the species, date, and location, IN INK, on the back of their sport fishing license or on the harvest record card.

DATA COLLECTION REQUIREMENTS

- Upon request by a Department representative or state peace officer, anglers must forfeit the heads of any salmon or trout with external or internal tags and all fish that are adipose fin-clipped along with the date and location of where caught.

LIABILITY FOR VIOLATIONS

- Unless otherwise provided by regulation or statute, a person who violates a provision of these regulations is strictly liable for the offense, regardless of that person's intent.

PROHIBITED ACTS

CLOSED WATERS/ WATERS CLOSED TO SPORT FISHING:

- Unless otherwise provided by area regulations: (a) the waters within 300 feet of a fish weir or fish ladder are closed to sport fishing, unless a lesser or greater distance is indicated by Department markers; and (b) it is unlawful to cast, drift, or place by any means a hook, bait, lure, or fly into waters closed to sport fishing.

FELT-SOLED BOOTS PROHIBITED:

- The use of footgear with absorbent felt or other fibrous material on the soles is prohibited while sport fishing in fresh water.

GAFFS PROHIBITED:

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

MOLESTING OF FISH:

- Molesting or impeding spawning or the natural movement of fish contrary to lawful methods and means of sport fishing is prohibited.



POSSESSION, TRANSPORT, OR MARKING OF LIVE FISH, EGGS, OR AQUATIC ORGANISMS:

- It is unlawful, except in accordance with the provisions listed on page 8 under "Use of Sport-Caught Fish as Bait," or in compliance with the terms of a permit issued by the Commissioner for a person to collect, transport, possess, propagate, export, mark in any way, or release into the waters or the lands of the state, any live fish, fish eggs, or aquatic organism.
- It is unlawful for a person to possess, import, propagate, transport, release, purchase, or sell within the state a banned invasive species (see Definitions on page 42), including any part of the organism, such as reproductive or genetic material, at any stage of its life cycle.

SALE OF SPORT-CAUGHT FISH PROHIBITED:

- No person may buy, sell, or barter sport-caught fish or their parts.

SNAGGING IN FRESH WATER PROHIBITED:

- It is unlawful to intentionally snag or attempt to snag any fish in fresh water.
- "Snag" means to hook a fish elsewhere than in its mouth. A fish unintentionally hooked elsewhere than its mouth must be released immediately.

USE OF EXPLOSIVES OR TOXICANTS:

- The use of any toxicant or explosive is prohibited in the taking of any fish in the waters of Alaska. Except that a shaft tipped with an explosive charge (commonly known as a bangstick or powerhead) or a firearm may be used on board a vessel in salt water to dispatch a fish caught with legal gear.

WASTE OF FISH:

- The intentional waste or destruction of any species of sport-caught fish is prohibited.

METHODS AND MEANS

FISH LADDERS:

- Fishing is allowed within 300-feet of fish ladders unless otherwise posted by department markers. No person may fish from, on, or in a fish ladder.

FRESH WATER SPORT FISHING:

Fish may not be taken in fresh water by means of:

- Fixed or weighted hooks and lures (except those of standard manufacture);
- Multiple hooks with gap between point and shank larger than one-half inch;
- Spear, unless permitted by area regulations; or arrow, unless permitted by area regulations.
- **Spearguns are not legal gear in fresh waters.**

ICE FISHING GEAR:

- Sport fishing through the ice is permitted using two closely attended lines, provided only one hook or artificial lure is used on each line, except that additional gear may be used for northern pike and burbot as specified in statewide or area regulations.
- The maximum number of lines/hooks that an angler may deploy is not cumulative and is equal to the maximum number of lines/hooks allowed for any species. The number of lines/hooks used to target a species may not exceed the number allowed for that species. For example, in a lake where regulations allow 5 set lines for burbot and 2 lines under the ice for northern pike, the maximum number of lines you may fish is 5 (not 5 + 2 = 7); and when setting your 5 lines, only 2 of them may be placed to target northern pike.

SPORT FISHING GEAR:

Unless otherwise provided in regulation, sport fishing may be conducted only by use of:

- A closely attended single line attached to not more than one plug; one spoon; one spinner or series of spinners; two artificial flies; or two hooks.
- The line must be closely attended, unless unattended setlines for burbot are allowed per area regulations.

METHODS AND MEANS (CONTINUED)

SPORT FISHING GEAR FOR BURBOT:

Unless otherwise provided by area regulations, burbot may be taken in fresh water with more than one line and hook, provided:

- The total aggregate number of hooks may not exceed 15 or the daily bag limit for burbot in the waters being fished, whichever is less.
- Hooks are single hooks with gap between point and shank larger than $\frac{3}{4}$ inch.
- Each hook is set to rest on the bottom of the lake or stream.
- Each line is identified with angler's name and address.
- Each line is physically inspected at least once in each 24-hour period.

SPORT FISHING GEAR FOR HERRING AND SMELT:

- In salt water, herring and smelt may be taken with the use of 15 or less unbaited single or multiple hooks attached to a single line.

SPORT FISHING GEAR FOR NORTHERN PIKE:

- Unless otherwise provided by the area regulations, northern pike may be taken by spear.
- Northern pike may not be retained if caught on set lines.

USE OF ATTRACTOR (BEAD):

An attractor, including a bead, when used with an artificial fly, artificial lure, or bare hook, must be:

- Either fixed within two inches of the bare hook, fly, or lure,
- Or be free sliding on the line or leader.
- A bead fished on the line above a bare single hook is legal gear in waters where only flies may be used.

USE OF UNDERWATER SPEAR (SALT WATER):

- In salt water, spears and spearguns may be used to take fish, subject to applicable seasons and limits, by persons who are completely submerged, provided that the spear or speargun is not tipped with an explosive charge.



SPORT FISH GUIDING

- All individuals and businesses who are providing sport fishing guide services must register and obtain a guide and/or business registration with ADF&G before guiding clients.
- All sport charter vessels used for the guided taking of fish or shellfish in fresh or salt water must have a current Division of Motor Vehicles boat registration number or USCG documentation number and an ADF&G sport fishing guide vessel decal with the current year renewal sticker.
 - Decals must be displayed in plain sight on each side of the vessel any time sport fishing guide services are taking place.
- In Southeast Alaska, all saltwater sport fishing businesses must use an eLogbook.
- Additional information on requirements for sport fish guides and businesses can be found online at www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=SFGuidesLicense.main.

USE OF SPORT-CAUGHT FISH AS BAIT

- Unless provided for in this section, fish taken under sport fishing regulations may not be used as bait, except;
 - Herring and whitefish may be used as bait,
 - Species for which bag limits, seasons, or other regulatory methods and means are not provided in sport fishing regulations may be used as bait,
 - The head, tail, fins, and viscera of legally taken sport fish, may be used as bait.
- Live fish may not be used as bait for sport fishing in fresh water.
- Live herring and other species for which no seasonal or harvest limits are specified in sport fishing regulations may be used as live bait in salt water.
- Live bait may be possessed, transported, or released only in the salt waters of the regulatory area in which it was taken.

POSSESSION OF SPORT-CAUGHT HALIBUT

- Pacific halibut fisheries are managed by the federal government under international treaty.
- Federal possession and landing requirements for sport-caught halibut differ from state regulations. Possession includes unpreserved AND preserved fish for halibut, but possession limits only apply in saltwaters.
- Transfer of Possession forms, as mentioned in the previous section, are not valid for halibut.
- Consult federal regulations for halibut bag, size, and possession limits for guided (charter) anglers; and possession and landing requirements.
- Federal halibut regulations are available through NOAA Fisheries Alaska Region at (907) 586-7228.
www.alaskafisheries.noaa.gov/fisheries/sport-halibut

POSSESSION OF SPORT-CAUGHT FISH

- Sport-caught fish, their parts, and articles manufactured from such fish may be possessed within the state by any person at any time, and may be transported within and exported out of the state by any person at any time, except that no person may possess any unpreserved fish, or part of one, not legally taken by the angler, unless the angler furnishes, upon request of any peace officer of the state, a statement signed by the person taking the fish stating the type of fish, number of fish, location, date taken, and license number. The statement is unnecessary if the person possessing the fish is accompanied by the person who took the fish. See Transfer of Possession Form on page 47. No person may possess fish which were not legally taken.
- A person may possess only the limit of fish allowed for the water on which that person is fishing.
- Upon request by an employee of the department, or a peace officer of the state, a person must present for inspection any fish taken or possessed by the person in a sport fishery.
- Upon request by an employee of the department or a peace officer of the state, a person while taking fish must present, for inspection, any apparatus designed to be or capable of being used to take fish in a sport fishery.

The following are some of the definitions set forth in AS 16.05.940, 5 AAC 75.020, and 5 AAC 75.995

AREA: Means a regulatory management area as described in 5 AAC 47-5 AAC 74.

ARTIFICIAL FLY: A fly which is constructed by common methods known as fly tying, including a dry fly, wet fly, and nymph, or a bare single hook that is free of bait as defined in 5 AAC 75.995. Materials and chemicals designed and produced primarily to cause flies to float or sink may be used on artificial flies.

ARTIFICIAL FLY (UNWEIGHTED): A fly which weighs less than ¼ ounce in its entirety.

ARTIFICIAL LURE: Any lure which is man-made, free of bait as defined in 5 AAC 75.995, and is used to attract fish. This includes an artificial fly.

BAG LIMIT: The maximum legal take of fish per person per day, in the area in which the person is fishing, even if part or all of the fish are immediately preserved; a fish when landed and not immediately released becomes a part of the bag limit of the person originally hooking it.

• The per person, per day bag limit applies across fisheries. You cannot take a bag limit of fish from one area then move to another area and take another limit there. However, if the bag limit of a specific species is higher in a particular area (for example, 6 fish per day in one area and 3 per day of the same species in another) you can take 3 fish from one area and move to the area with the higher bag limit and take 3 from there. If you have any questions, please call ADF&G at (907) 459-7200.

BAIT: Any substance applied to fishing gear for the purpose of attracting fish by scent, including fish eggs in any form, natural or preserved animal, fish, fish oil, shellfish, or insect parts, natural or processed vegetable matter, and natural or synthetic chemicals.

BANNED INVASIVE SPECIES: A nonnative species that can become established in Alaska; compete with native species for resources; degrade habitat; threaten the health or population of native species; or cause economic and environmental harm. These species include the American bull frog, Pacific chorus frog, red-legged frog, signal crayfish, red swamp crayfish, rusty crayfish, European green crab, Asian carp, yellow perch, New Zealand mudsnail, Dreissenid mussels, quagga mussel, zebra mussel, and Conrad's or dark false mussel.

CHAR: All char, including Dolly Varden, Arctic char, lake trout (Mackinaw), and eastern brook trout.

CHARTER VESSEL: Means a vessel used for hire in the sport, personal use, or subsistence taking of fish or shellfish, and not used on the same day for any other commercial fishing purpose; a charter vessel does not include a vessel or skiff without a charter vessel operator.

CHARTER VESSEL OPERATOR: A person engaged in carrying passengers on a charter vessel for any valuable consideration that passes directly or indirectly to the vessel's owner, operator, or a person with a financial interest in the vessel, in consideration of the carriage of any person on board.

CLOSED SEASON: The time during which fish may not be taken; including no catch-and-release fishing.

CLOSED WATERS: Waters designated by the Board wherein it is illegal to take fish.

CLOSELY ATTENDED LINE: That the line or strike indicator is within the view of and is accessible to the angler at all times.

DRAINAGE: All of the waters comprising a watershed including tributary rivers, streams, sloughs, ponds, and lakes which contribute to the water supply of the watershed.

FISHING ROD: A tapered, flexible rod typically used for sport fishing, equipped with a hand grip and a line guide system that guides the line from the reel to the tip of the rod, and upon which is mounted a fishing reel used to deploy and retrieve the sport fishing line.

FLOWING WATERS: Means all fresh waters, excluding lakes and ponds, that have detectable current, including creeks, streams, and rivers draining into, between, and out of all lakes and ponds, and all intertidal waters upstream of the stream mouth.

FRESH WATER: All inland waters; inland waters are separated from salt water at the mouths of creeks, streams, and rivers at a line between extremities of the latter's banks at a mean low tide or at a point to be determined and adequately marked by the Department.

LENGTH OF FISH: The length from the tip of the snout to the tip of the tail (total length).

LOCAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DEPARTMENT: (a) The nearest most accessible professional employee of the Department, (b) a person designated by the Commissioner or by a professional employee of the Department to perform specific functions for the Department, or (c) a law enforcement officer of the Department of Public Safety.

MARK OR MARKING: All forms of skin alteration, fin clipping, or other mutilation, or insertion of foreign materials in live fish that permit later identification.

MESH SIZE (Stretch Mesh Size, Stretch Measure): The average length of any series of 10 consecutive meshes measured from inside the first knot and including the last knot when wet; the 10 meshes, when being measured, shall be integral part of the net, as hung, and measured perpendicular to the selvages; measurement shall be made by means of a metal tape measure while the 10 meshes being measured are suspended vertically from a single peg or nail, under five pound weight, except as otherwise provided in this title.

MOLESTING: The harassing, disturbing, or interfering with fish by any means, including the use of any missile or object not established as legal gear; molesting includes dragging, kicking, throwing, striking, or otherwise abusing a fish which is intended to be released.

MULTIPLE HOOK: A fish hook with two or more points with or without barbs.

OPEN SEASON: The time during which fish may lawfully be taken; each period of time prescribed as an open season shall be construed to begin at 12:01 a.m. on the first day and end at midnight of the last day thereof.

PEACE OFFICER OF THE STATE: (a) An employee of ADF&G authorized by the Commissioner; (b) a police officer in the state; or (c) any other person authorized by the Commissioner.

POSSESSION LIMIT: The maximum number of unpreserved fish a person may have in possession.

POWER ASSISTED FISHING REEL: A reel used to deploy and retrieve the sport fishing line that is operated or assisted by any electronic hydraulic, or other mechanical power source other than by hand-cranking a handle attached to the reel.

DEFINITIONS

PRESERVED FISH: Fish prepared in such a manner, and in an existing state of preservation, as to be fit for human consumption after a 15-day period, and does not include unfrozen fish temporarily stored in coolers that contain ice, dry ice, or fish that are lightly salted.

REEL SEAT: An attachment mechanism that holds the fishing reel to the rod using locking, threading rings, sliding bands, or other attachment devices and is designed to allow the reel to be readily detached from the fishing rod.

ROCKFISH: Includes all fish of the genus *Sebastes*.

SALMON: All salmon, including the five species of Pacific salmon: Chinook (king), chum (dog), coho (silver), pink (humpy), and sockeye (red).

SALT WATER: All marine waters; marine waters are separated from fresh water at the mouths of streams, rivers, and creeks.

SET LINE: An unattended line or lines that have been set, staked, anchored, or otherwise fixed

SINGLE HOOK: A fish hook with only one point with or without a barb.

SNAG: To hook a fish elsewhere than in its mouth.

SPEAR: A hand-operated shaft with a sharp point or fork-like implement attached to one end, used to thrust through the water to impale or retrieve fish; includes a Hawaiian sling or pole spear which is a shaft propelled by a single loop of elastic material that is not equipped with a mechanical release or trigger.

SPEARGUN: A device designed to propel a spear through the water by means of elastic bands, compressed gas, or other mechanical propulsion to take fish that is equipped with a mechanical release or trigger.

SPORT FISHING: The taking of or attempting to take for personal use, and not for sale or barter, any fresh water, marine, or anadromous fish by hook and line held in the hand, or by hook and line attached to a pole or rod which is held in the hand or closely attended, or by other means defined by the Alaska Board of Fisheries.

