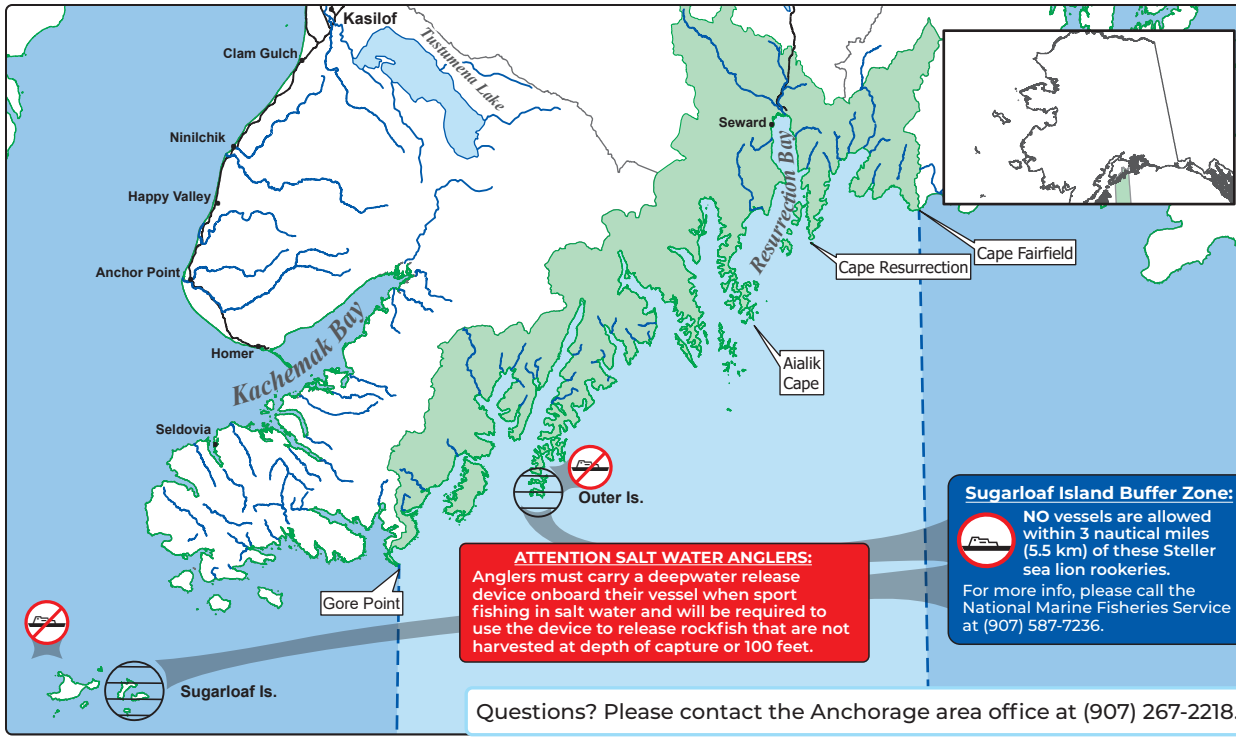

SALTWATER GENERAL & SPECIAL REGULATIONS - NORTH GULF COAST

Inclusive waters:

Resurrection Bay saltwaters: North of a line from Cape Resurrection and Aialik Cape Point.

North Gulf Coast saltwaters: Within 200 miles of shore from the longitude of Gore Point to the longitude of Cape Fairfield.

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

METHODS AND MEANS:

- **Snagging** is legal year-round in all North Gulf Coast saltwaters.
- **Gaffs** may not be used to puncture any fish intended or required to be released.

Stay legal - before you cast, check emergency orders at www.adfg.alaska.gov/sf/EONR.

SPECIES	OPEN SEASON	DAILY BAG LIMITS
PACIFIC HALIBUT	Feb. 1-Dec. 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 crafts 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.

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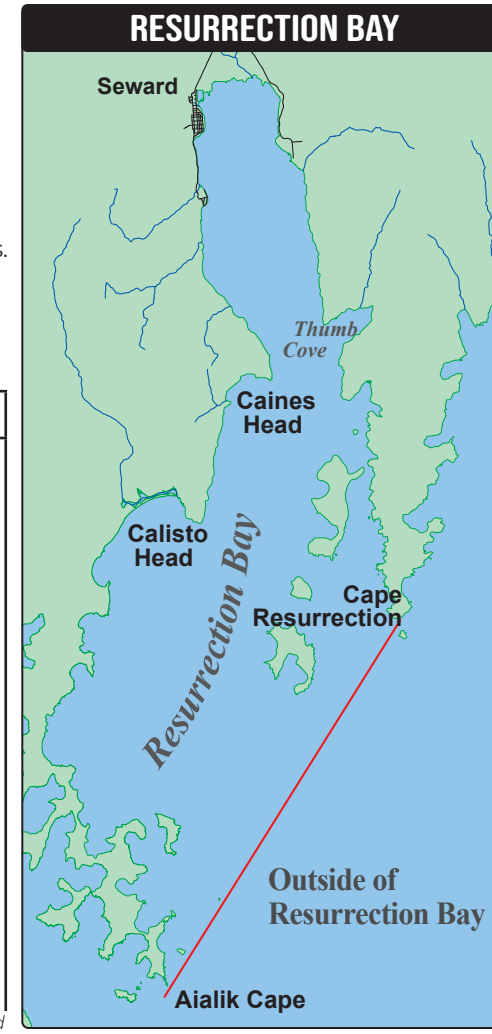

