

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

OTHER SALMON

- **Fresh waters:**
 - Open year-round to sport fishing for salmon other than king salmon. See special regulations on pages 72-73.
 - 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 hooked the fish.
 - You may not remove a coho salmon from the water before releasing the fish.

KING SALMON continued...

- **Salmon (other than king salmon):**
 - 16 inches or longer: 3 per day, 3 in possession, only 2 of which can be coho salmon.
 - Less than 16 inches: 10 per day, 10 in possession.
- **Salt waters (except Resurrection Bay, see Special Regulations on page 74):**
 - 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

- **Fresh waters:**
 - 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 flowing waters:** 2 per day, 2 in possession, only 1 fish may be 20 inches or longer.
- **In lakes and ponds:** 5 per day, 5 in possession, only 1 fish may be 20 inches or longer.
- **In all North Gulf Coast salt waters:**
 - **No open season. No retention.**
 - All rainbow/steelhead trout caught may not be removed from the water and must be released immediately.

ARCTIC CHAR/DOLLY VARDEN

- **Fresh waters:**
 - **In flowing waters:** 2 per day, 2 in possession.
 - **In lakes and ponds:** 5 per day, 5 in possession.
- **Salt waters:** 5 per day, 5 in possession.

LAKE TROUT

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

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ARCTIC GRAYLING


• 5 per day, 5 in possession.

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 to lingcod fishing.**
See special regulations on page 74.

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.

As of January 1, 2020, 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 for federal contact information.

- **Season: February 1-December 31.**
- **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.
- There is an annual limit of 2 sharks. These harvested fish must be recorded. See page 5 for recording instructions.

SPINY DOGFISH

• 5 per day, 5 in possession.

OTHER FINFISH

• No limit.

SHELLFISH

• See page 75.

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 71 apply.


 **FIRST LAKE YOUTH-ONLY FISHERY:**

- Only open to anglers 15 years of age or younger. See map on page 73.
- Four consecutive days beginning the third Thursday in May.
- In 2024, this will be May 16-May 19.

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

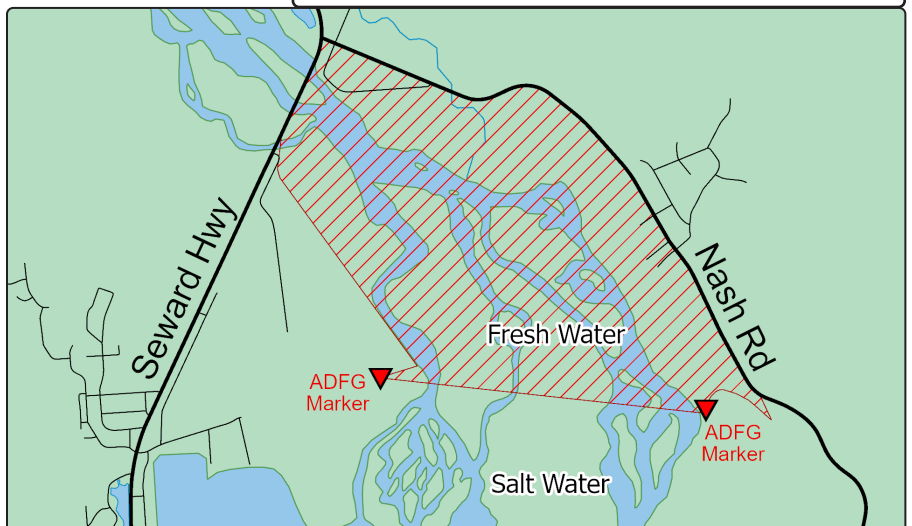
- Open year-round to sport fishing for species other than salmon.
- **Closed year-round to salmon fishing except for all fresh waters downstream of the Seward Highway and Nash Road to ADF&G markers:**
 - Only unbaited, single-hook, artificial lures or flies are allowed.
 - Salmon (other than king salmon):
 - **June 16-December 31:**
 - Open to sport fishing for salmon other than king salmon.
 - 3 per day, 3 in possession, of which only 2 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 sport fishing for king salmon. Only open to anglers 15 years of age or younger.
 - 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 sport fishing for coho (silver) salmon. Only open to anglers 15 years of age or younger.
 - 2 per day, 2 in possession. 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.**



Youth-Only coho salmon fishery success!

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YOUTH-ONLY FISHERIES - SEWARD LAGOON AND FIRST LAKE



SALT WATER SPECIAL REGULATIONS - NORTH GULF COAST

If an individual water body or species is not listed below, then the general regulations shown on pages 71-72 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.
- **September 1-April 30:** 1 per day, 1 in possession.
- 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.

SALMON (EXCEPT KING SALMON)

- Open to sport fishing year-round.
- 6 per day, 6 in possession. 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.

