

## GENERAL REGULATIONS - NORTH GULF COAST

**Inclusive waters:** Salt waters within 200 miles of shore from the longitude of Gore Point to the longitude of Cape Fairfield. All fresh waters between Gore Point and Cape Fairfield. This includes the major port of Seward.

**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.**

**Snagging** is legal year-round in North Gulf Coast salt waters.

**Gaffs** may not be used to puncture any fish intended or required to be released.

### KING SALMON

- **Fresh waters:** Closed year-round to king salmon fishing.
- **Salt waters (except Resurrection Bay, see special regulations on page 74):** 1 per day, 1 in possession, no size limit. There is no annual limit or recording requirement, but a king stamp is required.

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

- **Fresh waters:**
  - Open year-round to sport fishing for salmon other than king salmon. See special regulations on pages 71-72.
  - 16 inches or longer: 3 per day, 3 in possession, only 2 of which may be coho salmon.
  - Less than 16 inches: 10 per day, 10 in possession.
  - A coho salmon that is removed from the water must be retained and becomes part of the bag and possession limit of the person who originally

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hooked the fish.

- You may not remove a coho salmon from the water before releasing the fish
- **Salt waters (except Resurrection Bay, see special regulations on page 73):**
  - 6 per day, 6 in possession, only 3 per day, 3 in possession may be coho salmon.
  - Pink salmon taken in the sport fishery may be used as bait, but are part of your bag limit. Pink salmon used as bait must not be alive.

### RAINBOW/STEELHEAD TROUT (COMBO)

- **Fresh waters:**
  - **In flowing waters:** 2 per day, 2 in possession, only 1 of which may be 20 inches or longer.
  - **In lakes and ponds:** 5 per day, 5 in possession, only 1 of which may be 20 inches or longer.
  - There is a total annual limit of 2 rainbow/steelhead trout 20 inches or longer.
  - If you retain a rainbow/steelhead trout 20 inches or longer, you must immediately record that harvest. See page 5 for recording instructions.
- **In all North Gulf Coast salt waters:**
  - **Closed year-round to rainbow/steelhead trout fishing.** All rainbow/steelhead trout caught may not be removed from the water and must be released immediately.

### ARCTIC CHAR/DOLLY VARDEN (COMBO)

- **Fresh waters:**
  - **In flowing waters:** 2 per day, 2 in possession, no size limit.
  - **In lakes and ponds:** 5 per day, 5 in possession, no size limit.
- **Salt waters:** 5 per day, 5 in possession, no size limit.

### LAKE TROUT

- 20 inches or longer: 2 per day, 2 in possession.
- Less than 20 inches: 10 per day, 10 in possession.

### ARCTIC GRAYLING

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

### LINGCOD

- **July 1-December 31:** 1 per day, 1 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.
- **Resurrection Bay: Closed year-round to lingcod fishing.** See special regulations on page 73.

### ROCKFISH

- 3 per day, 6 in possession, only 1 per day, 2 in possession may be nonpelagic. See the chart on page 90. For more information on deepwater release devices see page 91.

Anglers must carry a deepwater release device onboard their vessel and have it readily available when sport fishing in salt water and will be required to use the device to release rockfish that are not harvested at depth of capture or 100 feet. For more information on deepwater release devices, see page 91.

### Examples of Rockfish Release Devices



### HALIBUT

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

- **February 1-December 31:** Open to halibut fishing.
- **Unguided anglers:** 2 per day, 4 in possession.
- Consult federal regulations for 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.

### SHARKS (EXCEPT SPINY DOGFISH)

- 1 per day, 1 in possession, no size limit.
- There is an annual limit of 2 sharks. See page 5 for harvest recording instructions.

### SPINY DOGFISH

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

### OTHER FINFISH

- No limit.

### SHELLFISH

- See pages 81-84.

## FRESH WATERS METHODS AND MEANS - NORTH GULF COAST

### BAIT AND TACKLE RESTRICTIONS IN FLOWING WATERS:

- **September 1-December 31:** Only unbaited, artificial lures or flies are allowed.

## FRESH WATERS SPECIAL REGULATIONS - NORTH GULF COAST

If an individual water body or species is not listed below, the general regulations on page 70 apply.