SPORT FISHING GUIDE: A person who provides sport fishing guide services to persons who are engaged in sport fishing.

SPORT FISHING GUIDE SERVICES: Assistance, for compensation or with the intent to receive compensation, to a sport fisherman to take or attempt to take fish by accompanying or physically directing the sport fisherman in sport fishing activities during any part of a sport fishing trip; however, the term does not include sport fishing services or services provided by an assistant, deckhand, or similar person who works directly under the supervision of and on the same vessel as a sport fishing guide.

SPORT FISHING SERVICES: The indirect provision of assistance, for compensation or with the intent to receive compensation, to a person engaged in sport fishing in taking or attempting to take fish or shellfish by a business that employs a sport fishing guide to provide sport fishing guide services to the person during any portion of a sport fishing trip; sport fishing services does not include an activity for which a sport fishing guide license is required, or booking and other ancillary services provided by a tour broker or agent to a sport fishing services operator.

STREAM MOUTH: The downstream point defined as a straight line running from the most downstream extremity on one stream bank to the most downstream extremity on the other stream bank, or a point defined and marked by the Department

TAKE: Taking, pursuing, fishing, or in any manner disturbing, capturing, or killing or attempting to take, pursue, fish, or in any manner capture or kill fish or shellfish.

TOXICANT: Any material or chemical that upon introduction to the waters of Alaska by direct or indirect means will kill, stun, or drive fish from their natural repose.

TRANSPORT: Ship, transport, carry, import, export, or receive or deliver for shipment, transportation, carriage, or export.

TROUT: Includes rainbow, steelhead, and cutthroat.

WATERS OF ALASKA: Has the same meaning as set out in 5 AAC 39.975(13).

YEAR: The calendar year from January 1 through December 31.

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Palmer.....	(907) 745-4247
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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 39-40.

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:**
 - Bag, possession and size limits, and other regulations for guided (charter) anglers.
- **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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Floating the Aniak River.



Rainbow trout caught in the Aniak 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:

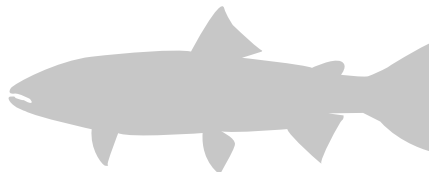
- Open to fishing year-round.
- Arctic char/Dolly Varden limits: In flowing waters, 3 per day, 3 in possession, no size limit.
- Arctic grayling limits: 2 per day, 2 in possession, no size limit.
- Sheefish limits: 2 per day, 2 in possession, no size limit.

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.



KUSKOKWIM RIVER DRAINAGE (downstream of a point located ¼ 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 from 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.

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.

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A successful fishing trip on the Aniak River.

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:

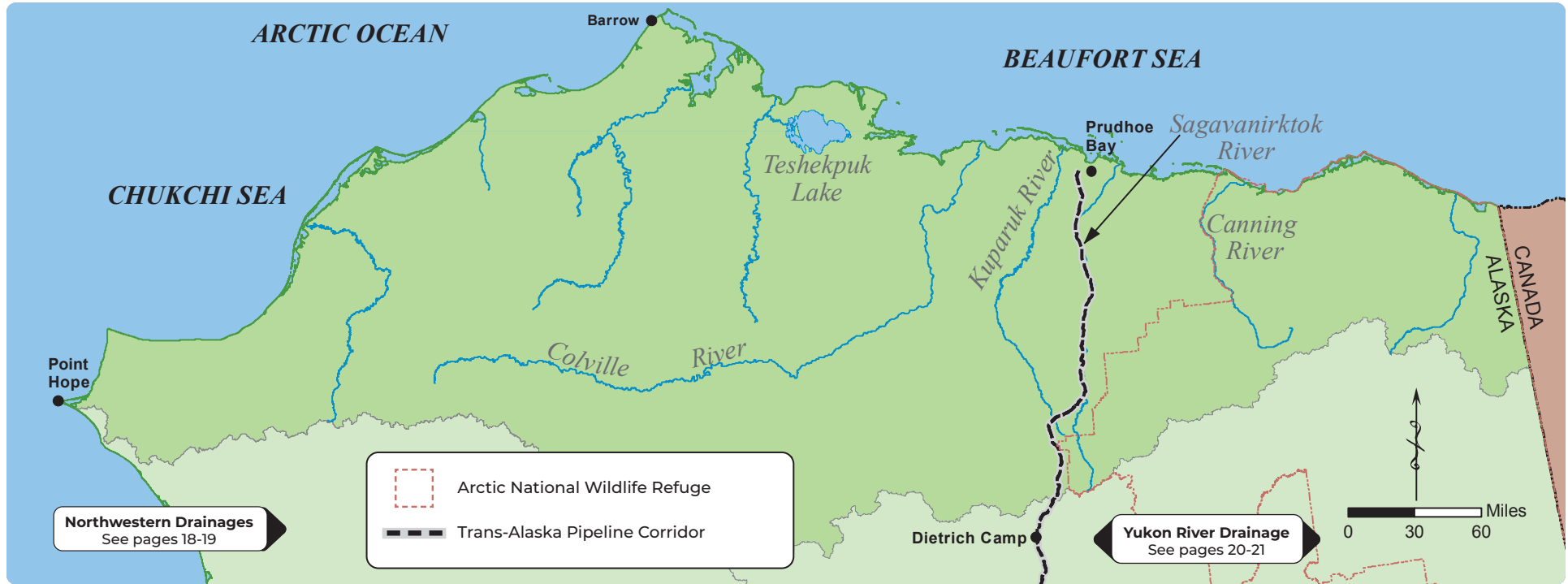
- Open to fishing year-round.
- Arctic char/Dolly Varden limits: In flowing waters, 3 per day, 3 in possession, no size limit.
- Arctic grayling limits: 2 per day, 2 in possession, no size limit.
- **In all flowing waters:**
 - Only 1 unbaited, single-hook, artificial lure or fly may be used year-round.
- **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 feet 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 feet of a legally operating subsistence gillnet.

KUSKOKWIM BAY DRAINAGES





GENERAL REGULATIONS - NORTH SLOPE

Inclusive waters: The North Slope Area consists of all northerly flowing waters, including lakes, draining into, and including, the Arctic Ocean, the Beaufort Sea, and the Chukchi Sea, west of the Canadian border and east of Point Hope.

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 two of which may be 28 inches or longer.
- Less than 20 inches: 10 per day, 10 in possession.

OTHER SALMON

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

ARCTIC GRAYLING

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

SHEEFISH

- 10 per day, 10 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.

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 39-40.

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Fishing on the Sagavanirktok River.

METHODS AND MEANS - NORTH SLOPE

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 year-round.
- **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.

SPECIAL REGULATIONS - NORTH SLOPE

Unless listed below, seasons, bag and possession limits for North Slope drainages appear above under General Regulations.

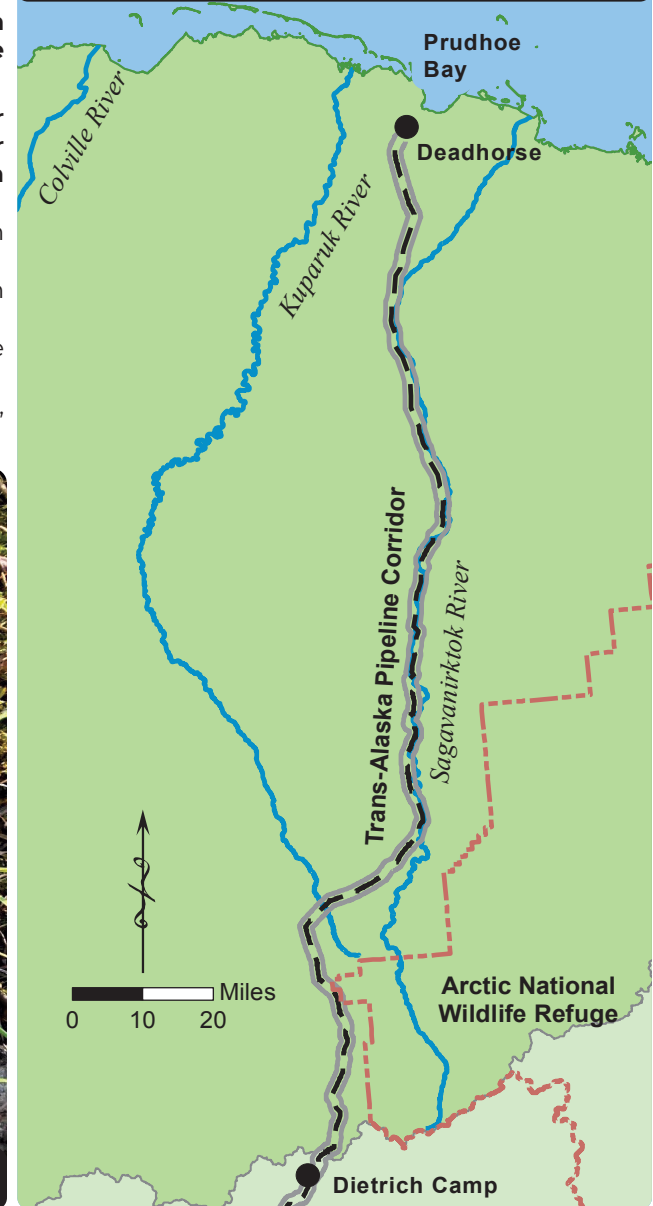
TRANS-ALASKA PIPELINE CORRIDOR (a corridor the length of the Pipeline north of the Yukon River extending 5 miles on either side of the Dalton Highway):

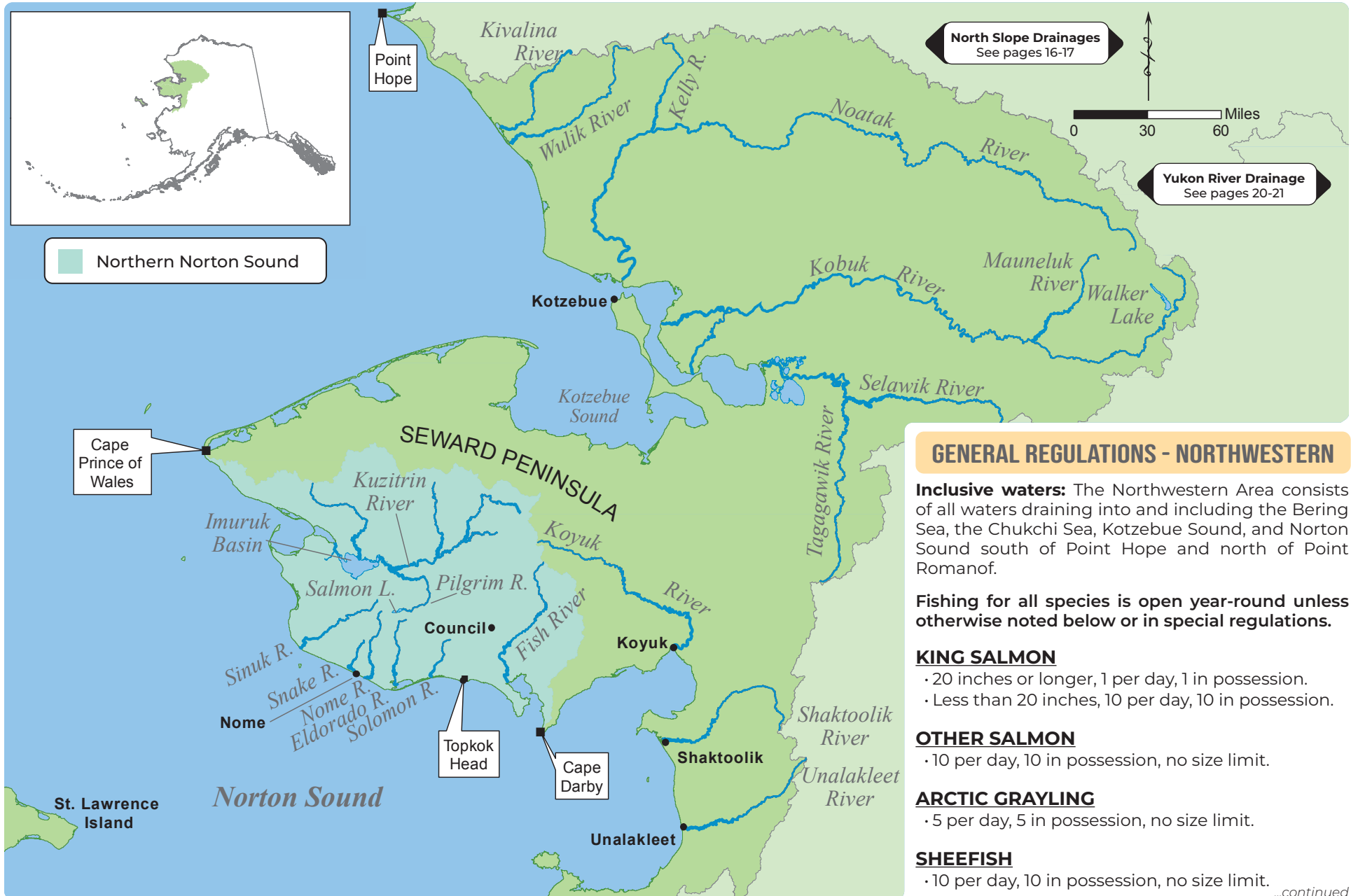
- Open to fishing year-round for species other than salmon.
- **Closed year-round to salmon fishing.** All salmon caught must be released immediately.
- Lake trout: Lake trout retention prohibited. All lake trout caught must be released immediately.
- Northern pike limits: 5 per day, 5 in possession, only 1 of which may be 30 inches or longer.



Beautiful Arctic grayling caught with a fly rod on the Kuparuk River.

TRANS-ALASKA PIPELINE CORRIDOR





GENERAL REGULATIONS - NORTHWESTERN

Inclusive waters: The Northwestern Area consists of all waters draining into and including the Bering Sea, the Chukchi Sea, Kotzebue Sound, and Norton Sound south of Point Hope and north of Point Romanof.

Fishing 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.

OTHER SALMON

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

ARCTIC GRAYLING

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

SHEEFISH

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

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ARCTIC CHAR, DOLLY VARDEN, & LAKE TROUT

- All lakes:
 - 2 per day, 2 in possession, in combination.
- 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.

NORTHERN PIKE

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

BURBOT

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

SHELLFISH

- See pages 39-40.

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:**
 - Bag, possession and size limits, and other regulations for guided (charter) anglers.
- **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.

OTHER FINFISH

- No limit.

METHODS AND MEANS - NORTHWESTERN

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 year-round.
- **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.

SPECIAL REGULATIONS - NORTHWESTERN

CRIPPLE RIVER:

- Open to fishing year-round, except for chum salmon.
- **Closed to chum salmon fishing.** All chum salmon caught must be released immediately.


KOBUK RIVER DRAINAGE - upstream of the mouth of the Mauneluk River:

- Open to fishing year-round.
- Sheefish limits: 2 per day, 2 in possession, no size limit.

NOME RIVER:

- Open to fishing year-round except for Arctic grayling.
- **Closed to Arctic grayling fishing.** All Arctic grayling caught must be released immediately.


