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Subsistence fishing can be authorized on stocks with a positive customary and traditional use finding.

Some stocks with a positive C&T finding have restrictions or closures to subsistence fishing opportunity due to conservation concerns, as follows

1. Arctic-Kotzebue Area
 - a. Positive C&T = Herring and herring roe in a portion of the area; salmon, sheefish, char, and all other finfish in salt and fresh waters
 - b. Some gear limitations (rod and reel)
2. Norton Sound-Port Clarence Area
 - a. Positive C&T = Herring and herring roe in a portion of the area; Salmon and all finfish other than salmon; Subdistrict 1 chum salmon
 - b. Subdistricts 5 and 6 king salmon stock of concern (2003)
 - c. Subsistence time limitations in some summer fisheries; some gear limitations (rod and reel; mesh size); some closed areas
3. Yukon Area
 - a. Positive C&T = king, summer chum, fall chum, coho, and pink salmon in the area; freshwater fish; herring and herring roe in a portion of the area; finfish in salt waters
 - b. Yukon River king salmon stock of concern (2000)
 - c. Yukon river king, summer chum, and fall chum subsistence fishery closures (2022)
 - d. Various time, gear restrictions in times of conservation
 - e. Various waters closed to subsistence fishing
 - f. No subsistence fishing allowed in the Fairbanks Nonsubsistence Area
4. Kuskokwim Area
 - a. Positive C&T = halibut, cod, all other finfish in Kuskokwim Area; salmon in the Kuskokwim Area, except Kuskokwim Drainage; king, chum, sockeye, coho, and pink salmon in the Kuskokwim Drainage; herring and herring roe in a portion of the area
 - b. Kuskokwim River chum salmon required to be released for a portion of the season (2022)
 - c. Kuskokwim River subsistence fishing for coho salmon closed August 17 – September 15, 2022
 - d. Some gear restrictions in times of conservation
 - e. Some waters closed to subsistence fishing
5. Bristol Bay Area
 - a. Positive C&T = all finfish; herring spawn on kelp in Togiak

- b. Some waters closed to subsistence fishing
 - c. Nushagak king salmon stock of concern (2023)
- 6. Aleutian Islands Area
 - a. Positive C&T = halibut and all other finfish
 - b. Some waters closed to subsistence fishing
- 7. Alaska Peninsula Area
 - a. Positive C&T = halibut and all other finfish
 - b. Some gear limitations
 - c. Some waters closed to subsistence fishing
- 8. Chignik Area
 - a. Positive C&T = salmon and finfish other than salmon
 - b. Chignik River early-run sockeye salmon stock of concern (2021)
 - c. Some waters closed to subsistence fishing
- 9. Kodiak Area
 - a. Positive C&T = salmon and finfish other than salmon, except steelhead and rainbow trout
 - b. Karluk River king salmon stock of concern (2010)
 - c. Ayakulik River king salmon stock of concern (2019)
 - d. Some waters closed to subsistence fishing
 - e. Some restrictions on Karluk River subsistence fishing for king salmon during times of conservation
 - f. Buskin River (Kodiak) subsistence fishing for coho closed September 22, 2022
- 10. Cook Inlet Area
 - a. Positive C&T = salmon in Port Graham, Koyuktolik, Port Chatham, Windy Bay, Yentna River, Tyonek; Dolly Varden in Port Graham, smelt and bottomfish outside the nonsubsistence area
 - b. No subsistence fishing allowed in the Anchorage-Matsu-Kenai Nonsubsistence Area; also, no subsistence fishing allowed in salt waters outside the districts in (a) above
 - c. Stock of concern for McNeil River chum salmon (2016)
 - d. Stock of concern for king salmon in the Chulitna River (2010); Theodore River (2010); Alexander Creek (2010); and East Susitna River (2019)
- 11. Prince William Sound Area
 - a. Positive C&T = salmon in the Glennallen Subdistrict and districts in Prince William Sound outside the nonsubsistence area.
 - b. No subsistence fishing allowed in the Valdez Nonsubsistence Area
 - c. Some waters closed to subsistence fishing
- 12. Yakutat Area
 - a. Positive C&T = herring and herring spawn, bottomfish and halibut in Yakutat Bay; salmon in fresh waters and in Yakutat and Icy bays; Dolly Varden, steelhead, and smelt in fresh waters
- 13. Southeast Alaska Area
 - a. Positive C&T = many species, including salmon, in many districts and subdistricts
 - b. Stock of concern for king salmon in Chilkat River (2017), King Salmon River (2017), Unuk River (2017), Stikine River (2021), Andrew Creek (2021);

Chickamin River (2021), Taku River (2021), McDonald Lake (2017), and Klukshu River (2021)

- c. No subsistence fishing allowed in the Juneau or Ketchikan nonsubsistence areas,
- d. No subsistence fishing for salmon allowed in the Klawock River, or a portion of District 15 when the commercial fishery is open
- e. No subsistence fishing for groundfish in an area near Sitka
- f. No subsistence permits will be issued for coho salmon in the Taku River or for king salmon areawide
- g. Gear limitations near Petersburg, Wrangell, Sitka

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