### FIRST LAKE YOUTH-ONLY FISHERY:

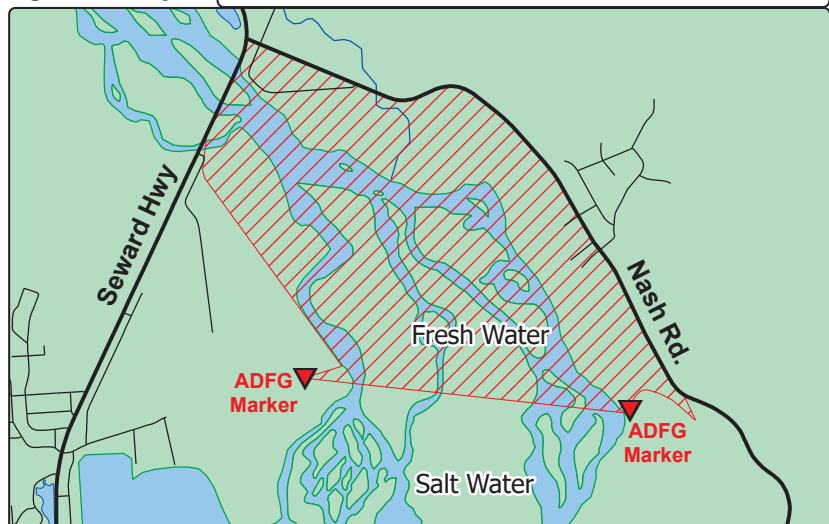
- Only open to anglers 15 years of age or younger. See map on page 72.
- Four consecutive days beginning the third Thursday in May.
- In 2025, this will be May 15-May 18.

**RESURRECTION BAY FRESH WATERS** - All flowing waters, all lakes, and ponds north of a line between Cape Resurrection and Aialik Cape, and south of Mile 12 of the Seward Highway:

- Open year-round to sport fishing for species other than salmon.
- **Closed year-round to salmon fishing, except for all fresh waters downstream of the Seward Highway and Nash Road to ADF&G markers:**
  - Only unbaited, single-hook, artificial lures or flies are allowed.
  - Chum, coho, pink, and sockeye salmon (combo):
    - **June 16-December 31:**
      - Open to sport fishing for salmon other than king salmon.
      - 3 per day, 3 in possession, only 2 of which may be coho salmon.

▲ ADF&G Marker

- ▨ • **June 16-Dec. 31:** Area open to salmon fishing.
- Only unbaited, single-hook, artificial lures or flies are allowed.
- **Snagging is not allowed in fresh water.**



### **SEWARD LAGOON AND OUTFALL STREAM YOUTH-ONLY FISHERY:**

- Only open to anglers 15 years of age or younger.
- Only one hook (single or treble) per line may be used; artificial lures or flies and bait are legal.
- You may not attempt to snag fish or retain a fish not hooked inside the mouth.
  - **King salmon:**
    - **June 17-June 30:** Open to king salmon fishing.
      - 2 per day, 2 in possession, no size limit.
      - Once you have retained a bag limit of king salmon, you may not fish for any species in the Seward Lagoon or the Lagoon Outfall stream on that same day.
    - **Coho salmon:**
      - **August 25-September 7:** Open to coho (silver) salmon fishing.
        - 2 per day, 2 in possession, no size limit.
        - Once you have retained a bag limit of coho salmon, you may not fish for any species in the Seward Lagoon or the Lagoon Outfall stream on that same day.
  - **Closed to sport fishing for other species during the Youth-Only fisheries dates above.**
  - **Closed to all sport fishing the remainder of the year.**



Father-daughter duo reeling in success!

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### YOUTH-ONLY FISHERIES - SEWARD LAGOON AND FIRST LAKE

 Areas outlined in **GREEN** indicate the Youth-Only Fishery locations.

- See the above regulations for the **Seward Lagoon and Outfall Stream** (also known as Scheffler Creek) Youth-Only Fishery.
- See regulations on page 71 for **First Lake** Youth-Only Fishery.





## SALT WATER SPECIAL REGULATIONS - NORTH GULF COAST

If an individual water body or species is not listed below, then the general regulations on pages 70-71 apply.

### **RESURRECTION BAY** - North of a line from Aialik Cape to Cape Resurrection:

- You may possess only the limit of fish allowed for the water on which you are fishing. For example, possession of more than 3 coho (silver) salmon outside Resurrection Bay (south of a line from Aialik Cape to Cape Resurrection) exceeds the North Gulf Coast salt waters possession limit for this species. It is illegal to fish for any species in these waters with more than 3 coho salmon in your possession.

#### **KING SALMON**

- **May 1-August 31:** 2 per day, 2 in possession, no size limit.
- **September 1-April 30:** 1 per day, 1 in possession, no size limit.
- There is no annual or seasonal king salmon limit in effect, and there is no king salmon harvest recording requirement for the entire year, but a king salmon stamp is required.

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

- Open year-round to sport fishing.
- 6 per day, 6 in possession, no size limit. All 6 may be coho salmon.
- Pink salmon taken in the sport fishery may be used as bait but are part of your bag limit. Pink salmon used as bait must not be alive.

#### **LINGCOD**

- **Closed year-round to lingcod fishing.**
- Lingcod caught incidentally must be released immediately. You cannot legally fish for any species of fish inside Resurrection Bay if you possess a lingcod taken elsewhere.



Great catch of the day.