NORTHERN NORTON SOUND - all waters draining into Norton Sound from Cape Darby to Cape Prince of Wales (see map above):

- Open to fishing year-round.
- Chum salmon limits: 3 per day, 3 in possession.
- Coho salmon limits: 3 per day, 3 in possession.
- Sockeye salmon limits: 3 per day, 3 in possession.
- Pink salmon limits: 10 per day, 10 in possession.
-  Arctic grayling limits: 2 per day, 2 in possession, no size limit.

PENNY RIVER:

- **Closed to chum salmon fishing.** All chum salmon caught must be released immediately.

PILGRIM RIVER DRAINAGE:

- Open to fishing year-round.
-  Arctic grayling limits: 1 per day, 1 in possession, no size limit.


SALMON LAKE - including its tributaries, and the outlet stream (Pilgrim River) 300 ft downstream from the lake outlet:

- Open to fishing year-round, except for salmon.
- **Closed to salmon fishing.** All salmon caught must be released immediately.

SELAWIK RIVER DRAINAGE - upstream of the mouth of the Tagagawik River:

- Open to fishing year-round.
- Sheefish limits: 2 per day, 2 in possession, no size limit.

SNAKE RIVER DRAINAGE:

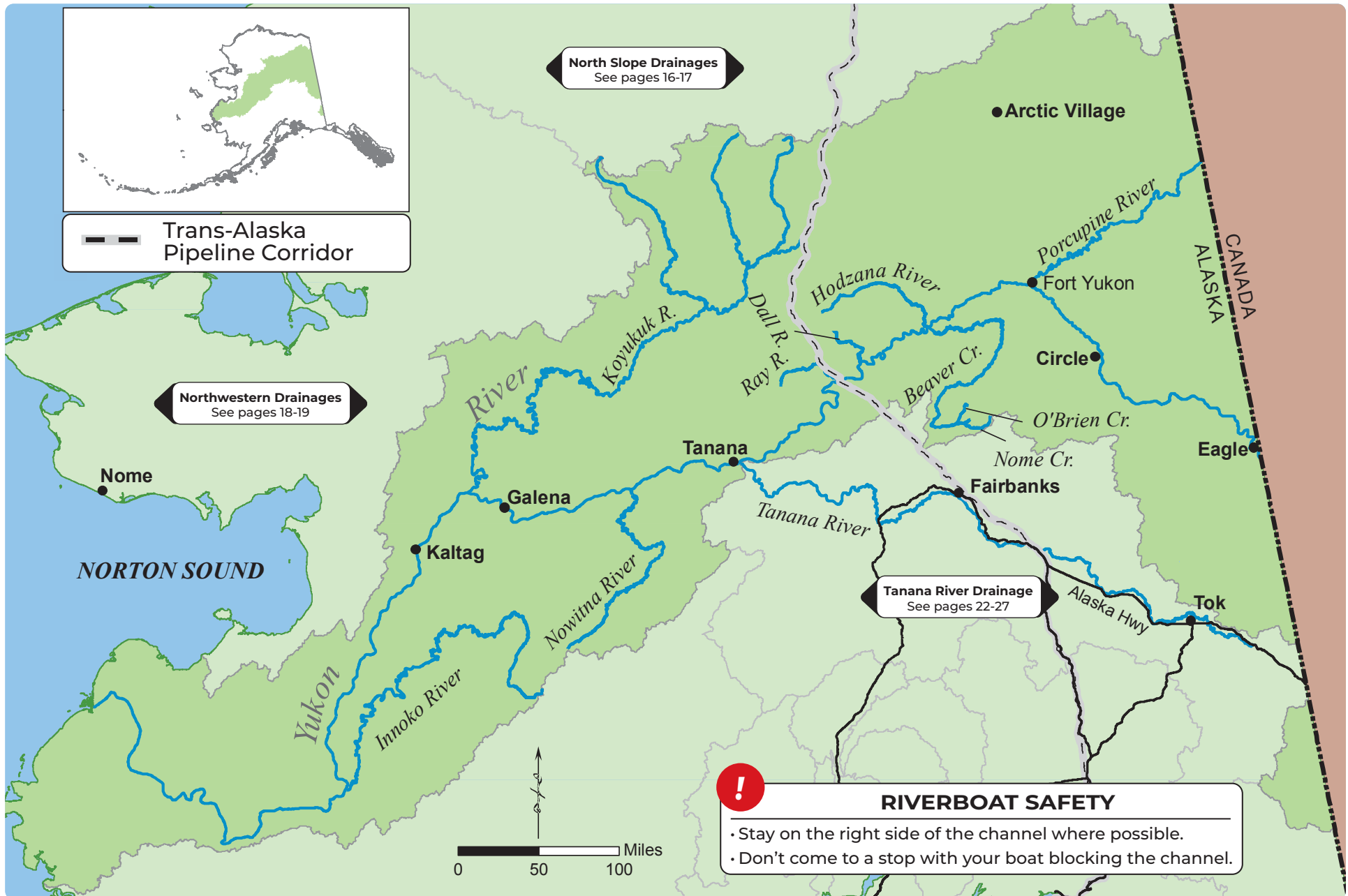
- Open to fishing year-round.
-  Arctic grayling limits: 1 per day, 1 in possession, no size limit.

SOLOMON RIVER:

- Open to fishing year-round, except for Arctic grayling.
- **Closed to Arctic grayling fishing.** All Arctic grayling caught must be released immediately.

UNALAKLEET RIVER DRAINAGE:

- Open to fishing year-round.
- If you remove a salmon from the water, you must retain it. Any salmon removed from the water must be retained and becomes part of the bag limit of the person who originally hooked it. If you intend to release a salmon, you must not remove it from the water before releasing it.
- King salmon limits: 2 per day, 2 in possession, only 1 of which may be 20 inches or longer.
 - **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.**
- Other salmon limits: 10 per day, 10 in possession, of which only 4 in combination may be chum, coho, or sockeye salmon. No size limit.
- Arctic grayling limits: 5 per day, 5 in possession, only 1 of which may be 15 inches or longer.



GENERAL REGULATIONS - YUKON

Inclusive waters: The Yukon River Area consists of all waters of the Yukon River drainage, excluding the Tanana River drainage, and all waters draining into, and including, Norton Sound and the Bering Sea south of Point Romanof and north of the westernmost point of Naskonat Peninsula. Includes the headwaters of the White River in Wrangell St. Elias National Park and Preserve.

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.

NEW If you intend to release a king salmon, you must NOT remove it from the water. A king salmon that is removed from the water must be retained and becomes part of the bag limit.

OTHER SALMON

- 10 per day, 10 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.

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

- No open season.

METHODS AND MEANS - YUKON

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 year-round.
- **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.

SPECIAL REGULATIONS - YUKON

DALL RIVER AREA - all flowing waters and lakes in the Dall River and Little Dall River watersheds:

- Open to fishing year-round except for northern pike.
- Only unbaited, single-hook, artificial lures or flies may be used.
- Set lines are prohibited.
- Northern pike limits:
 - **May 20-September 30:** Open to fishing.
 - Fish less than 30 inches: 4 per day, 4 in possession.
 - Fish 48 inches or longer: 1 per day, 1 in possession.
- **All fish 30 inches or longer and less than 48 inches must be released immediately.**

INNOKO RIVER DRAINAGE - all waters of the Innoko River drainage including Paimiut Slough:

- Open to fishing year-round.
- Northern pike limits: 3 per day, 3 in possession, only 1 of which may be 30 inches or longer.

NOME CREEK (of Beaver Creek drainage):

- Open to fishing year-round.
- **April 1-May 31:** Only unbaited, single-hook, artificial lures or flies may be used.
- Arctic grayling: Catch-and-release only. All Arctic grayling caught must be released immediately.

NOWITNA RIVER DRAINAGE:

- Open to fishing year-round.
- Northern pike limits: 5 per day, 5 in possession, only 1 of which may be 30 inches or longer.

TRANS-ALASKA PIPELINE CORRIDOR (a corridor the length of the Pipeline north of the Yukon River extending 5 miles on either side of the Dalton Highway, excluding the Ray River where General Regulations apply):

- Open to fishing year-round except for salmon.
- **Closed to salmon fishing.** All salmon caught must be released immediately.
- Lake trout: No retention. All lake trout caught must be released immediately.
- Northern pike limits: 5 per day, 5 in possession, only 1 of which may be 30 inches or longer.

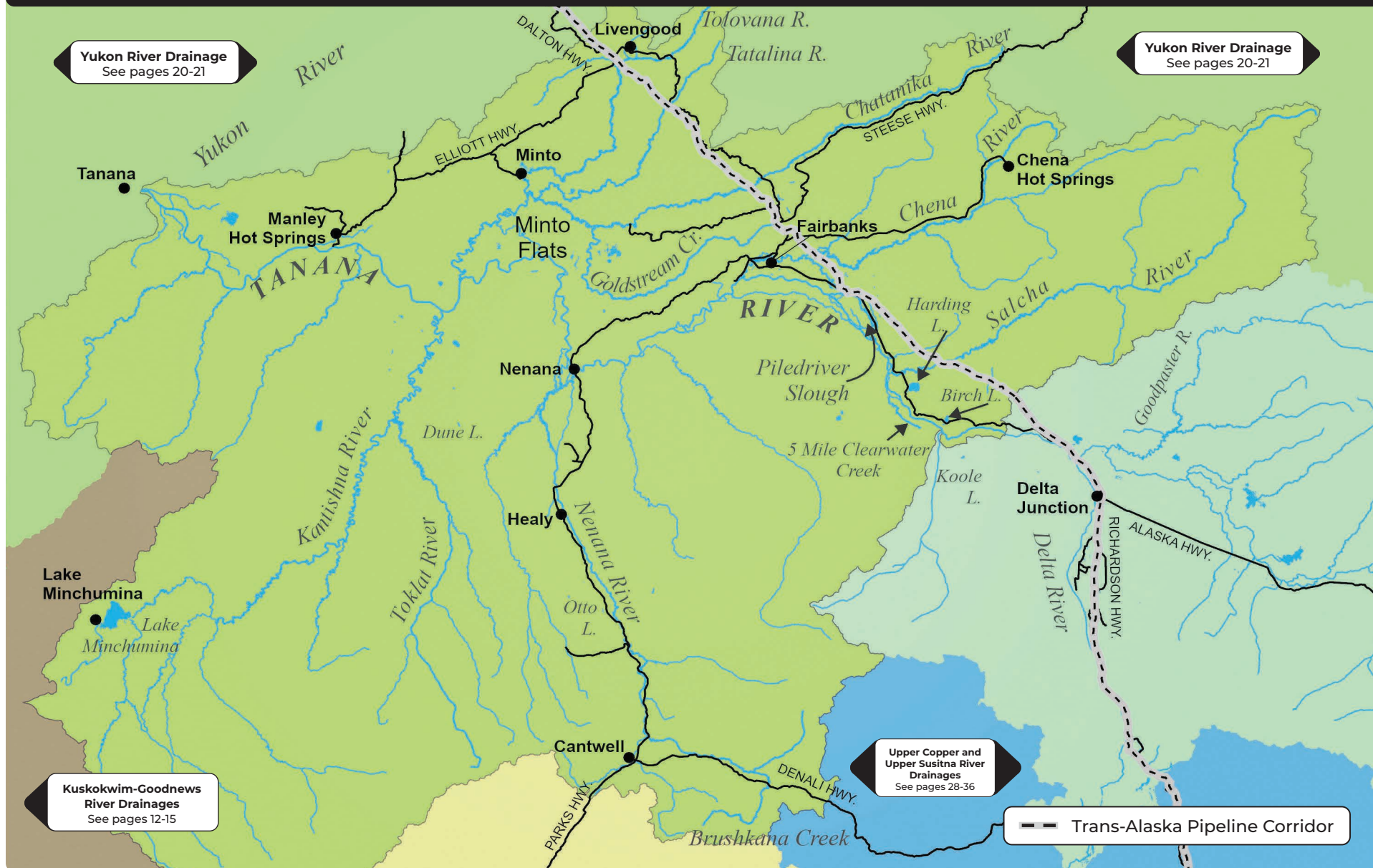
YUKON RIVER DRAINAGE - from the mouth of the Tanana River upstream to and including the Hodzana River:

- Open to fishing year-round.
- Northern pike limits: 5 per day, 5 in possession, only 1 of which may be 30 inches or longer.

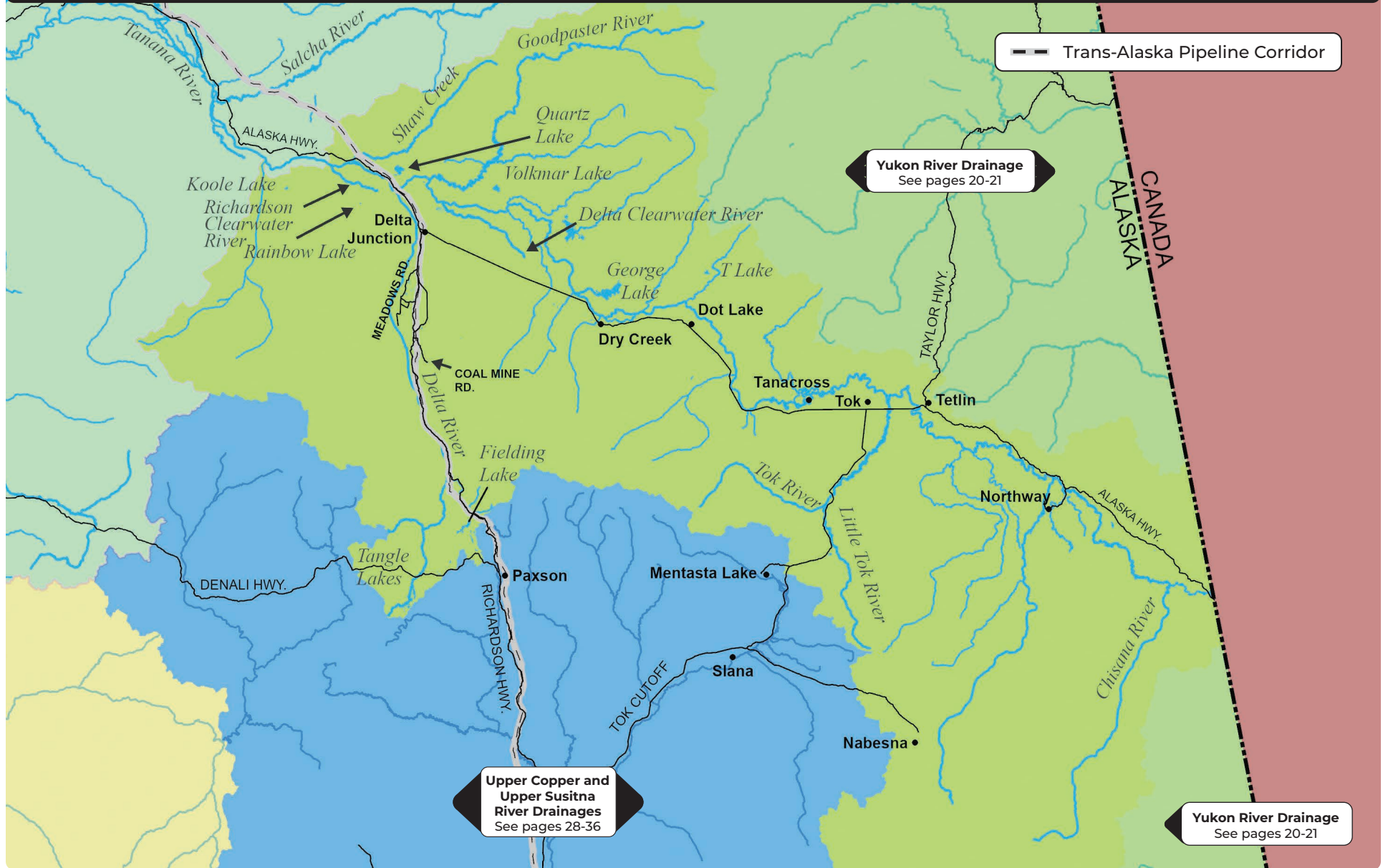


Happy young angler with their catch.

