

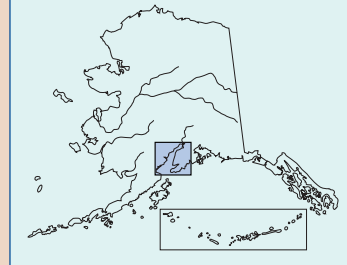
SOUTHCENTRAL ALASKA SALT WATERS

➤ Cook Inlet (including Kachemak Bay)
 ➤ North Gulf Coast (including Resurrection Bay)

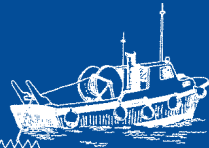


Southcentral shellfish regulations are on page 15.

Prince William Sound regulations are on page 60 ➤



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.



Sugarloaf Island Buffer Zone and Outer Island Buffer Zone:

NO vessels are allowed within 3 nautical miles (5.5 km) of these Steller sea lion rookeries.

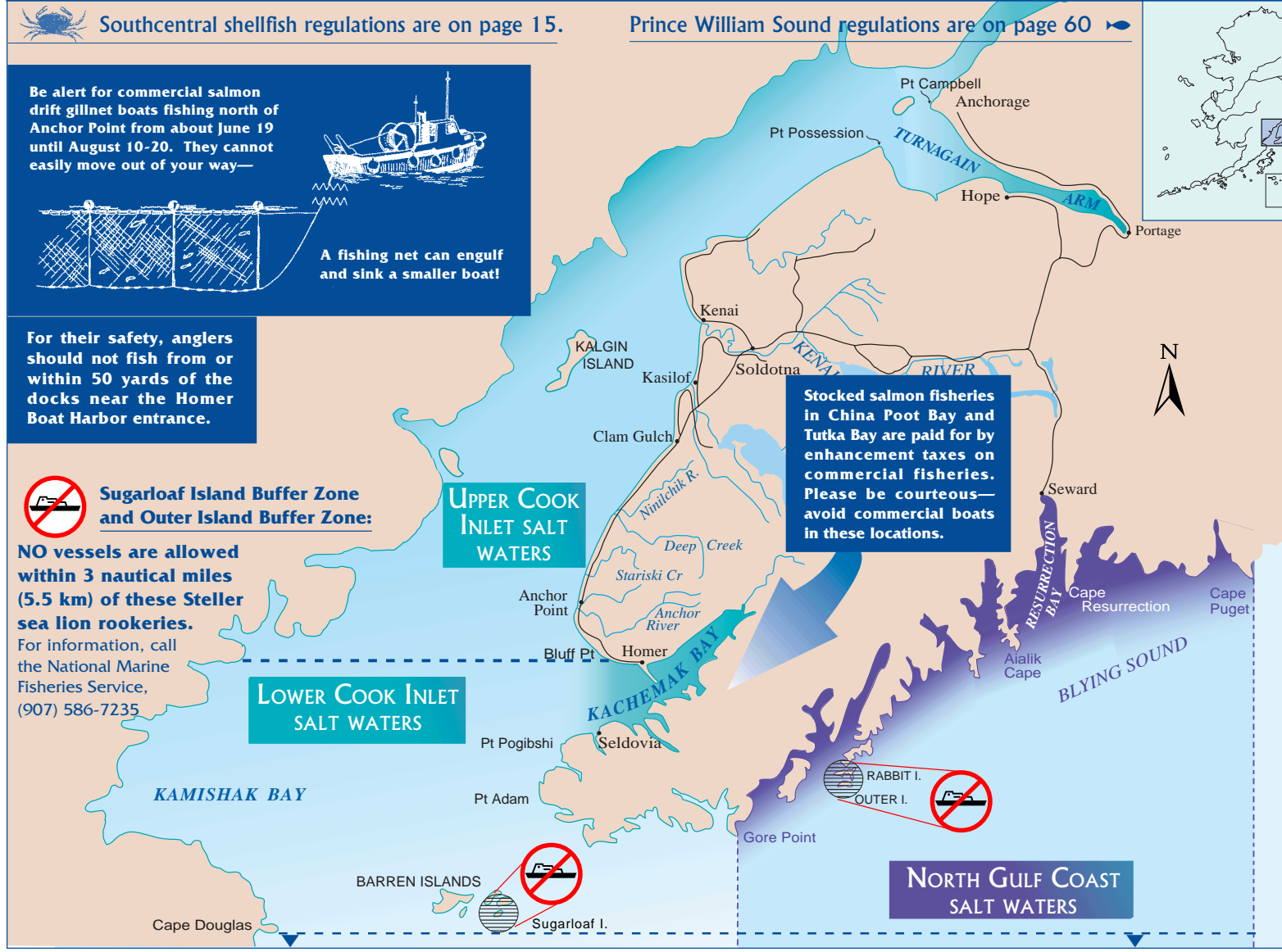
For information, call the National Marine Fisheries Service, (907) 586-7235

UPPER COOK INLET SALT WATERS

LOWER COOK INLET SALT WATERS

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

NORTH GULF COAST SALT WATERS



SALT WATERS of COOK INLET and the NORTH GULF COAST

(South of the latitude of Cape Douglas, Kodiak Island/Alaska Peninsula/Aleutian Islands saltwater regulations apply.)

