








-  • No snagging of any fish.
- King salmon limits:
 - 20 inches or longer: Annual limit of 5 fish. Must be recorded (see page 5).
 - 1 per day, 1 in possession of any size.

-  • Snagging fish allowed year-round except in  See below.
- King salmon limits:
 - April 1–September 30.
 - 20 inches or longer: Annual limit of 5 fish. Must be recorded (see page 5).
 - 1 per day, 1 in possession of any size.
 - October 1–March 31.
 - No annual limit.
 - 2 per day, 2 in possession of any size.

-  • Snagging fish allowed year-round except in  See below.
- King salmon limits:
 - April 1–September 30.
 - 20 inches or longer: Annual limit of 5 fish. Must be recorded (see page 5).
 - 2 per day, 2 in possession of any size.
 - October 1–March 31.
 - No annual limit.
 - 2 per day, 2 in possession of any size.

-  • Snagging of fish allowed from June 24– December 31, except in the Nick Dudiak Fishing Lagoon in Homer (map on pg. 20).

Sugarloaf Island Buffer Zone:
 **NO vessels are allowed within 3 nautical miles (5.5 km) of this Steller sea lion rookery.**
 For information, call the National Marine Fisheries Service, (907) 586-7236.

GENERAL REGULATIONS

Inclusive waters: Salt waters of Cook Inlet west of Gore Point and north of Cape Douglas, including Kachemak Bay and the Barren Islands.

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

KING SALMON

- **North of the latitude of Anchor Point Light (59°46.14'N):**
 - 1 per day, 1 in possession (of any size).
- **Between Anchor Point Light (59°46.14'N) and Bluff Point (59°40'N):**
 - April 1–September 30: 1 per day, 1 in possession (of any size).
 - October 1–March 31: 2 per day, 2 in possession (of any size).
- **South of the latitude of Bluff Point (59°40'N):**
 - 2 per day, 2 in possession (of any size).
- 20 inches or longer:
 - There is a combined annual limit of 5 king salmon 20 inches or longer from the waters of the following areas: Cook Inlet Salt Waters, West Cook Inlet, Susitna River Drainage, Knik Arm, Anchorage Bowl, and Kenai Peninsula.
 - **Except** from October 1–March 31 within Cook Inlet salt waters south of the Anchor Point Light (59°46.14'N). These fish are not included in the limit.
 - Anglers who keep a king salmon 20 inches or longer must immediately record that harvest. See page 5 for recording instructions.
 - A king salmon 20 inches or longer that is removed from salt water must be retained and becomes part of the bag limit of the person who originally hooked the fish. A person may not remove a king salmon 20 inches or longer from the water before releasing it.

OTHER SALMON

- 6 per day, 6 in possession, only 3 per day, 3 in possession may be coho (silver) salmon.
- Pink salmon taken in a sport fishery maybe used as bait, but **are** part of your bag limit.

RAINBOW/STEELHEAD TROUT

- **No retention.** All rainbow/steelhead trout must be released immediately.

DOLLY VARDEN

- 5 per day, 5 in possession.

LINGCOD

- **Season:** July 1–December 31: 2 per day, 2 in possession, must be at least 35 inches long with head attached or 28 inches from tip of tail to front of dorsal fin with head removed.
- Lingcod which are gaffed must be retained. A gaff may not be used to puncture any fish intended or required to be released.

ROCKFISH

- 5 per day, 10 in possession, only 1 per day, 2 in possession may be non-pelagic (see chart on page 90).

HALIBUT

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

- **Season:** February 1–December 31.
- **Unguided anglers:** 2 per day, 4 in possession.
- **Consult federal regulations for the following:**
 - 1) Bag, size, and possession limits for guided (charter) anglers.
 - 2) Possession and landing requirements.
 - 3) Inseason changes to the regulations.

SPINY DOGFISH

- 5 per day, 5 in possession.

SHARKS (EXCEPT SPINY DOGFISH)

- 1 per day, 1 in possession.
- There is an annual limit of 2 sharks. These harvested fish must be recorded. See page 5 for recording instructions.