LOWER TANANA RIVER DRAINAGE



UPPER TANANA RIVER DRAINAGE



TANANA RIVER DRAINAGE


GENERAL REGULATIONS - TANANA

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

Fishing 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.

 **If you intend to release a king salmon, you must NOT remove it from the water. A king salmon that is removed from the water must be retained and becomes part of the bag limit.**

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.

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:** Fishing for northern pike is open year-round in **flowing waters and lakes** of the Tanana River drainage, excluding the Tolovana River drainage and those lakes listed below:

- See the special regulations for northern pike fishing seasons in Harding Lake, the Tolovana River drainage (including Minto Flats and Minto Lakes, Goldstream Creek, Volkmar Lake, and the Chatanika River.

Northern pike stocks in the lakes and flowing waters of Minto Flats support both subsistence and sport users. Therefore, sport fish regulations in Minto Flats may be changed in season by emergency order.

- 5 per day, 5 in possession, only 1 of which may be 30 inches or longer.
- When fishing for northern pike through the ice, only 2 closely attended lines may be used, regardless of the bag limit.
- May not be taken with set lines.

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 (including Landmark Gap and Glacier Gap 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, except George Lake Outlet Stream set lines may only be used **October 15-May 15**.
 - Hooks are single hooks with gap between point and shank larger than 3/4 inch.

OTHER FINFISH

- No limit.

STOCKED LAKES

- Rainbow trout, Arctic char/Dolly Varden, Arctic grayling, landlocked salmon, **lake trout limits:**
 -  10 per day, 10 in possession, **only 2 may be lake trout** in combination of stocked species, only 1 of which may be 18 inches or longer.

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 SFS (907) 585-6592 or (907) 585-6293	Donnelly Training Area (907) 361-9684 http://usartrak.isportsman.net
Eielson AFB (907) 377-5182	Fort Wainwright (907) 361-9684 http://usartrak.isportsman.net

METHODS AND MEANS - TANANA

HOOK SIZE:

- Multiple hooks with a gap between point and shank larger than 1/2 inch may be used for taking fish other than salmon, except where noted.

ICE HOUSES:

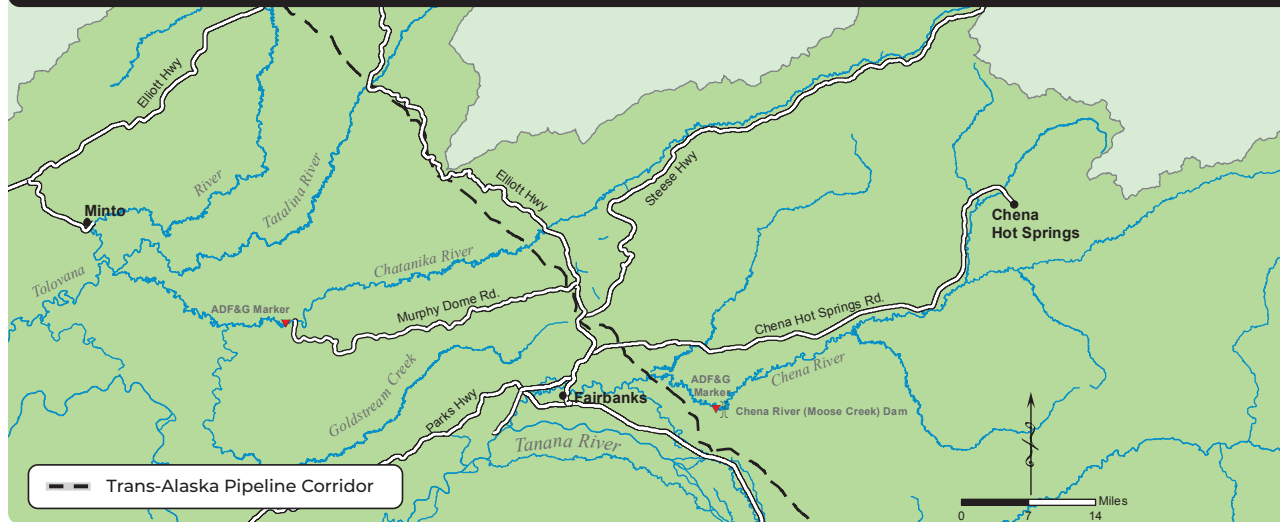
- All ice houses not removed from the ice at the end of a day's fishing must be registered and a permit obtained from ADF&G.
- Each registered ice house must have its permit number displayed on its side and roof in distinguishable numbers at least 12 inches in height.
- Ice houses must be removed from 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 year-round.
- **Northern pike** may be taken by spear or bow and arrow.
 - Only in waters for which there is an open season.
 - **May 1-August 31:** Spear fishing is only allowed if you are completely submerged underwater.
 - **September 1-April 30:** You may be submerged or above the water or ice when spearing or using a bow and arrow.
- **Whitefish (excluding sheefish)** may be taken by spear or bow and arrow under one of the following conditions:
 - **May 1-August 31:** Spear fishing is only allowed if you are completely submerged underwater.
 - **September 1-April 30:** You may be submerged or above the water or ice when spearing or using a bow and arrow.
 - In the Chatanika River drainage, whitefish may only be taken by spear under the authority of a Personal Use permit. Household permits will be issued by an online lottery. Instructions and lottery dates will be announced by August 1. The household limit is 10 whitefish. The specific open fishing dates and regulations are provided on the permit.

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CHATANIKA AND CHENA RIVER DRAINAGE



CHENA RIVER YOUTH-ONLY FISHERY:

- Downstream from a regulatory marker 300 feet downstream of the Chena River Flood Control Project:
- Anglers who are 15 years of age or younger may retain 1 Arctic grayling of any size per day on the dates listed below.
- **Youth-Only Fishery dates in 2023:** June 17-18, June 24-25, July 1-2, and July 8-9.
- For anglers 16 years of age and older, fishing for Arctic grayling is closed during the youth fishery.

CATCH-AND-RELEASE FISHING ONLY:

- The following waters are open to catch-and-release fishing only (all fish caught must be released immediately):
- Bathing Beauty Pond
- Bear Lake (Eielson AFB)
- Moose Lake (Eielson AFB)
- Moose Creek Drainages
- Piledriver Slough
- Polaris Lake

KIMBERLY LAKE:

- Closed to all fishing.

DELTA RIVER and its tributaries:

- Open to fishing year-round except for salmon.
- **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.**

DELTA CLEARWATER RIVER - including the Clearwater Lake drainage:



- Open to fishing year-round.
- Set lines may not be used in Clearwater Lake.
- Arctic grayling limits:
 - 1 per day, 1 in possession, which must be 12 inches or less.
- **January 1-August 31:** Only 1 unbaited, single-hook, artificial lure or fly may be used.
- **September 1-December 31:** Only unbaited, artificial lures or flies may be used.

SPECIAL REGULATIONS - TANANA

CHATANIKA RIVER and its tributaries:

- Open to fishing year-round except for northern pike (see below).
- Only unbaited, artificial lures or flies 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.
- **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.
- 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 to fishing **June 1-October 14.**
- **Upstream of the upstream edge of the Elliott Highway bridge:**
 - **Closed to salmon fishing.** All salmon caught must be released immediately.

CHENA RIVER and its tributaries, including Badger or Chena Slough:

- Open to fishing year-round.
- Only 1 unbaited, single-hook, artificial lure or fly 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 fishing for species 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.
- **Downstream from the ADF&G marker located 300 feet downstream of the Chena River dam:**
 -  Arctic grayling: **June 1-March 31: 1 per day, 1 in possession, no size limit.** See exception under the Youth-Only Fishery on the right.
- **Upstream from the ADF&G marker located 300 feet downstream of the Chena River dam:**
 - **Closed to salmon fishing.** All salmon caught must be released immediately.
 -  Arctic grayling: **No retention, catch-and-release fishing only.**

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SPECIAL REGULATIONS - TANANA

FIELDING LAKE:

- **Closed to burbot and lake trout fishing September 1-September 30.**
- Only 1 unbaited, single-hook, artificial lure or fly 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, no size limit.

FIVE MILE CLEARWATER CREEK:

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

GEORGE LAKE AND GEORGE LAKE OUTLET STREAM:

- **October 15-May 15:** Set lines may be used.

GOODPASTER RIVER DRAINAGE:

- **Closed to fishing for salmon other than king salmon.**
- **June 1-August 31:** Only one unbaited, single-hook, artificial lure or fly may be used.
- **From the confluence of the Tanana River to an ADF&G marker located approximately 25 miles upstream:**
 - King salmon:
 - **June 1-August 31:** Open to fishing. No retention. All king salmon caught may not be removed from the water and must be released immediately.

GRIZZLY LAKE (of the Nabesna River drainage):

- Open to fishing year-round.
- Set lines may not be used.

HARDING LAKE:

- Open to fishing year-round except for northern pike.
- **Closed to fishing for northern pike**, this includes spearing, and bow and arrow fishing. All northern pike must be released immediately.
- Only one single-hook or one single-hook, artificial lure or fly 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, rainbow trout and landlocked salmon limits:
 - 10 per day, 10 in possession in combination, only one of which may be 18 inches or longer.

JACK LAKE (of the Nabesna River drainage):

- Open to fishing year-round.
- Set lines may not be used.

LITTLE HARDING LAKE:

- Open to fishing year-round.
- Northern pike:
 - 5 per day, 5 in possession, only 1 of which may be longer than 30 inches.

PILED RIVER SLOUGH AND MOOSE CREEK:

- Only 1 unbaited, single hook, artificial lure or fly may be used.
- **NEW** Open to catch-and-release fishing only. All fish caught must be released immediately.

RAINBOW LAKE (west of Delta Junction):

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

RICHARDSON CLEARWATER RIVER DRAINAGE:

- Open to fishing year-round.
- Only unbaited, artificial lures or flies may be used.

SALCHA RIVER and its tributaries:

- Open to fishing year-round.
- **Fishing from the Richardson Highway bridge over the Salcha River is prohibited.**
- Only unbaited, artificial lures or flies 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 2 1/2 miles upstream of the Richardson Hwy bridge:**
 - **Closed to salmon fishing.** All salmon must be released immediately.

SHAW CREEK and its tributaries:


- Open to fishing year-round.
- Only 1 unbaited, single-hook, artificial lure or fly may be used.
- Arctic grayling:
 - **April 1-May 31:** No retention. 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.

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A 28 inch Arctic char caught at Harding Lake.

STOCKED LAKES (listed on pages 41-42):

- Open to fishing year-round.
- Bait and artificial lures are permitted, including treble hooks (except for Harding Lake).
- Rainbow trout, Arctic char/Dolly Varden, Arctic grayling, landlocked salmon, **lake trout limits:**
 **10 per day, 10 in possession, only 2 may be lake trout** (except for Harding Lake) in combination of stocked species, only 1 of which may be 18 inches or longer.

"T" LAKE:

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

TANANA RIVER (2 miles below and above Shaw Creek):

- Open to fishing year-round.
- Bait may be used only on single hooks with a gap between point and shank larger than $\frac{3}{4}$ inch.
- Arctic grayling:
 - **April 1-May 31:** No retention. All Arctic grayling must be released immediately.

TANGLE LAKES AREA (all waters of the Delta River drainage upstream of Wildhorse Creek - this includes Landmark Gap and Glacier Gap Lakes):

- Open to fishing year-round.
- 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:

- Open to fishing year-round (see exception below).
 - **August 15-May 15:** The Toklat River drainage is closed approximately one mile upstream and two miles downstream of the Kobi-McGrath trail crossing, enclosed by the following four points: 64° 08.21'N. lat., 150° 01.16' long., to 64° 08.21'N. lat., 149° 58.38'W. long., to 64° 10.66'N. lat., 150° 02.09'W long., to 64° 10.66'N. lat., 149° 59.72'W. long.

TOK RIVER (and its tributaries):

- Only 1 unbaited, single hook, artificial lure may be used year-round.
- **Closed to salmon fishing.** All salmon caught must be released immediately.

Tok River continued...

- Arctic char/Dolly Varden: Retention prohibited. All Arctic char/Dolly Varden caught must be released immediately.
- Arctic grayling limits:
 - **May 15-October 31:** Open to fishing.
 - 2 per day, 2 in possession, no size limit.

TOLOVANA RIVER DRAINAGE (including Minto Flats, Minto Lakes, Tatalina River, and Goldstream Creek):

- Open to fishing year-round except for northern pike.
- Northern pike:
 - **June 1-October 14:** Open to fishing.

VOLKMAR LAKE:

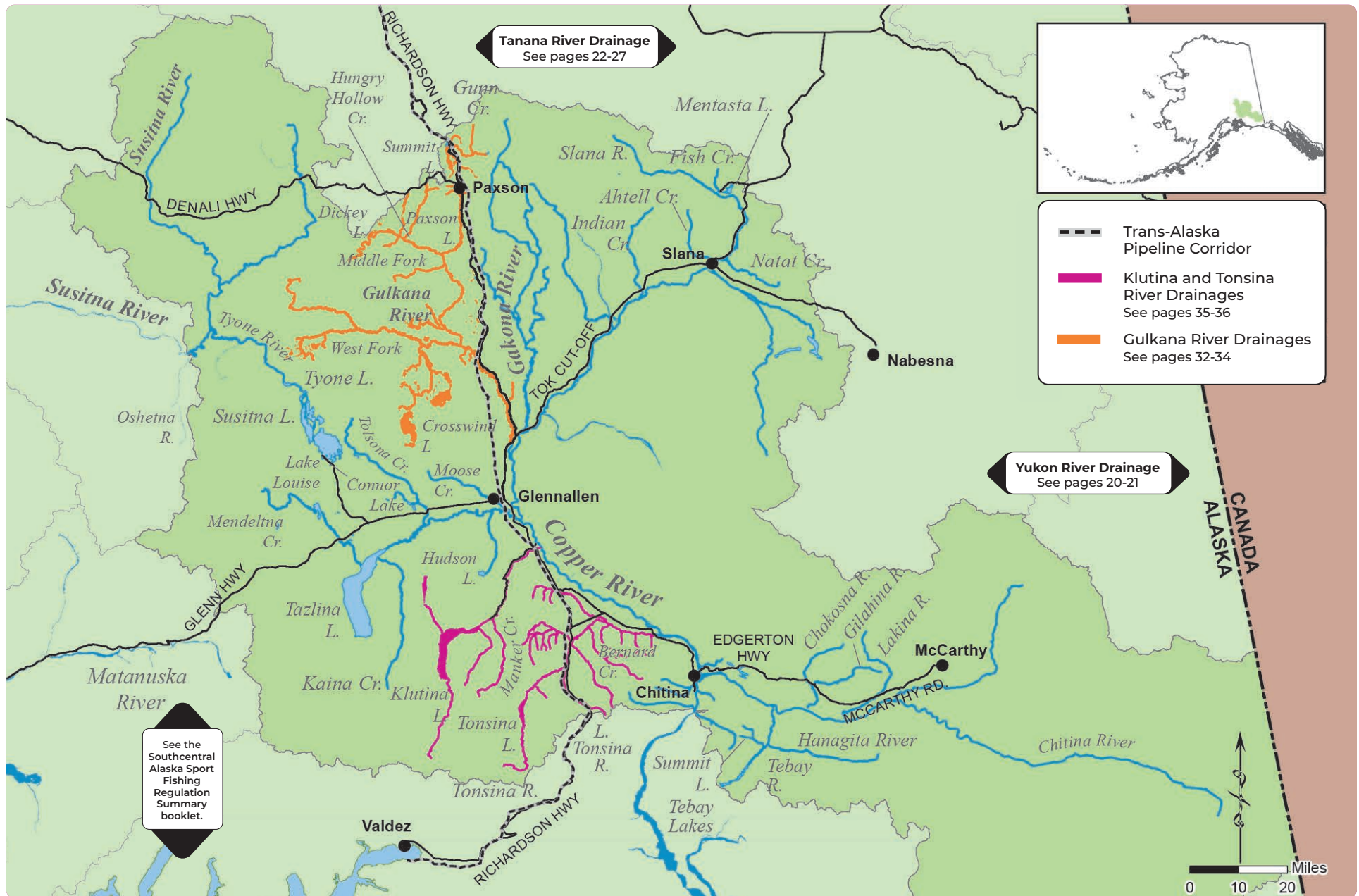
- Open to fishing year-round.
- Northern pike limits: 2 per day, 2 in possession, only 1 of which may be 30 inches or longer.