Fishing In Southcentral Alaska salt waters:

Snagging: Snagging is legal in salt water, unless prohibited by area regulations. (Note that snagging is **not** legal at any time in Cook Inlet north of a line extending west from Anchor Point, or in Kachemak Bay from January 1–June 23: see page 14).

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: 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.

King salmon

In fresh waters north of a line from Cape Douglas to Point Adam, and in all Cook Inlet salt waters, an annual or a seasonal harvest limit of 5 fish applies to king salmon 20" or longer, and these harvested fish *must* be recorded. See page 11.

Halibut

Possession of sport-caught halibut:

- No person may possess sport-caught halibut aboard a vessel when other fish or shellfish aboard the vessel are destined for sale, trade, or barter.
- Until brought to shore and off-loaded, no person may fillet, mutilate, or otherwise disfigure a halibut in any manner that prevents determination of the number of fish caught or possessed.

Lingcod

Lingcod which are gaffed must be retained. A gaff may not be used to puncture any fish intended or required to be released.

Sharks

Annual harvest limit and recording requirement:

The annual harvest limit is 2 sharks per person, and these harvested fish *must* be recorded. See page 11.

Sharks include any species of the order Lamniformes, Squaliformes, or Carcharhiniformes, including (but not limited to) salmon sharks, Pacific sleeper sharks, and spiny dogfish (sand or mud sharks). □

REMEMBER . . . There is an annual limit of 2 for **sharks** taken in all Alaskan salt waters. Harvested sharks must be recorded immediately on the back of your license or on a harvest card.

General seasons and limits: North Gulf Coast and Resurrection Bay salt waters

INCLUSIVE WATERS: Salt waters within 200 miles of shore from the longitude of Gore Point to the longitude of Cape Puget, including Resurrection Bay (see map on page 12).

Species	Open season	Daily limits
King salmon	entire year	1 per day/1 in possession
Other salmon	entire year <i>only 3 per day/3 in possession may be coho (silver) salmon</i> ☛ <i>but see Resurrection Bay exception below</i>	6 per day/6 in possession
Rainbow/steelhead trout	entire year	1 per day/1 in possession no bag or possession limit
		— 20" or longer
		— less than 20"
Lingcod	July 1–Dec. 31 <i>minimum 35" long with head attached, or 28" from tip of tail to front of dorsal fin with head removed</i> ☛ <i>but see Resurrection Bay exception below</i>	1 per day/1 in possession
Rockfishes	entire year	5 per day/10 in possession <i>only 1 per day/2 in possession may be non-pelagic (see chart on page 10)</i>
Dolly Varden	entire year	5 per day/5 in possession
Halibut	Feb. 1–Dec. 31	2 per day/4 in possession
Sharks	entire year	1 per day/1 in possession
Other finfish	entire year	no bag or possession limit

NORTH GULF COAST SALT WATERS EXCEPTION:

Resurrection Bay: North of a line from Aialik Cape to Cape Resurrection

- **Lingcod** fishing is prohibited year-round. Lingcod caught accidentally must be released immediately. **You cannot legally fish for any species of fish inside Resurrection Bay if you possess a lingcod taken elsewhere.**
- There is no annual or seasonal king salmon limit in effect, and there is no king salmon harvest recording requirement.
- From May 1–Aug 31 the limit for king salmon is 2 per day, 2 in possession.
- The limit for salmon other than king salmon is 6 per day, 6 in possession. All 6 may be coho (silver) salmon.
- A person may possess only the limit of fish allowed for the water on which that person is fishing. For example: possession of more than 3 coho 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. □

General seasons and limits: Cook Inlet salt waters

INCLUSIVE WATERS: Salt waters of Cook Inlet west of Gore Point and north of Cape Douglas, including Kachemak Bay and the Barren Islands (see map on page 12).

- No person may intentionally snag or attempt to snag any species of fish **in Cook Inlet north of a line extending west from Anchor Point.**
- No person may intentionally snag or attempt to snag any species of fish in Kachemak Bay **east of a line from Anchor Point to Point Pogibshi from January 1–June 23.**
- Snagging is allowed in Kachemak Bay east of a line from Anchor Point to Point Pogibshi from June 24–December 31, **except that** in the Homer Spit Fishery Enhancement Lagoon as described below, periods when snagging is allowed after June 23 are opened and closed by emergency order. Call ADF&G offices for recent EOs.