OTHER FINFISH

- No limit.

SHELLFISH

- See pages 8–10.

METHODS AND MEANS

Snagging:

- Snagging is prohibited (no person may intentionally snag or attempt to snag any species of fish):
 - Year-round in Cook Inlet north of a line extending west from Anchor Point.
 - January 1–June 23 in Kachemak Bay east of a line from Anchor Point to Point Pogibshi.
 - Year-round in the Nick Dudiak Fishing Lagoon (see special regulations).
- Snagging is allowed:
 - Year-round in Cook Inlet south of a line extending west from Anchor Point and west of a line from Anchor Point to Point Pogibshi.
 - June 24–December 31 in Kachemak Bay east of a line from Anchor Point to Point Pogibshi, except in the Nick Dudiak Fishing Lagoon (see special regulations).

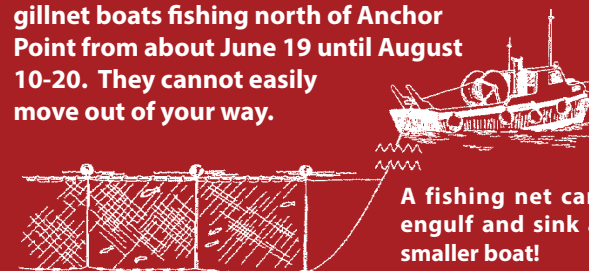
Underwater spear:

- In salt water, spears may be used to take fish, subject to applicable seasons and bag limits, by persons who are completely submerged.

Sport fishing gear for herring and smelt (hooligan):

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

Be alert for commercial salmon drift gillnet boats fishing north of Anchor Point from about June 19 until August 10-20. They cannot easily move out of your way.




A fishing net can engulf and sink a smaller boat!


For their safety, anglers should not fish from or within 50 yards of the docks near the Homer Boat Harbor entrance.

SPECIAL REGULATIONS

Early run king salmon special harvest area:

Inclusive waters: All marine waters south of the latitude of the mouth of the Ninilchik River (60° 03.99' N) to the latitude of Bluff Point (59° 40' N) and within 1 mile of shore (See map at right).

 From April 1 through June 30, a person may not, after taking one king salmon 20 inches or longer, fish for any species of fish that same day within this special harvest area.

 **Conservation Zones:**
The following salt waters are closed to all fishing April 1–June 30 except conservation zone ① is open May 28–30, June 4–6, and June 11–13 to fishing from shore.


- ① South of the latitude of the Ninilchik River (60° 03.99' N) to ADF&G markers 2 miles south of Deep Creek (60° 00.68' N), and within 1 mile of shore;
- ② from the latitude of an ADF&G marker located 1 mile north of Stariski Creek (59° 54.37' N) to the latitude of an ADF&G marker located 1 mile south of Stariski Creek (59° 52.98' N), and within 1 mile of shore; and
- ③ from the latitude of ADF&G markers 2 miles north of the Anchor River (59° 48.92' N) to the latitude of the Anchor Point Light (59° 46.14' N) about 1 3/4 miles south of the Anchor River, and within 1 mile of shore.

Nick Dudiak Fishing Lagoon (The Fishing Hole)—Along the east side of the Homer Spit, from the Homer City Dock near the entrance of the Homer Boat Harbor to ADF&G markers about 200 yd northwest of the entrance to the Nick Dudiak Fishing Lagoon (including the Homer Boat Harbor and the fishing lagoon) to a distance of 300 ft from shore:

- King salmon limits:
 - 2 per day, 2 in possession, no size limit.
 - April 1–September 30, king salmon 20 inches or longer must be recorded (see page 5).
- Other salmon (including coho salmon) in combination limits: 6 per day, 6 in possession.
- Snagging is not permitted except by emergency order.
- Weights, bobbers or flotation device following a hook or hooks may not be used when these waters are closed to snagging.
- **Youth-Only King and Coho Fisheries:**
 - Youth Fishery Zones established for persons 15 years of age or younger. The first Saturday in June (June 4) and August (August 6).