SPECIES	OPEN SEASON	DAILY BAG LIMITS
KING SALMON	There is no annual or seasonal king salmon limit in effect, and there is no king salmon harvest recording requirement for the entire year, but a king salmon stamp is required.	
	Saltwaters: Resurrection Bay (North of line between Cape Resurrection to Aialik Cape)	
	May 1-Aug. 31	2 per day, 2 in possession, no size limit.
	Sept. 1-Apr. 30	1 per day, 1 in possession, no size limit.
	Saltwaters: Outside of Resurrection Bay	
	Open year-round	1 per day, 1 in possession, no size limit.
CHUM, COHO, PINK, & SOCKEYE SALMON (COMBO)	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.	
	Saltwaters: Resurrection Bay (North of line between Cape Resurrection to Aialik Cape)	
	Open year-round	6 per day, 6 in possession, no size limit. All 6 may be coho salmon.
	Saltwaters: Outside of Resurrection Bay	
	Open year-round	6 per day, 6 in possession, no size limit. Only 3 per day, 3 in possession may be coho salmon. It is illegal to fish for species in these waters with more than 3 coho salmon in your possession.
RAINBOW/ STEELHEAD TROUT (COMBO)	**Saltwaters: Closed year-round to all 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)	**Saltwaters: Entire North Gulf Coast**	
	Open year-round	5 per day, 5 in possession, no size limit.
LINGCOD	**Saltwaters: Resurrection Bay (North of line between Cape Resurrection to Aialik Cape)**	
	Closed year-round to all 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.	
	Saltwaters: Outside of Resurrection Bay	
	July 1-Dec. 31	1 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.
ROCKFISH	**Open year-round**	**EO In 2026, by emergency order the following apply:** **Pelagic:** • **2 per day, 4 in possession.** **Nonpelagic:** • 1 per day, 2 in possession. • **April 1-June 30: No retention of yelloweye rockfish.** *** 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.**
SHARKS EXCEPT SPINY DOGFISH	**Open year-round**	1 per day, 1 in possession, no size limit. There is an annual limit of 2 sharks. Harvest record required. See page 4.
SPINY DOGFISH	**Open year-round**	5 per day, 5 in possession, no size limit.
OTHER FINFISH	**Open year-round**	No limit.

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FRESHWATER GENERAL & SPECIAL REGULATIONS - NORTH GULF COAST

Inclusive waters:

Resurrection Bay freshwaters: All flowing waters, lakes, and ponds north of a line between Cape Resurrection and Aialik Cape Point, and south of mile 12 of the Seward Highway.

North Gulf Coast freshwaters: All freshwaters between Gore Point and Cape Fairfield.

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

METHODS AND MEANS:

Resurrection Bay freshwaters:

- **Sept. 1- Dec. 31:** Only unbaited, single-hook, artificial lures or flies are allowed.
- **In all freshwaters downstream of the Seward Highway and Nash Road to ADF&G markers** (see map below)**:** Only unbaited, single-hook, artificial lures or flies are allowed year-round.

North Gulf Coast freshwaters excluding Resurrection Bay:

- **Sept. 16-Dec. 31:** Only unbaited, artificial lures or flies are allowed.

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SPECIES	OPEN SEASON	DAILY BAG LIMITS
KING SALMON	Closed year-round to king salmon fishing. * See Youth-only fisheries for exception. See page 73.	
CHUM, COHO, PINK, & SOCKEYE SALMON (COMBO)	Freshwater Drainages: Resurrection Bay	
	Jan. 1-June 15	Closed to salmon fishing in all freshwaters.
	June 16-Dec. 31	**In all freshwaters downstream of the Seward Highway and Nash Road to ADF&G markers:** 3 per day, 3 in possession, in combination, only 2 of which may be coho salmon. See legal gear and map below.
	Freshwater Drainages: Outside Resurrection Bay (Cape Resurrection to Aialik Cape)	
	Open year-round	**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.
RAINBOW/ STEELHEAD TROUT (COMBO)	In flowing waters:	
	Open year-round	2 per day, 2 in possession, only 1 of which may be 20 inches or longer.
	In lakes:	
	Open year-round	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. Harvest record required. See page 4.