Species	Open season	Daily limits
King salmon	entire year	
–North of the latitude of Bluff Point (59°40'N)		1 per day/1 in possession
–South of the latitude of Bluff Point		2 per day/2 in possession
Other salmon	entire year	6 per day/6 in possession
	only 3 per day/3 in possession may be coho (silver) salmon	
Lingcod	July 1–Dec. 31	2 per day/2 in possession
	must be at least 35" long with head attached or 28" from tip of tail to front of dorsal fin with head removed	
Rockfishes	entire year	5 per day/10 in possession
	only 1 per day/2 in possession may be non-pelagic (see chart on page 10)	
Rainbow/steelhead trout	entire year	
–North of a line from Cape Douglas to Point Adam		NO RETENTION
–In all salt waters south of a line from Cape Douglas to Point Adam, west of the longitude of Gore Point, and north . . . 20" or longer, 1 per day/1 in possession of the latitude of Cape Douglas:		less than 20", no bag or possession limit
Dolly Varden	entire year	5 per day/5 in possession
Halibut	Feb. 1–Dec. 31	2 per day/4 in possession
Sharks	entire year	1 per day/1 in possession
Other finfish	entire year	no bag or possession limit

COOK INLET SALT WATERS EXCEPTION:

Homer Spit Fishery Enhancement Lagoon

- 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 fishery enhancement lagoon (including the Homer Boat Harbor and the enhancement lagoon) to a distance of 300 ft from shore, the daily bag and possession limit for king salmon is 2. The daily bag and possession limit for other salmon (including coho salmon) is 6. King salmon 20" or longer must be recorded April 1–Sept. 30. See page 11. Snagging is not permitted here except by emergency order.

Homer Spit Youth Fishery

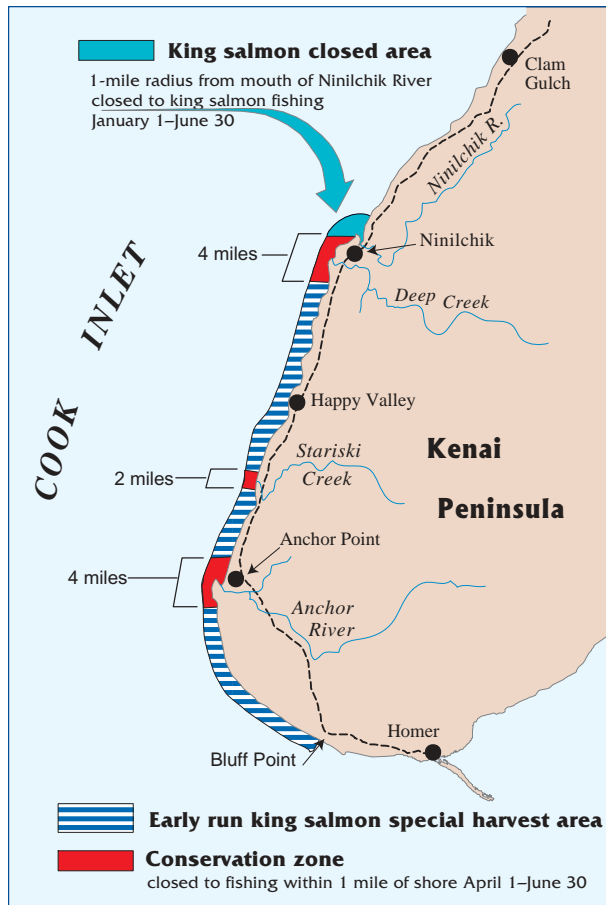
- In the Homer Spit Fishery Enhancement Lagoon, only persons under 16 years of age may fish in the Youth Fishery Zone, established by Department markers, the first Saturday in June (June 4, 2005), and the first and third Saturdays in August (August 6 and August 20, 2005). □

EARLY RUN KING SALMON SPECIAL HARVEST AREA

INCLUSIVE WATERS: all marine waters south of the latitude of the mouth of the Ninilchik River to the latitude of Bluff Point (59° 40' N) and within 1 mile of shore (see map below).

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

Salt waters within a 1-mile radius north of the terminus of the Ninilchik River are **closed to fishing for king salmon** January 1–June 30.



The following salt waters are **closed to all fishing April 1–June 30**:

- (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 the ADF&G markers 2 mi. north of the Anchor River (59° 48.91' N) to the latitude of an ADF&G marker 2 miles south of the Anchor River (59° 45.92' N), and within 1 mile of shore. □