A successful father-daughter fishing trip.

THE TANGLE LAKES AREA





GENERAL REGULATIONS - UPPER COPPER AND UPPER SUSITNA

Inclusive waters: All waters and tributaries of the Copper River upstream from a line between the south bank of Haley Creek and the south bank of Canyon Creek in Wood Canyon, and all waters and tributaries of the upper Susitna River drainage upstream from the confluence of the Oshetna River, but excluding the Oshetna River.

Fishing for all species is open year-round unless otherwise noted below or in special regulations.

KING SALMON

- **Season:** January 1-July 19.
- **20 inches or longer: annual limit of 4 fish, 1 per day, 1 in possession. Immediately upon landing and retaining a king salmon 20 inches or longer, you must fill out a harvest record; see page 5.**
- Less than 20 inches: 10 per day, 10 in possession.
- If you remove a king salmon from the water, you must retain it. Any king salmon removed from the water must be retained and becomes a part of the bag limit of the person that originally hooked the fish. **You must not remove a king salmon from the water if you intend to release it.** Anyone who is engaged in freshwater sport fish guiding is allowed to sport fish in the Copper River or its tributaries while a client is present or within the guide's control or responsibility, but that guide may not retain a king salmon while guiding.

SOCKEYE SALMON

- 16 inches or longer: 3 per day, 6 in possession.
- Less than 16 inches: 10 per day, 10 in possession.
- If you remove a salmon from the water, you must retain it. Any salmon removed from the water must be retained and becomes a part of the bag limit of the person that originally hooked the fish. **You must not remove a sockeye salmon from the water if you intend to release it.**

OTHER SALMON

- 16 inches or longer: 3 per day, 3 in possession.
- Less than 16 inches: 10 per day, 10 in possession.
- If you remove a salmon from the water, you must retain it. Any salmon removed from the water must be retained and becomes a part of the bag limit of the person that originally hooked the fish. **You must not remove a salmon from the water if you intend to release it.**

ARCTIC CHAR & DOLLY VARDEN

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

LAKE TROUT

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

RAINBOW/STEELHEAD 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.

BURBOT

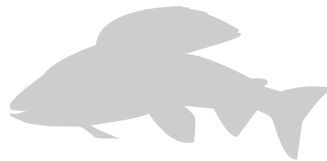
- 5 per day, 5 in possession, no size limit.
- Set lines are prohibited in lakes and flowing waters of the Upper Copper/Upper Susitna river drainages, except those waters of the Copper River drainage as described on page 30.

OTHER FINFISH (including northern pike)

- No limit.

STOCKED WATERS

- 10 in combination of stocked species, only 1 of which may be 18 inches or longer; see pages 41-42.



METHODS AND MEANS - UPPER COPPER AND UPPER SUSITNA

BAIT AND GEAR RESTRICTIONS:

- Only unbaited, single hook, artificial lures or flies may be used in **flowing waters** of the Upper Copper River drainage, except as specified by special regulations in the Klutina, Gulkana, Tazlina, Tonsina, and mainstem Copper River drainages.
- Bait and treble hooks may be used **in lakes and ponds** of the Upper Copper River drainage except as specified by special regulations in the Gulkana River drainage.
- **In all waters** of the Upper Susitna River drainage, bait and treble hooks are allowed except as specified by special regulations in the Tyone River drainage.

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 one side and on its roof in distinguishable numbers at least 12 inches high.
- Ice houses must be removed from all water bodies by April 30.

USE OF SPEARS OR BOW AND ARROWS:

- **October 1-March 31:**
 - Whitefish: May be taken with spears or bow and arrow.
 - Suckers: May be taken with spears or bow and arrow year-round. Arrows must have a barbed tip and be attached by a line to the bow ('bow' means a long bow, recurve bow, compound bow, or crossbow).

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SPECIAL REGULATIONS - UPPER COPPER AND UPPER SUSITNA

CHITINA RIVER DRAINAGE:

- Open to fishing year-round for species other than king salmon.
- King salmon:
 - **July 1-August 10:** Open to fishing.

CHOKOSNA RIVER (Chitina River drainage):

- Open to fishing year-round for species other than king salmon.
- **Closed to king salmon fishing.** All king salmon caught must be released immediately.

COPPER RIVER DRAINAGE:

- Open to fishing year-round for species other than king salmon.
- **Downstream of the upstream bank of the Klutina River (see specific regulations for Klutina and Tonsina rivers on page 35):**
 - King salmon:
 - **July 1-August 10:** Open to fishing.
- **Mainstem only - downstream of the confluence of the Slana River:**
 - Bait and artificial lures or flies permitted, including treble hooks.
- **Mainstem and flowing waters of east bank Copper River tributaries, and in flowing waters of west bank Copper River tributaries downstream of the Richardson Highway and Glenn Highway (Tok Cutoff), excluding the Gulkana River (see pages 32-34):**
 - Burbot may be taken with more than one line and hook, as specified on page 7 under "Sport Fishing Gear for Burbot."

FISH CREEK (tributary to Mentasta Lake):

- **Closed to salmon fishing.** All salmon caught must be released immediately.

GAKONA RIVER CLEARWATER TRIBUTARIES - including all flowing waters within ¼ mile radius of their confluence with the Gakona River:

- Open to fishing year-round for species other than king salmon.

Gakona River Clearwater Tributaries continued...

- **Closed to king salmon fishing.** All king salmon caught must be released immediately.

GILAHINA RIVER (Chitina River drainage) - including all flowing waters within ¼ mile radius of its confluence with the Chitina River:

- Open to fishing year-round for species other than king salmon.
- **Closed to king salmon fishing.** All king salmon caught must be released immediately.

GULKANA RIVER: See pages 32-34.

HANAGITA RIVER DRAINAGE:

- Open to fishing year-round.
- Rainbow/steelhead trout: Rainbow trout retention prohibited. All rainbow/steelhead trout caught must be released immediately.

HUDSON LAKE:

- Open to fishing year-round.
- Burbot limits: 2 per day, 2 in possession, no size limit.

INDIAN CREEK (Copper River drainage) - including all flowing waters within ¼ mile radius of the confluence with the Copper River:

- Open to fishing year-round for species other than king salmon.
- **Closed to king salmon fishing.** All king salmon caught must be released immediately.

KLUTINA RIVER DRAINAGE: See page 35.

LAKE LOUISE (Tyone River drainage):

- Open to fishing year-round.
- **April 16-October 31:** Only unbaited, single-hook, artificial lures or flies may be used.
- **November 1-April 15:** Single hooks only; bait may be used.
- Burbot limits: 1 per day, 1 in possession, no size limit.
- Lake trout limits: 1 per day, 1 in possession, no size limit.

LAKINA RIVER (Chitina River drainage) - including all flowing waters within ¼ mile radius of its confluence with the Chitina River:

- Open to fishing year-round for species other than king salmon.
- **Closed to king salmon fishing.** All king salmon caught must be released immediately.

MENDELTA CREEK DRAINAGE:

- Open to fishing year-round for species other than salmon and Arctic grayling.
- **All flowing waters, including all waters within ¼ mile of the Mendeltna Creek confluence with Tazlina Lake:**
 - **Closed to salmon fishing.** All salmon caught must be released immediately.
 - Arctic grayling limits:
 - **June 1-March 31:** Open to fishing.
 - 2 per day, 2 in possession, 12 inch minimum. All Arctic grayling 12 inches or less must be released immediately.
- **All lakes:**
 - Open to fishing year-round except for salmon.
 - **Closed to salmon fishing.** All salmon caught must be released immediately.

MOOSE CREEK (Tazlina River drainage):

- Bait and artificial lures or flies are permitted year-round, including treble hooks (see "Methods and Means" on pages 6-7).

MOOSE LAKE AND OUR CREEK (tributary Moose Lake) - Tazlina River drainage:

- Open to fishing year-round except for Arctic grayling.
- Burbot limits: 2 per day, 2 in possession, no size limit.
- Arctic grayling limits:
 - **June 1-March 31:** Open to fishing.
 - 2 per day, 2 in possession, no size limit.

SINONA CREEK - including all flowing waters within ¼ mile radius of its confluence with the Copper River:

- **Closed to king salmon fishing.** All king salmon caught must be released immediately.

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TYONE RIVER DRAINAGE



SLANA RIVER DRAINAGE - including all flowing waters within ¼ mile radius of the confluence of the Slana and Copper rivers (including Ahtell and Natat creeks):

- Open to fishing year-round for species other than king salmon.
- **Closed to king salmon fishing.** All king salmon caught must be released immediately.
- Whitefish: whitefish may be taken by spear or bow and arrow year-round.

STOCKED LAKES (listed in tables on pages 41-42):

- Open to fishing year-round.
- Bait and artificial lures or flies are permitted, including treble hooks.
- Rainbow/steelhead trout, Arctic char/Dolly Varden, Arctic grayling, and landlocked salmon limits:
 - 10 per day, 10 in possession (in combination), only one of which may be 18 inches or longer.

SUMMIT LAKE AND BRIDGE CREEK (outlet stream of Summit Lake) - Tebay River drainage:

- Open to fishing year-round.
- Rainbow/steelhead trout limits: 10 per day, 10 in possession, only one of which may be 18 inches or longer.

SUSITNA LAKE (Tyone River drainage):

- Open to fishing year-round.
- **April 16-October 31:** Only unbaited, single-hook, artificial lures or flies may be used.
- **November 1-April 15:** Single hooks only; bait may be used.
- Burbot limits: 2 per day, 2 in possession, no size limit.
- Lake trout limits: 1 per day, 1 in possession, no size limit.

SUSITNA RIVER DRAINAGE - upstream from the Oshetna River:

- **Closed to salmon fishing.** All salmon caught must be released immediately.

UPPER TAZLINA RIVER DRAINAGE - all flowing waters entering Tazlina Lake (except a ¼-mile radius around the mouth of Kaina Creek):

- Open to fishing year-round for species other than king salmon.
- **Closed to king salmon fishing.** All king salmon caught must be released immediately.

TEBAY RIVER DRAINAGE - downstream from its confluence with the Hanagita River:

- Open to fishing year-round for species other than king salmon.
- King salmon:
 - **July 1-August 10:** Open to fishing.
- Rainbow/steelhead trout: No retention. All rainbow/steelhead trout caught must be released immediately.

TOLSONA LAKE:

- Open to fishing year-round.
- Burbot limits: 2 per day, 2 in possession, no size limit.

TONSINA RIVER DRAINAGE: See page 35.

TYONE LAKE:

- Open to fishing year-round.
- **April 16-October 31:** Only unbaited, single-hook, artificial lures or flies may be used.
- **November 1-April 15:** Single hooks only; bait may be used.
- Burbot limits: 2 per day, 2 in possession, no size limit.
- Lake trout limits: 1 per day, 1 in possession, no size limit.

TYONE RIVER DRAINAGE (see map at left):

- Open to fishing year-round.
- **All flowing waters:**
 - Burbot limits: 2 per day, 2 in possession, no size limit.
- **All lakes (except Louise, Susitna, and Tyone lakes):**
 - Burbot limits: 2 per day, 2 in possession, no size limit.

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A king salmon caught during a family floating trip.

SPECIAL REGULATIONS - GULKANA RIVER DRAINAGE

Refer to maps on pages 33-34 for colored sections and corresponding numbers. If you have any questions about the Gulkana River drainage, please contact the ADF&G Glennallen office at (907) 822-3309.

GULKANA RIVER DRAINAGE:

The following regulations apply to all waters of the Gulkana River drainage, unless otherwise specified in colored sections on pages 33-34.

- Entire year (**in flowing waters**): Only unbaited, single-hook, artificial lures or flies may be used. See Gulkana River mainstem (sections 7 and 8) for exceptions.
- Entire year (**in lakes and ponds**): Bait and treble hooks may be used. See Summit and Paxson lakes (section 1 & 2) and Crosswind Lake (section 9) for exceptions.
- Set lines are prohibited in all waters.
- Rainbow/steelhead trout: No retention. All rainbow/steelhead trout caught must be released immediately.

GULKANA RIVER DRAINAGE - Upstream of Paxson Lake, including East Fork Gulkana, Summit Lake, and Gunn and Fish Creek Drainages:

ALL WATERS:

- Closed to all salmon fishing. Salmon may not be targeted. Any salmon caught incidentally must remain in the water and must be released immediately.
- Arctic grayling limits: 2 per day, 2 in possession, no size limit.
- Lake trout limits: 1 per day, 1 in possession, no size limit.

SUMMIT LAKE:

- **April 16-October 31:** Only unbaited, single-hook, artificial lures or flies may be used.
- **November 1-April 15:** Single hooks only; bait may be used.

SUMMIT LAKE AND GUNN CREEK DRAINAGE:

- Burbot limits: 2 per day, 2 in possession, no size limit.

PAXSON LAKE

ALL WATERS:

- Closed to all salmon fishing. Salmon may not be targeted. Any salmon caught incidentally must remain in the water and must be released immediately.
- **April 16-October 31:** Only unbaited, single-hook, artificial lures or flies may be used.
- **November 1-April 15:** Single hooks only; bait may be used.
- Lake trout limits: 1 per day, 1 in possession, no size limit.

WATERS WITHIN A 100 YARD RADIUS OF THE MOUTH OF THE EAST FORK:

- Arctic grayling limits: 2 per day, 2 in possession, no size limit.

GULKANA RIVER - All flowing waters from 100 yards upstream from the narrows at the outlet of Paxson Lake, downstream to the confluence of the Middle Fork:

ALL WATERS:

- Closed to salmon fishing. Salmon may not be targeted. Any salmon caught incidentally must remain in the water and must be released immediately.

MIDDLE RIVER - Waters of the Middle Fork of the Gulkana River:

ALL WATERS:

- Closed to king salmon fishing. King salmon may not be targeted. Any king salmon caught incidentally must remain in the water and must be released immediately.

MIDDLE FORK, HUNGRY HOLLOW CREEK, AND TWELVE MILE CREEK - All waters of Twelvemile Creek, Hungry Hollow (including Tenmile Lake), and the Middle Fork of the Gulkana River from the outlet of Dickey Lake to an ADF&G marker three miles downstream:

ALL WATERS:

- Closed to salmon fishing. Salmon may not be targeted. Any salmon caught incidentally must remain in the water and must be released immediately.
- Closed to all sport fishing April 15-June 14.