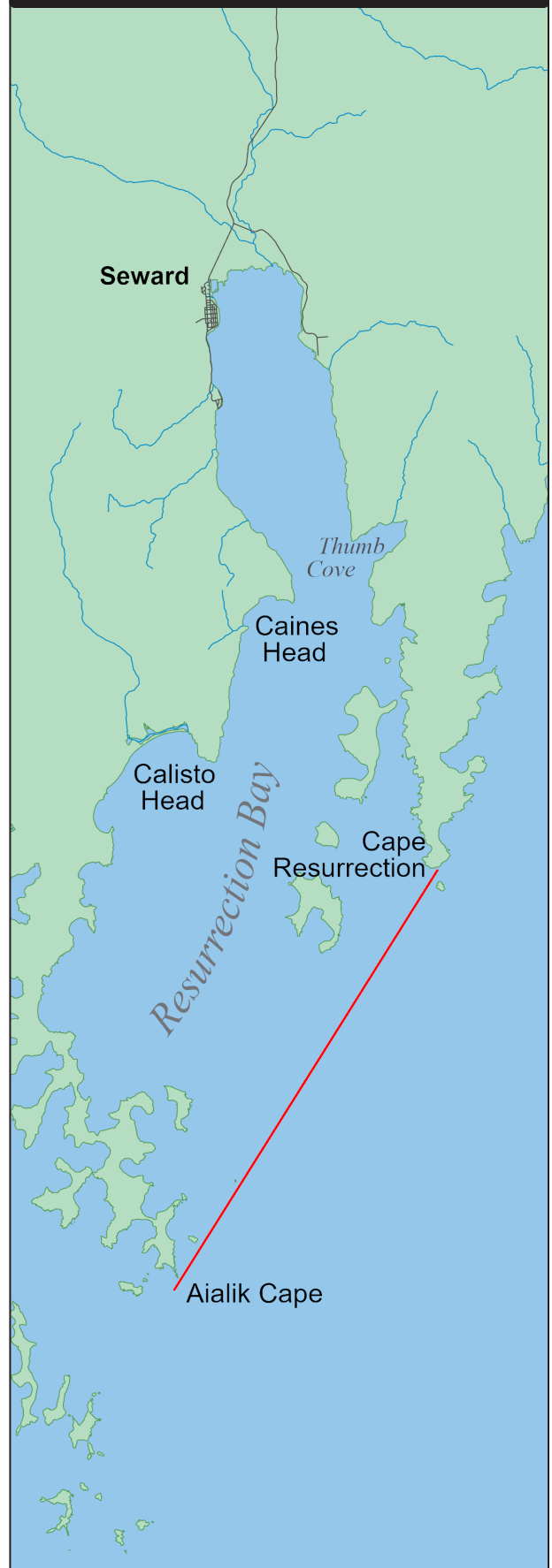
LINGCOD

- **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.



Dressed for fishing success!

RESURRECTION BAY



NORTH GULF COAST SHRIMP

PERSONAL USE SHRIMP

- All North Gulf Coast waters, including Resurrection Bay (see map on page 71) are open to shrimping under a personal use permit.
- **ONLY OPEN TO ALASKA RESIDENTS.S**
- **Season: April 15-September 15.**
- **Permit:** A North Gulf Coast Personal Use shrimp permit is required and only allowed for Alaska residents. The permit is available online at <https://store.adfg.alaska.gov>.
- **Open Waters:** All North Gulf Coast waters, including Resurrection Bay. See map on page 71.
- **Gear:** Pots only. See page 84 for shrimp pot requirements.
 - 5 pots per person, maximum of 5 pots per vessel.
 - **Please check emergency orders prior to shrimping as the number of pots allowed could change or contact the local ADF&G office for more info.**
 - Net mesh or rigid mesh pots are allowed.
- **Bag and Possession Limits:** None.
- **Harvest Reporting Requirement:**
 - Your permit must be in your possession while shrimping.
 - Harvest report due by September 30, even if you did not go shrimping.
 - Refer to the permit for recording requirements.



OTHER SHELLFISH

DUNGENESS CRAB

- Season: **Closed.**

KING CRAB

- Season: **Closed.**

RAZOR CLAMS

- 10 gallons per day and 10 gallons in possession.
- All razor clams dug must be retained.

LITTLENECK AND BUTTER CLAMS

- Season: **Closed.**

OTHER SHELLFISH

- No limit.



TANNER CRAB LIMITED FISHERY

COOK INLET AND NORTH GULF COAST WATERS

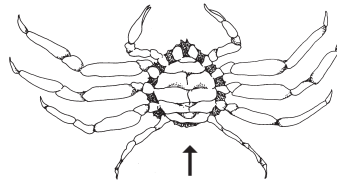
- A permit is required and is available online at <https://store.adfg.alaska.gov>
- **Only whole crab, cooked or uncooked, may be taken off a vessel.**
- See the permit for additional stipulations.
- See page 84 for gear and other requirements.
- See page 10 for charter vessel regulations.
- **Season: October 1-February 28.**
 - Male crabs only, 4½ inch minimum, 3 per day, 3 in possession.
 - May operate 1 pot or one ring net per vessel.

Tanner crab permits must be reported online at <https://harvest.adfg.alaska.gov>.

There is an annual limit of 20 crabs per person.

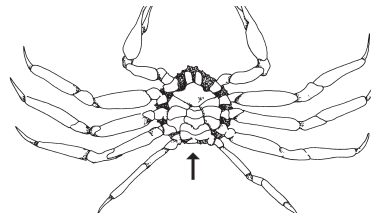


FEMALE NO HARVEST ALLOWED



Wide abdominal flap covers most of underside (females are usually smaller than legal size)

MALE



Narrow abdominal flap



Width measurement of Tanner crab is the straight-line distance across the carapace, including spines.