



### TANANA RIVER DRAINAGE - GENERAL REGULATIONS

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**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 yearround 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

 $\cdot$ 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 <u>October 15-May 15.</u>
  - 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 ¾ 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	Donnelly Training Area
(907) 585-6592 or	(907) 361-9684
(907) 585-6293	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 ½ inch may be used for taking fish other than salmon, except where noted.

### **ICE HOUSES:**

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

### **USE OF SPEARS OR BOW AND ARROWS:**

- Suckers and burbot may be taken with spear or bow and arrow year-round.
- Northern pike may be taken by spear or bow and arrow.
  - $\cdot$  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.
  - <u>September 1-April 30:</u> 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 Hot Springs Charanka River Chena Hot Springs Chena River (Moose Creek) Dam Trans-Alaska Pipeline Corridor Trans-Alaska Pipeline Corridor

### **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 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.

# <u>CHENA RIVER</u> 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 ½ 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 3/4 inch.
- Downstream from the ADF&G marker located 300 feet downstream of the Chena River dam:
- Arctic grayling: <u>June 1-March 31:</u> 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.

### 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 Creek Drainages
- · Moose Lake (Eielson AFB)
- 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.

# <u>DELTA CLEARWATER RIVER</u> - 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.
- <u>September 1-December 31:</u> Only unbaited, artificial lures or flies may be used.

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### TANANA RIVER DRAINAGE - SPECIAL REGULATIONS

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### 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.
- <u>September1-December31:</u> 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:
- $\cdot$ 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.

### **PILEDRIVER SLOUGH AND MOOSE CREEK:**

- Only 1 unbaited, single hook, artificial lure or fly may be used.
- 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.
- $\cdot$  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 2½ 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 ¾ 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.

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- 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.

# <u>TOLOVANA RIVER DRAINAGE</u> (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 Upper Copper and Upper Sustina River Drainages See pages 28-36 Landmark Gap Lake Tangle Lakes Tangle Lakes