UPPER GULKANA RIVER DRAINAGE

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GULKANA RIVER DRAINAGE - Upstream of Paxson Lake, including East Fork Gulkana, Summit Lake, and Gunn and Fish Creek Drainages.

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PAXSON LAKE - All waters of Paxson Lake.

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GULKANA RIVER - All flowing waters from 100 yards upstream from the narrows at the outlet of Paxson Lake, downstream to the confluence of the Middle Fork.

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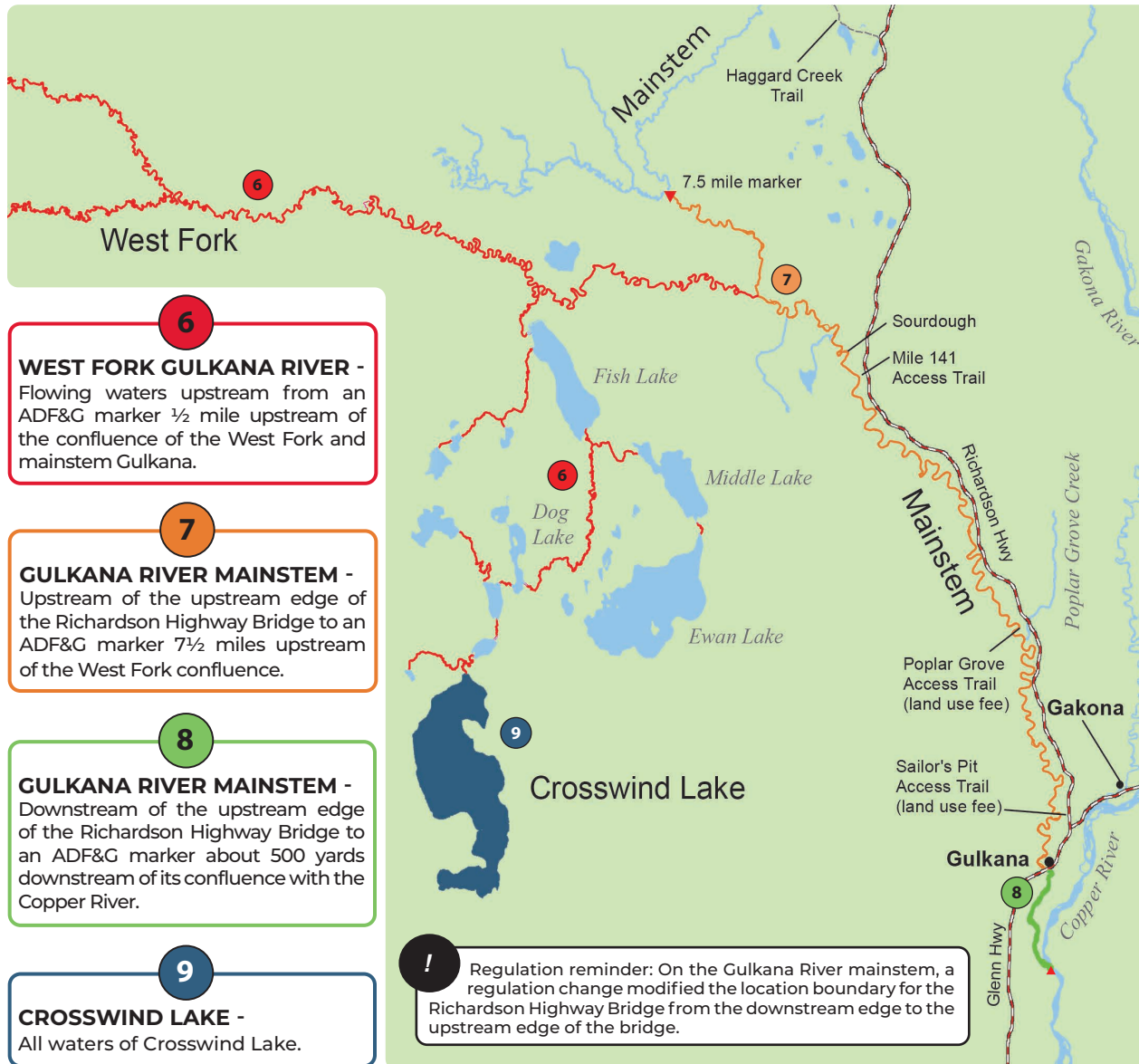
MIDDLE FORK - Waters of the Middle Fork of the Gulkana River.

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MIDDLE FORK, HUNGRY HOLLOW CREEK, AND TWELVEMILE CREEK - All waters of Twelvemile Creek, Hungry Hollow (including Tenmile Lake) and the Middle Fork of the Gulkana River from the outlet of Dickey Lake to an ADF&G marker three miles downstream.



LOWER GULKANA RIVER DRAINAGE



WEST FORK GULKANA RIVER - Flowing waters upstream from an ADF&G marker ½ mile upstream of the confluence of the West Fork and mainstem Gulkana:

- Sockeye salmon limits:
 - **January 1-July 31:** 3 per day, 6 in possession.
 - **August 1-December 31:** 6 per day, 6 in possession.

GULKANA RIVER MAINSTEM - Upstream of the upstream edge of the Richardson Highway Bridge to an ADF&G marker 7½ mile upstream of the West Fork confluence:

- **June 1-July 19:** Bait and artificial lures or flies are permitted, including treble hooks.
- **July 20-May 31:** Only unbaited, single-hook, artificial lures or flies may be used.

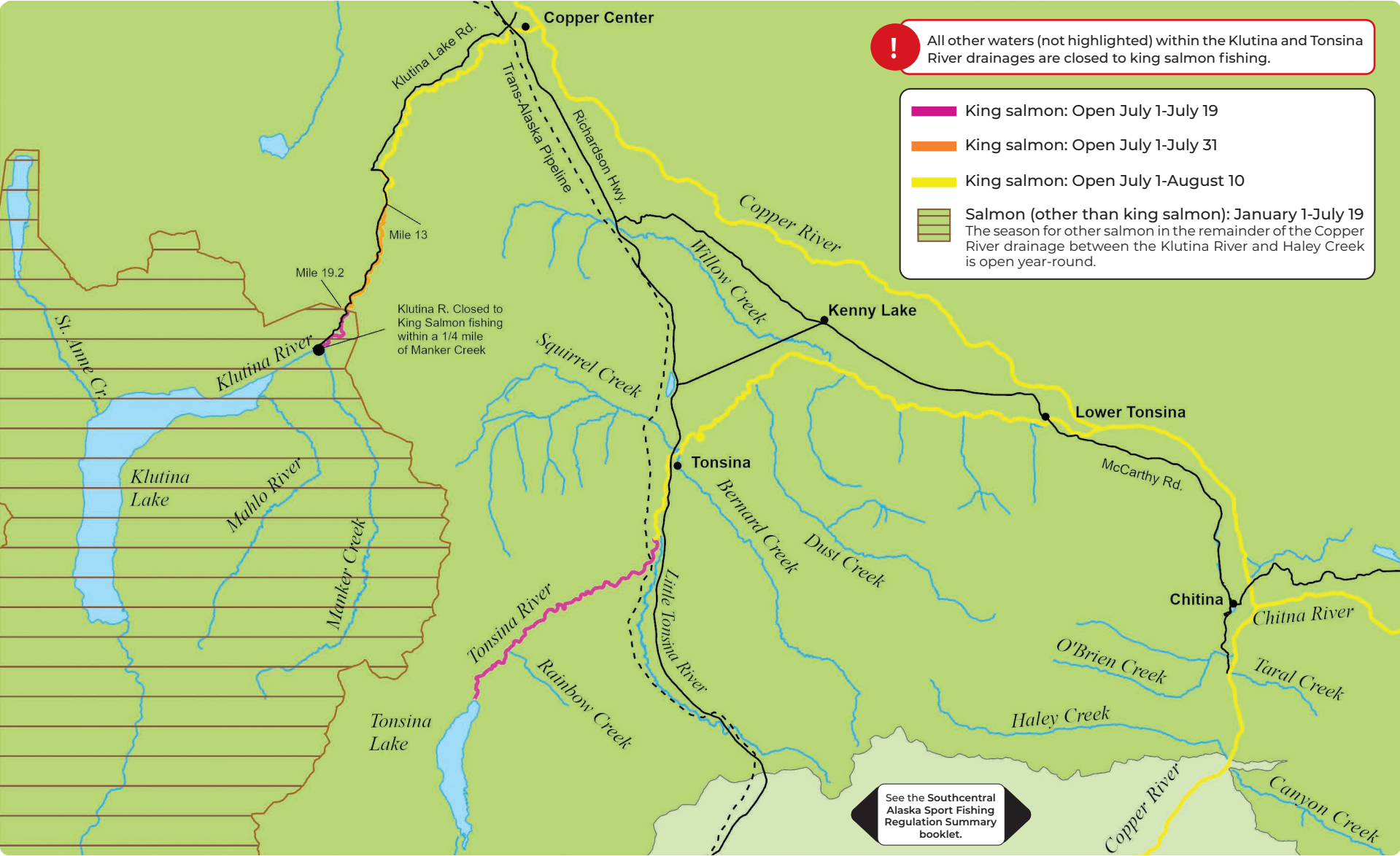
GULKANA RIVER MAINSTEM - Downstream of the upstream edge of the Richardson Highway Bridge to an ADF&G marker about 500 yards downstream of its confluence with the Copper River:

- **June 1-July 31:** Only unbaited, single-hook, artificial flies allowed, with gap between point and shank ¾ inch or less. Additional weight may only be used 18 inches or more ahead of fly.
- A bead fished on the line above a bare hook or a single bare hook is not an artificial fly.
- **August 1-May 31:** Only unbaited, single-hook, artificial lures may be used.

CROSSWIND LAKE - All waters of Crosswind Lake:

- **April 16-October 31:** Only unbaited, single-hook, artificial lures or flies may be used.
- **November 1-April 15:** Single hooks only; bait may be used.
- Lake trout: 1 per day, 1 in possession, no size limit.

KLUTINA AND TONSINA RIVER DRAINAGES



UPPER COPPER AND UPPER SUSITNA RIVER DRAINAGE

KLUTINA RIVER DRAINAGE:

- **Entire year:** Bait and artificial lures or flies are permitted, including treble hooks (see Methods and Means on page 6).
- **All flowing waters upstream of ADF&G marker at Mile 19.2 Klutina Lake Road to Klutina Lake:**
 - King salmon:
 - **July 1-July 19:** Open to fishing.
 - Salmon (other than king salmon):
 - **January 1-July 19:** Open to fishing.
- **All flowing waters downstream of the ADF&G marker at Mile 19.2 Klutina Lake Road, to the ADF&G marker at Mile 13.0 Klutina Lake Road:**
 - King salmon:
 - **July 1-July 31:** Open to fishing.
- **All flowing waters downstream of ADF&G marker at Mile 13.0 Klutina Lake Road:**
 - King salmon:
 - **July 1-August 10:** Open to fishing.

• **Klutina Lake - including all flowing waters entering Klutina Lake:**

- Open to fishing year-round for species other than salmon.
 - **Closed to king salmon fishing.** All king salmon caught must be released immediately.
 - Salmon (other than king salmon):
 - **January 1-July 19:** Open to fishing.
- ## • **Manker Creek - including all flowing waters within ¼ mile radius of its confluence with the Klutina River:**
- Open to fishing year-round for species other than salmon.
 - **Closed to king salmon fishing.** All king salmon caught must be released immediately.
 - Salmon (other than king salmon):
 - **January 1-July 19:** Open to fishing.
- ## • **All other lakes in the Klutina River drainage:**
- Open to fishing year-round for species other than salmon.
 - Salmon (other than king salmon):
 - **January 1-July 19:** Open to fishing.

TONSINA RIVER DRAINAGE:

- Open to fishing year-round for species other than king salmon.
 - In the flowing waters of the Tonsina River drainage upstream of Tonsina Lake, only unbaited, single-hook, artificial lures or flies may be used year-round.
 - In all flowing waters of the Tonsina River drainage downstream from the outlet of Tonsina Lake, bait and artificial lures or flies are permitted, including treble hooks year-round.
 - **All flowing waters downstream of Tonsina Lake to the downstream edge of the Alyeska Pipeline access bridge:**
 - King salmon:
 - **July 1-July 19:** Open to fishing.
 - **All flowing waters downstream of the downstream edge of the Alyeska Pipeline access bridge:**
 - King salmon:
 - **July 1-August 10:** Open to fishing.
 - **All tributaries of the Tonsina River, including the Little Tonsina River and Bernard Creek, and all flowing waters within a ¼ mile radius of their confluence with the Tonsina River:**
 - Open to fishing year-round for species other than king salmon.
 - **Closed to king salmon fishing.** All king salmon caught must be released immediately.
- ## • **Tonsina Lake - including all flowing waters entering Tonsina Lake:**
- Open to fishing year-round for species other than king salmon.
 - **Closed to king salmon fishing.** All king salmon caught must be released immediately.



A smile as big as her catch.



Summer memories made.

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GENERAL REGULATIONS - PERSONAL USE FINFISH FISHERY

ONLY ALASKA RESIDENTS, AS DEFINED ON PAGE 4, ARE ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN PERSONAL USE FISHERIES.

Nonresidents may not participate in personal use fisheries. For example, nonresidents may not handle or clean fish harvested in a personal use fishery and nonresidents may not handle any of the gear or operate a boat that is being used for personal use fishing.

'Personal use' is taking, fishing for, or possession of finfish, shellfish, or other fishery resources, by Alaska residents for personal use and not for sale or barter, with gill or dip net, seine, fish wheel, long line, or other means defined by the Board of Fisheries.

In all personal use fisheries, a resident sport fishing license is required (unless the resident angler is under 18):

- For resident anglers aged 18 to 59, a resident Alaska sport fishing license must be in possession of the person who is personal use fishing.
- For Alaska resident anglers 60 or older and for Alaska resident disabled veterans, the ADF&G PID card or DV card must be in possession of the person who is personal use fishing.

A \$15 permit is required in addition to a resident sport fishing license. Personal use permits are available on the ADF&G online store at www.store.adfg.alaska.gov and through the ADF&G mobile app.

- Salmon sport fishing bag and possession limits are in addition to those allowed under personal use fishing regulations.

Alaska Department of Fish & Game
2023 Chitina Personal Use Salmon Fishery Permit \$15

TIPS OF TAILS MUST BE REMOVED AND SALMON HARVEST MUST BE RECORDED PRIOR TO LEAVING FISHING SITE OR CONCEALING FISH FROM VIEW.

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ Initial: _____

Names of Other Household Members: _____

The head of household is allowed 25 salmon and each additional household member is allowed 10 salmon. Only one may be a king salmon. These are your limits for the entire 2022 season.

Did you fish for personal use in 2022? ☐ YES ☐ NO

You must have this permit in your possession while fishing. You must remove the tips of tails and record your harvest on this permit. You must report your participation and harvest by October 31, 2023, to avoid the loss of future personal use fishing privileges.

DATE	MM	DD	H	M	S	HARVEST BY SPECIES			
						Red	Coho	King	Unidentifiable
1.									
2.									
3.									
4.									
5.									

Report each day you fished and record your harvest, even if you did not catch anything.



A person may not possess salmon taken under a personal use salmon fishing permit unless both tips of the tail fin have been immediately removed from the salmon.