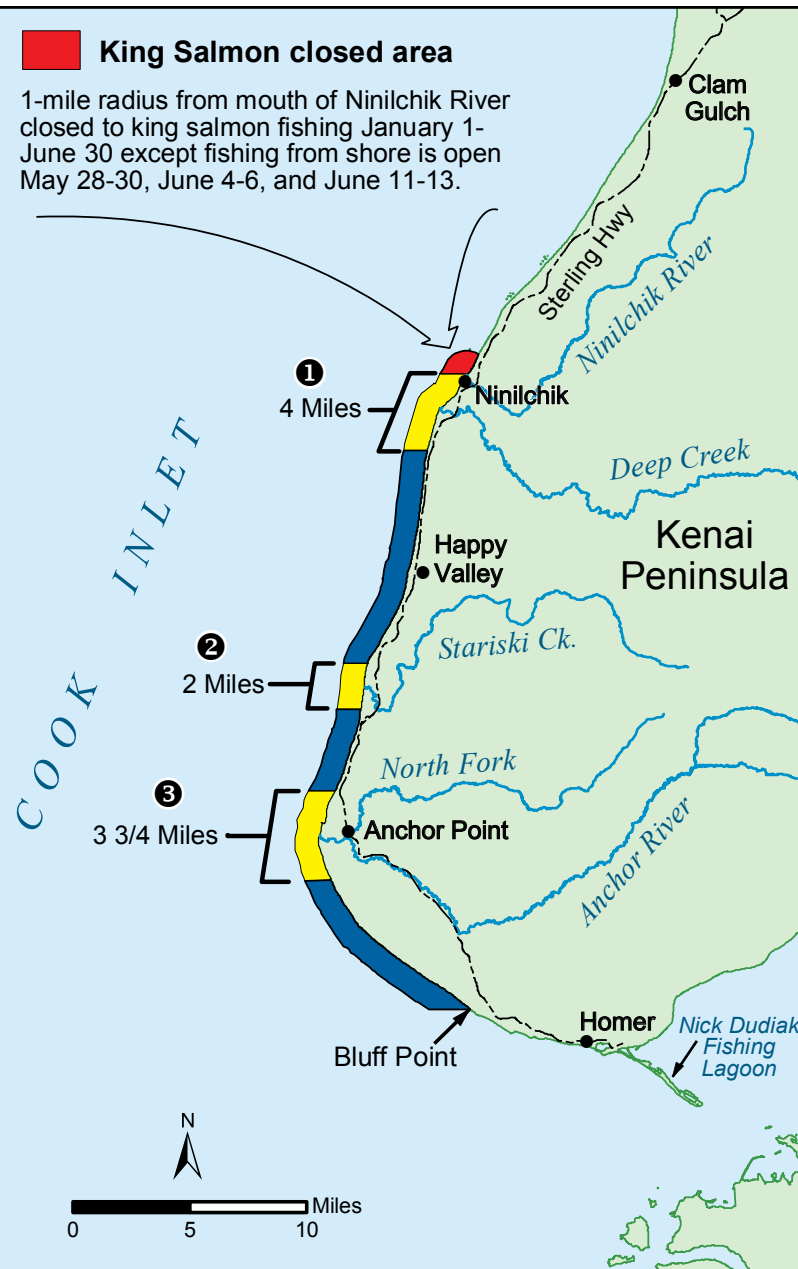
Tutka Bay Lagoon:

- The marine waters of Tutka Bay Lagoon within 100 yards of the Tutka Bay Lagoon hatchery net pens are closed year-round to sport fishing for any species.

 **Stocked salmon fisheries in China Poot Bay and Tutka Bay Lagoon are paid for by enhancement taxes on commercial fisheries. Please be courteous—avoid commercial boats in these locations.**

King Salmon closed area

1-mile radius from mouth of Ninilchik River closed to king salmon fishing January 1–June 30 except fishing from shore is open May 28–30, June 4–6, and June 11–13.



Early Run King Salmon Special Harvest Area