

Questions? Please contact the Fairbanks area office at (907) 459-7207.



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

**Check for emergency orders online at [www.adfg.alaska.gov/sf/EONR](http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/sf/EONR) prior to fishing.**

### **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.

### **CHUM, COHO, PINK, & SOCKEYE SALMON (COMBO)**

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

### **ARCTIC CHAR, DOLLY VARDEN, & LAKE TROUT (COMBO)**

- **All lakes:** 2 per day, 2 in possession, 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 35-36

### **HALIBUT**

Pacific halibut fisheries are managed by the federal government under international treaty. See page 7 for federal contact information.

- **February 1-December 31:** Open to halibut fishing.
- **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.

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### **USE OF SPEAR OR BOW AND ARROW:**

- Suckers and burbot may be taken year-round with a spear or bow and arrow.
- Northern pike or whitefish (excluding sheefish) may be speared year-round by persons completely submerged.
- **September 1-April 30:** Northern pike or whitefish (excluding sheefish) may be taken by a spear or bow and arrow.

## **SPECIAL REGULATIONS - KUSKOKWIM**

### **ANIAC RIVER DRAINAGE:**

- Open year-round to sport fishing for species other than king salmon.
- **May 1-July 25:** Open to king salmon fishing.
- King salmon:
  - 20 inches or longer: 2 per day, 2 in possession.
  - **There is an annual limit of 2 king salmon 20 inches or longer. If you retain a king salmon 20 inches or longer, you must immediately record that harvest; see page 5.**
- King, chum, coho, pink, and sockeye salmon (in combo): 3 per day, only 2 of which may be king salmon.
- Chum, coho, pink, and sockeye salmon (in combo): 3 per day, 3 in possession.
- Rainbow trout: Catch-and-release fishing only. All rainbow trout caught must be released immediately.
- Arctic grayling: 2 per day, 2 in possession, no size limit.
- Sheefish: 2 per day, 2 in possession, no size limit.
- **In flowing waters:**
  - Arctic char/Dolly Varden: 3 per day, 3 in possession, no size limit.
- **In all flowing waters upstream of Doestock Creek:**
  - Only one unbaited, single-hook, artificial lure or fly may be used year-round.

### **HOLITNA RIVER DRAINAGE:**

- Open year-round to sport fishing for species other than king salmon.
- **May 1-July 25:** Open to king salmon fishing.
- Arctic grayling: 2 per day, 2 in possession, no size limit.
- Sheefish: 2 per day, 2 in possession, no size limit.
- **In flowing waters:**
  - Arctic char/Dolly Varden: 3 per day, 3 in possession, no size limit.

### **KASIGLUK RIVER DRAINAGE:**

- Open year-round to sport fishing for species other than king salmon.
- **May 1-July 25:** Open to king salmon fishing.
- Rainbow trout: 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. If you retain a rainbow trout 20 inches or longer, you must immediately record that harvest; see page 5.**
- **In all flowing waters:**
  - Only one unbaited, single-hook, artificial lure or fly may be used year-round.

### **KISARALIK RIVER DRAINAGE:**

- Open year-round to sport fishing for species other than king salmon.
- **May 1-July 25:** Open to king salmon fishing.
- **In all flowing waters downstream of the Akiak Village Lodge site (60°49.5'N. lat., 160°55.0'W. long.):**
  - Rainbow trout: 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. If you retain a rainbow trout 20 inches or longer, you must immediately record that harvest; see page 5.**
- **In flowing waters upstream of the Akiak Village Lodge site (60°49.5' N. lat., 160°55.0'W. long.):**
  - Only one unbaited, single-hook, artificial lure or fly may be used year-round.
  - Rainbow trout: Catch-and-release fishing only. All rainbow trout caught must be released immediately.

### **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:**

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

### **KWETHLUK RIVER DRAINAGE:**

- Open year-round to sport fishing for species other than king salmon.
- **May 1-July 25:** Open to king salmon fishing.
- Rainbow trout: 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. If you retain a rainbow trout 20 inches or longer, you must immediately record that harvest; see page 5.**
- **In flowing waters upstream of the confluence of the Kwethluk River and Pulamaneq (Pocahontas) Creek (60°31.96'N. lat., 161°05.47'W. long.):**
  - Only one unbaited, single-hook, artificial lure or fly may be used year-round.

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47-inch Northern pike from Holitna River.



## LOWER KUSKOKWIM AND KUSKOKWIM BAY DRAINAGES

**AROLIK RIVER DRAINAGE:**

- Open year-round to sport fishing for species other than king salmon.
- **May 1-July 25:** Open to king salmon fishing.
- Rainbow trout: 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. If you retain a rainbow trout 20 inches or longer, you must immediately record that harvest; see page 5.**
- Arctic grayling: 2 per day, 2 in possession, no size limit.
- Sheefish: 2 per day, 2 in possession, no size limit.
- **In flowing waters:**
  - Arctic char/Dolly Varden: 3 per day, 3 in possession, no size limit.

**GOODNEWS RIVER DRAINAGE:**

- Open year-round to sport fishing for species other than king salmon.
- **May 1-July 25:** Open to king salmon fishing.
- Arctic grayling: 2 per day, 2 in possession, no size limit.
- Sheefish: 2 per day, 2 in possession, no size limit.
- **In all flowing waters:**
  - Arctic char/Dolly Varden: 3 per day, 3 in possession, no size limit.
  - Only one 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 riverbank within 300 feet of a legally operating subsistence gillnet.**

**KANEKTOK RIVER DRAINAGE:**

- Open year-round to sport fishing for species other than king salmon.
- **May 1-July 25:** Open to king salmon fishing.
- Rainbow trout:
  - **June 8-October 31:** Catch-and-release fishing only. All rainbow trout caught must be released immediately.
  - **November 1-June 7:** 2 per day, 2 in possession, only 1 of which may be 20 inches or longer.
- Arctic grayling: 2 per day, 2 in possession, no size limit.
- Sheefish: 2 per day, 2 in possession, no size limit.
- **In all flowing waters:**
  - Arctic char/Dolly Varden: 3 per day, 3 in possession, no size limit.
  - Only one 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 riverbank within 300 feet of a legally operating subsistence gillnet.**



Overlooking Kisaralik River Falls.