- Both tips of the tail fin must be clipped immediately upon harvesting the fish.
- All fish harvested must be recorded on the permit, in ink, immediately upon harvesting the fish.
 - This definition of immediately applies only to the personal use fishery and **DOES NOT** apply to recording king salmon (or other fish) taken in the sport fishery on the sport fishing license or harvest record.
- When fishing from shore:** Immediately means before concealing the salmon from plain view or before transporting the salmon from the shoreline or streambank adjacent to the waters open to personal use fishing where the salmon was removed from the water.
- When fishing from a boat:** Immediately means before concealing the salmon from plain view or before transporting the salmon from the waters open to personal use fishing where the salmon was removed from the water.
- Immediately means:** Before concealing the salmon from plain view or transporting the salmon from the shoreline or streambank adjacent to waters open to personal use fishing where the salmon was removed from the water when fishing from shore or from the waters open to personal use fishing when fishing from a boat.

Dip net: Statewide Definition for all Personal Use Fisheries

By regulation, a dip net is defined as a bag-shaped net supported on all sides by a rigid frame. The maximum straight-line distance between any two points on the net frame, as measured through the net opening, may not exceed 5 feet. The depth of the bag must be at least one-half the greatest straight-line distance as measured through the net opening. No portion of the bag may be constructed of webbing that exceeds a stretched measurement of 4½ inches. The frame must be attached to a single rigid handle and be operated by hand.

A HOUSEHOLD MAY NOT OBTAIN BOTH A GLENNALLEN SUBDISTRICT SUBSISTENCE SALMON PERMIT AND A CHITINA SUBDISTRICT PERSONAL USE SALMON PERMIT IN THE SAME YEAR.

Notice of fishery openings and general information are available 24 hours a day by calling:



Glennallen at (907) 822-5224

Fairbanks at (907) 459-7382

Anchorage at (907) 267-2511

Be sure to call the recorded message **before** leaving for Chitina. The numbers are listed above.

Most land in the Chitina area is privately owned by the Chitina Village Corporation or the Ahtna Regional Corporation. Please respect the rights of landowners in the area, and obey all regulatory signs concerning access, parking, and other subjects.

The Regulation Summary & Access for the Chitina Subdistrict Personal Use Salmon Fishery is available at your local ADF&G office and online on the Chitina webpage at <http://fish.alaska.gov/PU>.

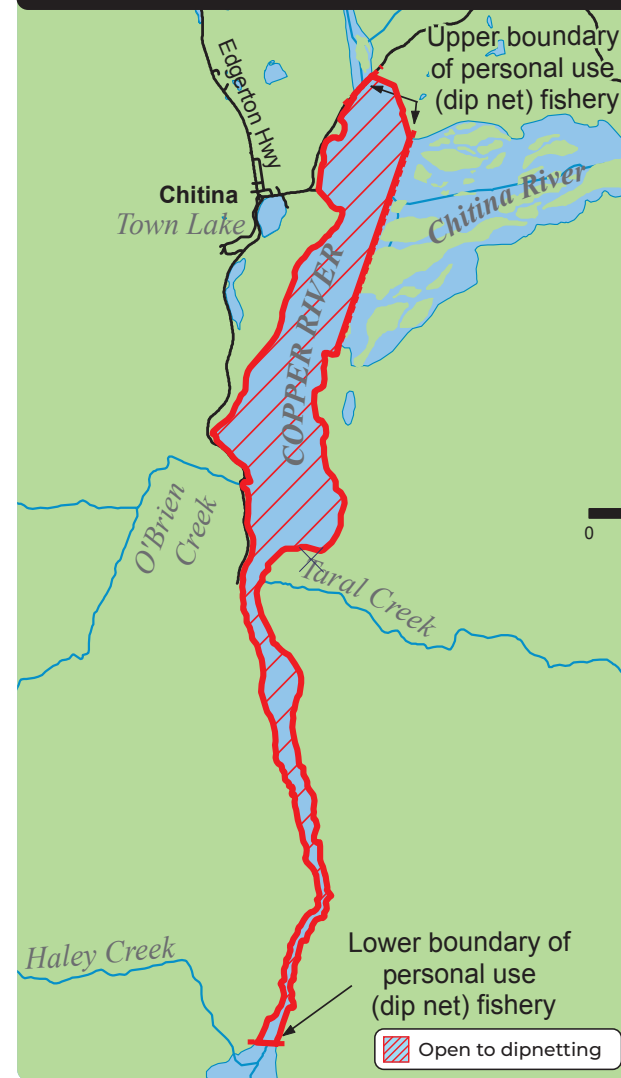
- You must have a current year's Alaska resident sport fishing license (or the ADF&G Permanent ID or DV card) to obtain a permit.
- **Only one Chitina Subdistrict personal use salmon permit will be issued to a household per year. Only one permit per household, not one permit per person.** "Household" means a group of people domiciled in the same residence.
- A permit is required and must be in your possession while taking or transporting fish. All salmon must be recorded on your permit **before** leaving the fishing site.
- Permits can be obtained online at www.store.adfg.alaska.gov, through the ADF&G mobile app, and at ADF&G offices in Anchorage, Fairbanks, Glennallen, and Palmer.



- Permits are also available at some private vendors, for a list see the Chitina pages at www.fish.alaska.gov/PU or call any of the ADF&G offices listed above.
- **Permits are \$15.** Funds from permit sales are used to provide sanitation and trail maintenance at the fishery.
- The annual limit is 25 salmon for the head of household and 10 salmon for each dependent of the permit holder, per permit, per year.
- Only **one (1) king salmon** is allowed per permit per year, and it is included in the annual household limit.
- King salmon retention may be closed by emergency order at any time. Always check current regulations before harvesting a king salmon.
- Rainbow/steelhead trout may not be kept.
- **Harvest and participation must be reported ONLINE no later than October 15**, whether you went dipnetting or not through the ADF&G online harvest reporting webpage at www.harvest.adfg.alaska.gov or through the ADF&G mobile app.

- Permit holders who fail to report as required by 5 AAC 77.015(c), may be subject to a \$200 fine and will be denied a Chitina Subdistrict Personal Use Salmon permit the following year.

CHITINA DIP NET FISHERY BOUNDARIES



The first open fishing period will occur between June 7 and June 15, depending upon strength and timing of the salmon run. Permits will be available at all locations no later than June 1.



SHELLFISH REGULATIONS



NORTH SLOPE, NORTHWESTERN, & KUSKOKWIM-GOODNEWS AREAS

Shellfish May be Taken as Follows:

1. Shrimp may be taken with pots and ring nets.
2. Crab may only be taken with pots, ring nets, diving gear, dip nets, hooked or hookless lines either operated by hand or attached to a pole, or by hand.
3. Clams may only be taken with rakes, shovels, manually operated clam guns, or by hand.
4. No more than 5 pots per person, and a maximum of 10 pots per vessel, regardless of type, may be used to take shellfish at any time.
5. All sport anglers shall plainly and legibly inscribe their first initial, last name, and home address on a keg or buoy attached to each pot. A keg or buoy attached to a pot must also be inscribed with the name or the Division of Motor Vehicles registration number (AK number) of the vessel used to operate the pot.
6. Escape mechanisms, as described in 5 AAC 39.145, must be provided for each pot.
7. The bag and possession limits for shellfish are not in addition to those allowed under either subsistence fishing regulations, or under personal use fishing regulations.
8. No person may mutilate or otherwise disfigure any crab in any manner which prevents the determination that the crab is of legal size until the crab has been processed for human consumption. No person may take or possess shellfish smaller than the minimum legal size limits.
9. In the waters south of 60°N. lat., male king crab may be taken only from June 1 through January 1.

Harvest Record Form: A person must obtain a harvest record form from the ADF&G office in Nome prior to fishing for king crab in the Norton Sound section of the Northern District.

Daily Bag and Possession Limits:

RED KING CRAB

- Males only:
- 6 per day, 6 in possession, 4¾ inches or more.

BLUE KING CRAB

- Males only:
- 6 per day, 6 in possession, 5½ inches or more (5 inches or more in the Northwestern Area).

DUNGENESS CRAB

- Males only:
- 12 per day, 12 in possession, 6½ inches or more.

TANNER CRAB

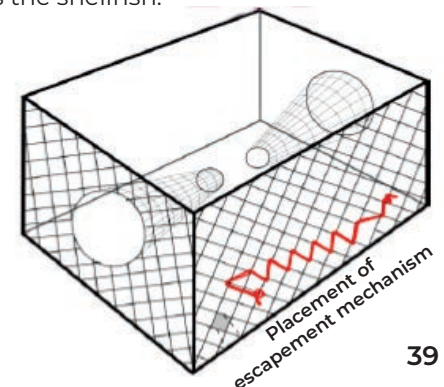
- Males only:
- *C. bairdi*, 5½ inches or more.
- *C. opilio*, 3⅓ inches or more.
- 12 per day, 12 in possession (in combination).

Shellfish Pot Gear Escape Mechanisms

- Pot gear must include escape mechanisms in order to avoid waste of the resource in case the pot is lost.
- A sidewall, which may include the tunnel, must contain an opening at least 18 inches long (6 inches long for shrimp pots). The opening must be within 6 inches of the bottom of the pot, and must be parallel to the bottom of the pot.
- The opening must be laced, sewn, or secured together by a single length of untreated, 100 percent cotton twine no larger than 30-thread. The cotton twine may be knotted at each end only. The cotton twine may not be looped around or tied to the web bars.

An owner, operator, or employee of a lodge, charter vessel, or other enterprise that furnishes food, lodging, or sport fishing guide services may not furnish to a client or guest of that enterprise, subsistence-, sport-, or personal use-caught shellfish, unless the shellfish:

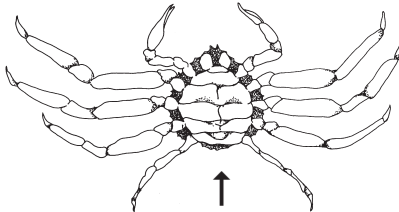
1. Has been taken with gear deployed and retrieved by the client or guest;
2. Has been taken with gear that has been marked with the client's or guest's name and address; and
3. Is to be consumed by the client or guest or is consumed in the presence of the client or guest. The captain and crew members of a charter vessel may not deploy, set, or retrieve their own gear in a subsistence, sport, or personal use fishery when that vessel is being chartered.



SHELLFISH REGULATIONS - CRAB ID AND MEASUREMENTS 40

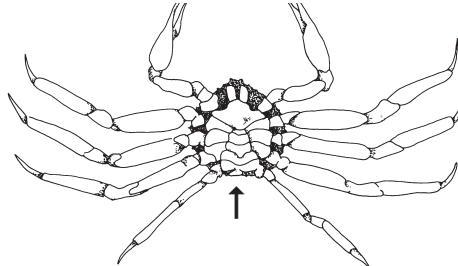
TANNER CRAB (*Chionoecetes bairdi* - minimum size 5½ inches / *Chionoecetes opilio* - minimum size 3⅛ inches)

FEMALE - NO HARVEST ALLOWED

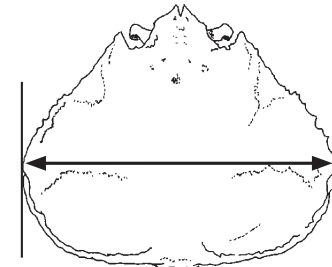


Wide abdominal flap covers most of underside
(females usually smaller than 5½ inches)

MALE



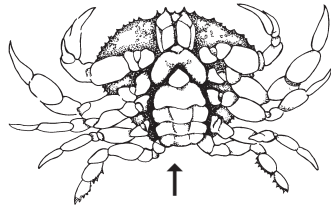
Narrow abdominal flap



Width measurement of Tanner crab is the straight-line distance across the carapace, **including** spines.

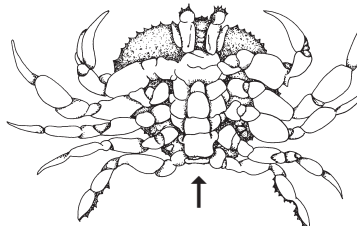
DUNGENESS CRAB (minimum size 6½ inches)

FEMALE - NO HARVEST ALLOWED

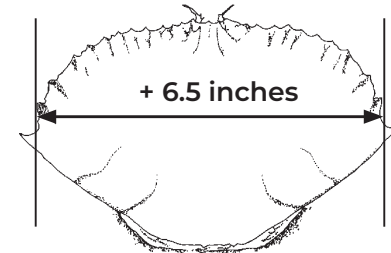


Wide abdominal flap covers most of underside

MALE



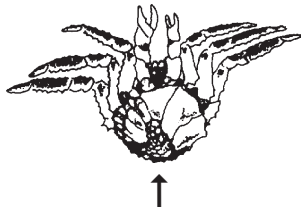
Narrow abdominal flap



Width measurement of Dungeness crab is the straight-line distance across the carapace, **NOT** including spines.

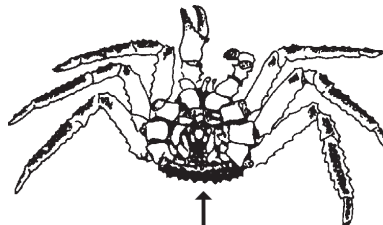
KING CRAB (Red King - minimum size 4¾ inches / Blue King - minimum size 5½ inches; 5 inches in Northwestern Area)

FEMALE - NO HARVEST ALLOWED



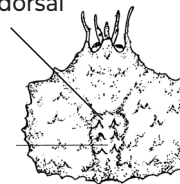
Wide abdominal flap covers most of underside

MALE



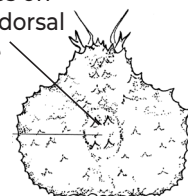
Narrow abdominal flap

6 prominent
spines on
mid-dorsal
plate



RED KING CRAB
Minimum size 4¾ inches

4 prominent
spines on
mid-dorsal
plate



BLUE KING CRAB
Minimum size 5½ inches;
5 inches in Northwestern Area

NORTHERN ALASKA STOCKED WATERS AND SPECIES STOCKED

TANANA RIVER DRAINAGE AREA					
ALASKA HIGHWAY	RT	LS	AG	AC	LT
Craig Lake	★				★
Donna Lake ★	★				
Forrest Lake ★	★				
Four Mile Lake	★			★	★
Hidden Lake	★				
Jan Lake	★	★			
Lisa Lake	★	★			
Little Donna Lake ★	★				
Monte Lake ★	★				
CHENA HS ROAD	RT	LS	AG	AC	LT
Chena HS 25.0 Mile Pit	★		★		
Chena HS 30.0 Mile Pit	★		★		
Chena HS 45.5 Mile Pit	★		★		
Chena HS 47.9 Mile Pit	★		★		
Chena HS 56.0 Mile Pit	★				
COAL MINE ROAD	RT	LS	AG	AC	LT
Backdown Lake	★			★	
Brodie Lake		★	★	★	
Coal Mine #5	★	★		★	★
Dick's Pond	★			★	★
Ken's Pond	★			★	★
Last Lake	★				
Paul's Pond	★		★		★
Rangeview Lake	★		★	★	★
DENALI HIGHWAY	RT	LS	AG	AC	LT
Fourteen Mile Lake ★	★				

EIELSON AIR FORCE BASE	RT	LS	AG	AC	LT
Grayling Lake	★	★		★	
Hidden Lake	★		★	★	
Horseshoe Lake	★				
Manchu Lake	★		★		
Mullins Pit	★		★		
ELLIOTT HIGHWAY	RT	LS	AG	AC	LT
Olmes Pond	★		★		
FAIRBANKS	RT	LS	AG	AC	LT
Ballaine Lake	★		★		
Cushman Lake	★	★	★		
FORT WAINWRIGHT	RT	LS	AG	AC	LT
Lundgren Pond	★				
Monterey Lake	★				
Wainwright #6	★		★		
MEADOWS ROAD	RT	LS	AG	AC	LT
Bolio Lake	★	★	★		
Bullwinkle Lake	★				
Chet Lake	★		★	★	
Doc Lake	★				
Ghost Lake	★			★	
J Lake		★	★	★	
Mark Lake	★		★		
Nickel Lake	★			★	
North Twin Lake	★				★
Sheefish Lake			★	★	
South Twin Lake	★				
Weasel Lake	★			★	

NENANA	RT	LS	AG	AC	LT
Dune Lake ★	★	★			
Geskakmina Lake ★	★	★			
Nenana City Pond	★				
Triangle Lake ★	★				
West Iksgiza Lake ★	★				
NORTH POLE	RT	LS	AG	AC	LT
Chena Lake	★	★	★	★	
Nordale #2	★		★		
North Chena Pond	★		★		
North Pole Pond	★	★	★		
Pyrite Pond	★				
Sirlin Dr Pond	★				
Weigh Station #1	★				
Weigh Station #2	★				
Z Pit	★		★		

AC = Arctic char


RT = Rainbow trout

AG = Arctic grayling

LT = Lake trout

LS = Landlocked salmon

Stocked Waters Bag and Possession Limits:

- Rainbow trout, Arctic char/Dolly Varden, Arctic grayling, landlocked salmon, **lake trout limits:**  10 per day, 10 in possession, **only 2 may be lake trout** in combination of stocked species, only 1 of which may be 18 inches or longer.
- Except for lake trout in Harding Lake. See Special Regulations on page 26.