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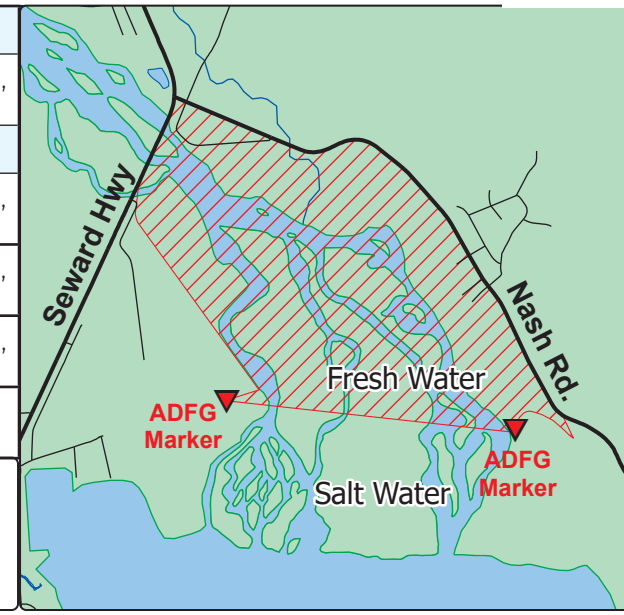
ARCTIC CHAR/ DOLLY VARDEN (COMBO)	In flowing waters:	
	Open year-round	2 per day, 2 in possession, no size limit.
	In lakes:	
	Open year-round	5 per day, 5 in possession, no size limit.
ARCTIC GRAYLING	Open year-round	5 per day, 5 in possession, no size limit.
LAKE TROUT	Open year-round	2 per day, 2 in possession, no size limit.
OTHER FINFISH	Open year-round	No limit.



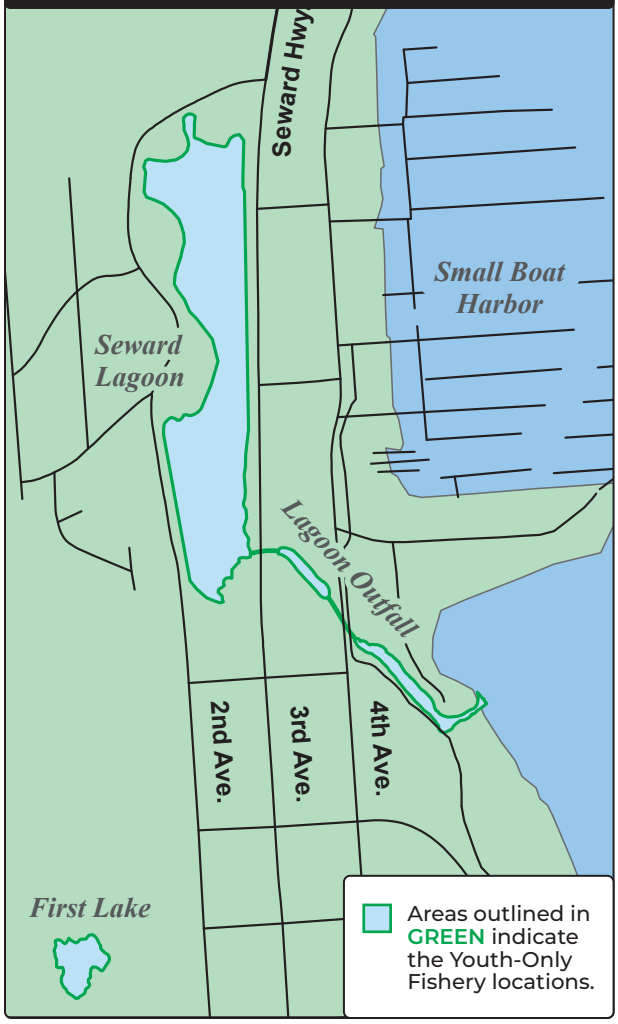
▼ ADF&G Marker

▨ • 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.

YOUTH-ONLY FISHERIES - NORTH GULF COAST

FIRST LAKE YOUTH-ONLY FISHERY:	• Four consecutive days beginning from the Thursday before the third Saturday in May. **In 2026, this will be May 14-17.** • Only open to anglers 15 years of age or younger. See map below. • Lake bag and possession limits apply. See map below.	
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. • Once you have retained a bag limit of king or 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.**	
	• **King salmon:** • **June 17-June 30:** Open to king salmon fishing. • 2 per day, 2 in possession, no size limit.	• **Coho salmon:** • **August 25-September 7:** Open to coho (silver) salmon fishing. • 2 per day, 2 in possession, no size limit.

YOUTH-ONLY FISHERIES - SEWARD LAGOON AND FIRST LAKE



Natalie Stohr, coho salmon, Seward Lagoon Youth-Only Fishery