Species listed have been recently stocked and are likely present in the lake. Refer to drainage or waterbody specific regulations for bag and possession limits for species not listed in these tables. Visit the Alaska Lake Database (ALDAT) by scanning the QR code for current fish releases near you.



★ Lake is more than 2 miles from road system. 41

PARKS HIGHWAY	RT	LS	AG	AC	LT
Otto Lake	★	★			
Parks Highway 285	★				
Parks Highway 261	★				
Sansing Lake	★				
RICHARDSON HIGHWAY	RT	LS	AG	AC	LT
Big "D" Pond	★		★		
Birch Lake	★	★	★	★	
Bluff Cabin Lake ★	★				
Donnelly Lake	★				★
Harding Lake				★	★
Johnson Pit #2	★		★		
Kenna Lake ★	★				
Koole Lake ★	★	★	★		
Little Harding Lake	★				
Little Lost Lake	★				
Lost Lake	★		★	★	★
Mosquito Creek Silver Lake	★				
Quartz Lake	★	★		★	
Rapids Lake	★				★
Rich 28 Mile Pit	★		★		
Rich 31 Mile Pit	★		★		
Rich 81 Mile Pit	★		★		★
Shaw Pond				★	
Stringer Road Pond	★				
STEESSE HIGHWAY	RT	LS	AG	AC	LT
Steese Highway 29.5	★		★		
Steese Highway 31.6	★		★		
Steese Highway 33.5	★		★		
Steese Highway 34.6	★		★		
Steese Highway 35.8	★		★		
Steese Highway 36.6	★		★		


UPPER COPPER AND UPPER SUSITNA RIVER DRAINAGE AREA					
CHITINA	RT	LS	AG	AC	LT
Three Mile Lake	★		★		
Two Mile Lake	★			★	
GLENN HIGHWAY	RT	LS	AG	AC	LT
Arizona Lake			★		
Buffalo Lake	★			★	
DJ Lake	★				
Gergie Lake	★			★	
John Lake ★				★	
Ryan Lake	★		★	★	
Tex Smith Lake	★			★	
Tolsona Lake	★				
Tolsona Mt. Lake ★	★				
LAKE LOUISE ROAD	RT	LS	AG	AC	LT
Connor Lake			★		
Crater Lake	★			★	
Junction Lake	★		★		
North Jans Lake ★	★				
Old Road Lake	★				
Peanut Lake	★				
Round Lake	★				
South Jans Lake ★	★	★			
MCCARTHY ROAD	RT	LS	AG	AC	LT
Sculpin Lake	★				
Silver Lake	★				
Strelina Lake	★	★			
RICHARDSON HIGHWAY	RT	LS	AG	AC	LT
Dick Lake				★	
Pippin Lake	★		★		
Squirrel Creek Pit	★		★		


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WHITEFISH

HUMPBACK WHITEFISH



Silver-gray with greenish yellow back and fleshy, darker fins. Large scales, small inferior mouth, no teeth. Pronounced dorsal hump just behind gills.

SHEEFISH (INCONNU)



The largest member of the whitefish family. Large jaws with the lower jaw extending beyond the upper. Silvery sides (no spots) and large, prominent, silvery scales. Tail is deeply forked.

LEAST CISCO



Light silver, slender, herring-like body with small head and small, superior mouth. Gray to olive-green back.

NORTHERN PIKE



Greenish back and sides with yellowish white irregular-shaped spots. Flattened head with alligator-like jaws containing many large, sharp teeth. Fins are tinged with orange.

ARCTIC GRAYLING



Light copper brown to dark purple back, fading to bluish gray, with black spots from just behind the gill plate to mid-body. Orange stripes on pelvic fins. Large, sail-like dorsal fin with red and aqua to violet spots - iridescent on large fish. Dorsal fin of mature male extends to or past the adipose fin; female dorsal fin is considerably shorter.

RAINBOW TROUT



Green to bluish back with silvery to yellowish-green sides. Broad pinkish band along side and black spots on back, sides, and tail. Upper jaw usually does not extend past eye on adult.

BURBOT



The only fresh water cod in North America. Slim mottled brownish-black body with smooth skin. Elongated dorsal and anal fins run from mid-body to tail. Flattened head with wide mouth and one barbel (whisker-like extension) hanging from its lower jaw.

CHAR



DOLLY VARDEN

Bluish gray or silver background with light spots (usually smaller than its pupil). No spots on head or tail. Easily confused with Arctic char, but Dolly Varden occur mainly in rivers, have a more squared-off tail, a more elongated head (especially spawning males), and a wider tail base than Arctic char. Pelvic and anal fins often have a white leading edge.

ARCTIC CHAR



Very difficult to distinguish from Dolly Varden. Arctic char are generally found in the Bristol Bay area and throughout western Alaska, and Dolly Varden are found on Kodiak Island, throughout the waters of southcentral and southeastern Alaska, and on the North Slope. Brown to olive background with light spots (usually larger than its pupil); sides fade to a pale belly.



LAKE TROUT

Dark green to grayish back and light silvery sides with oval or irregular white to yellowish spots. No other Alaskan char species has spots on face and tail. Lake trout also have deeply forked tails, unlike other char, and, although normally lake dwellers, they are sometimes found in northern Alaska rivers.

PACIFIC SALMON MARINE PHASE IDENTIFICATION

Please note, when salmon enter fresh water they undergo significant physical changes including changes in coloration. This chart is intended to help anglers identify salmon by species. However, it is the angler's responsibility to be able to positively identify the species at any point in its life cycle.

CHINOOK (KING) SALMON



- Spots on back and both lobes of the tail
- Black mouth with a black gumline

COHO (SILVER) SALMON



- Spots on back and upper lobe of the tail
- Black mouth with a white gumline

SOCKEYE (RED) SALMON



- No distinct spots on back or tail
- White mouth with a white gumline
- Large, bright gold eye

PINK (HUMPY) SALMON



- Large, oval spots on back and both lobes of tail
- White mouth with a black gumline

CHUM (DOG) SALMON



- No spots; calico bands on body (often faint in salt water)
- White mouth with a white gumline

CHINOOK (KING) SALMON



- Spawning adults turn maroon or olive brown
- Spots on body and both lobes of the tail remain

COHO (SILVER) SALMON



- Males develop pronounced “kype” (hooked-nose)
- Spots on back and upper lobe of the tail remain
- Male and female turn dark maroon and have dark backs

SOCKEYE (RED) SALMON



- Spawning adults develop dull-green heads
- Males develop hump on back
- Both female and male turn red

PINK (HUMPY) SALMON



- Spawners turn dull gray on their backs and upper sides
- Lower sides appear cream color or white
- Large, oval spots on back and both lobes of tail remain

CHUM (DOG) SALMON



- Spawners develop pronounced, vertical calico bands on sides
- Males exhibit large, canine-like teeth

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PACIFIC SALMON SPAWNING PHASE IDENTIFICATION

ANGLER RECOGNITION PROGRAMS

TROPHY FISH PROGRAM

The Trophy Fish Program gives special recognition to anglers taking fish that meet minimum weight (trophy certificates) or length standards (catch-and-release certificates) within a species. Trophy fish for both certificates must be legally caught from waters open to the public in compliance with current ADF&G sport fishing regulations. There is now a category for Youth anglers.



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FIVE SALMON FAMILY CHALLENGE



The Five Salmon Family certificate program provides recognition to angling families who catch and document the five species of Pacific salmon commonly found in Alaska. Certification in the program requires all salmon must be legally caught in Alaskan waters (fresh or salt water) open to the public and in compliance with current ADF&G sport fishing regulations.

STOCKED WATERS CHALLENGE

The Stocked Waters Challenge program awards a certificate of recognition to individuals or groups who successfully complete one or more angling challenges at stocked waters.



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Species	Min. wt.	Lbs/oz	Year	Location	Angler
Arctic char/ Dolly Varden	10 lb	27/6	2002	Wulik River	Mike Curtiss
Brook trout	3 lb	3/4	2012	Green Lake	Kyle Kitka
Burbot	8 lb	24/12	1976	Lake Louise	George R. Howard
Chinook salmon	(see below)	97/4	1985	Kenai River	Lester Anderson
Chum salmon	15 lb	32/0	1985	Caamano Point	Fredrick Thynes
Coho salmon	20 lb	26/0	1976	Icy Strait	Andrew Robbins
Cutthroat trout	3 lb	8/6	1977	Wilson Lake	Robert Denison
Arctic grayling	3 lb	5/1	2008	Fish River	Peter Cockwill
Halibut	250 lb	459/0	1996	Unalaska Bay	Jack Tragis
Lake trout	20 lb	47/0	1970	Clarence Lake	Daniel Thorsness
Lingcod	55 lb	82/9	2007	Gulf of Alaska	Robert Hammond
Northern pike	15 lb	38/8	1991	Innoko River	Jack Wagner
Pink salmon	8 lb	13/7	2016	Kenai River	Robert Dubar
Rainbow/ steelhead trout	15 lb	42/3	1970	Bell Island	David White
Rockfish	18 lb	39/1	2013	Sitka	Henry Liebman
Sheefish	30 lb	53/0	1987	Pah River	Lawrence E. Hudnall
Sockeye salmon	12 lb	16/0	1974	Kenai River	Chuck Leach
Whitefish	4 lb	9/0	1989	Tozitna River	Al Mathews

King salmon minimum weight for the Kenai River is 75 lb. For the rest of the state, it is 50 lb.

Minimum weights for trophy fish certificates are listed on the table above (second column). Entries must be weighed in the presence of witnesses and a Trophy Fish Official, on a scale currently certified by the Division of Weights and Measures.

For catch-and-release honorary certificates, do not remove your fish from the water. Hold it just at the water's surface while a photograph is quickly taken, then release it into the current.

Minimum Lengths for Catch-and-Release Certificates:

- Arctic char/Dolly Varden - 30 inches
- Arctic grayling - 18 inches
- Brook trout - 20 inches
- Burbot - 32 inches
- Cutthroat trout - 20 inches
- Lake trout - 36 inches
- Lingcod - 53 inches
- Northern pike - 40 inches
- Rainbow/steelhead trout - 32 inches
- Sheefish - 36 inches



We've added a Youth Category to our Trophy Fish Program!

Check out the details at www.wefishak.alaska.gov.

5 AAC 75.010(a) states that no person may possess any unpreserved fish not legally taken by himself or herself, unless he or she has a statement signed by the person taking the fish stating the type of fish, number of fish, the location and date taken, and the sport fishing license number. See page 7, "Possession of sport-caught fish."



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TRANSFER OF POSSESSION FORM

Anglers must fill out this form and give to recipient, along with fish or shellfish. Recipient must carry this form until fish or shellfish are preserved.

ANGLER INFORMATION

Name: _____ Sport fishing license no. _____

Address: _____

City

State

Zip

SPECIES TAKEN

NUMBER TAKEN

DATE TAKEN

LOCATION

Angler's Signature: _____ Date: _____

RECIPIENT INFORMATION

Name: _____

Address: _____

City

State

Zip

Recipient's Signature: _____ Date: _____

SPORT FISHING BY PROXY **Proxy fishing for halibut is not allowed.**

Alaska residents may proxy sport fish, proxy personal use fish, and/or proxy subsistence fish for another Alaska resident who is:

1. 70% or greater physically disabled (physician's affidavit required);
2. 65 years or older;
3. Legally blind (physician's affidavit required); or
4. Developmentally disabled (physician's affidavit required).

No person may give or receive payment to be a beneficiary or a proxy.

To obtain a "Proxy Information Form"

Go to any Alaska Department of Fish and Game office, or visit www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=personaluseproxyfishing.main

IT'S UP TO ALL 
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ALASKA WATERS.

CLEAN all aquatic plants, animals, and mud from your boat and gear before you leave the launch. Dispose of debris in the trash.

DRAIN water from bilge, ballast, motor, live-wells and bait buckets before you leave the area.

DRY your boat and gear as completely as possible between outings.



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A MESSAGE FROM THE COMMISSIONER



A new year means 365 days to create new memories. Alaska is a destination most people dream about visiting and a lot of us are lucky enough to call Alaska home. Alaska offers tons of opportunities for anglers to reel in a fish and make memories that will last a lifetime. Whether you are into river, lake, or ocean fishing, new to fishing or an experienced angler, Alaska offers plenty of opportunities to get out on the water with a fishing rod in hand.

Need help planning a fishing trip? Want a new to you fishing spot? Have family and friends visiting and want to give the experience of a lifetime? Or simply need help understanding the sport fishing regulations? Then make sure to visit or call one of our many ADF&G sport fishing front desks, you can find a list of our local area offices on the back of the regulation books. Our staff love to talk about fishing and can provide you pointers on fishing gear and tackle. As a friendly reminder, don't forget to not only read the regulations for the waters you plan to fish but also check for emergency orders before you head out. You can find emergency orders posted at local ADF&G offices or by going to the ADF&G Emergency Order webpage via www.adfg.alaska.gov/sf/EONR.

And thank you to all those who have purchased a fishing license. When you purchase a fishing license or king stamp, those funds go directly towards funding our state's fisheries resource conservation, management, research, and enhancement efforts. When you purchase fishing equipment or boat fuel, a portion of those excise tax dollars go into a federal fund designed to distribute money back to states. These funds, distributed annually, are used for resource management and conservation and to provide improved access to fishing across Alaska. Your participation as an angler in Alaska helps ADF&G maintain and improve the state's fisheries. And if the opportunity arises, please take a kid fishing. It's never too soon to start nurturing our next generation of anglers!

We hope your days fishing in Alaska are exceptional and you put some fish away for the winter, but most of all we hope you create memories you can recall in the years to come.

I look forward to seeing you on the water. Tight lines.

Doug Vincent-Lang

Commissioner, Alaska Department of Fish and Game

