

General Regulations - Salt Water

The Salt Water Fishing Season for all species is open year-round, except for halibut, lingcod, rockfish, Tanner crab, and resident king crab fisheries. For Shellfish Regulations see pages 33-36.

KING SALMON

- 28 inches or longer—Bag, possession, annual and size limits are established by emergency order, as specified in the Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan.
- Less than 28 inches—Retention prohibited.
- Nonresident anglers—A harvest record is required (*see page 6*). Anglers should check with the nearest ADF&G office for current bag, possession, annual and size limit regulations.
- **Charter operators and crew members may not retain king salmon while clients are on board the vessel.**

COHO, CHUM, PINK, AND SOCKEYE SALMON

- 16 inches or longer: 6 of each species per day, 12 of each species in possession.

COHO, CHUM, PINK, AND SOCKEYE SALMON (IN COMBINATION)

- Less than 16 inches: 10 per day, 10 in possession.

STEELHEAD

- 36 inches or longer: 1 per day, 2 in possession. 2 fish annual limit, harvest record required (*see page 6*).

CUTTHROAT AND RAINBOW TROUT (IN COMBINATION)

- 11 inch minimum and 22 inch maximum: 2 per day, 2 in possession.

DOLLY VARDEN

- No size limit: 10 per day, 10 in possession.

SABLEFISH (BLACK COD)

- Alaska residents: No size limit: 4 per day, 4 in possession.
- Nonresidents: No size limit: 4 per day, 4 in possession. 8 fish annual limit, harvest record required (*see page 6*).

SHARKS (EXCEPT SPINY DOGFISH)

- No size limit: 1 per day, 1 in possession. 2 shark annual limit, harvest record required (*see page 6*).

SPINY DOGFISH

- No size limit: 5 per day, 5 in possession, harvest record not required.



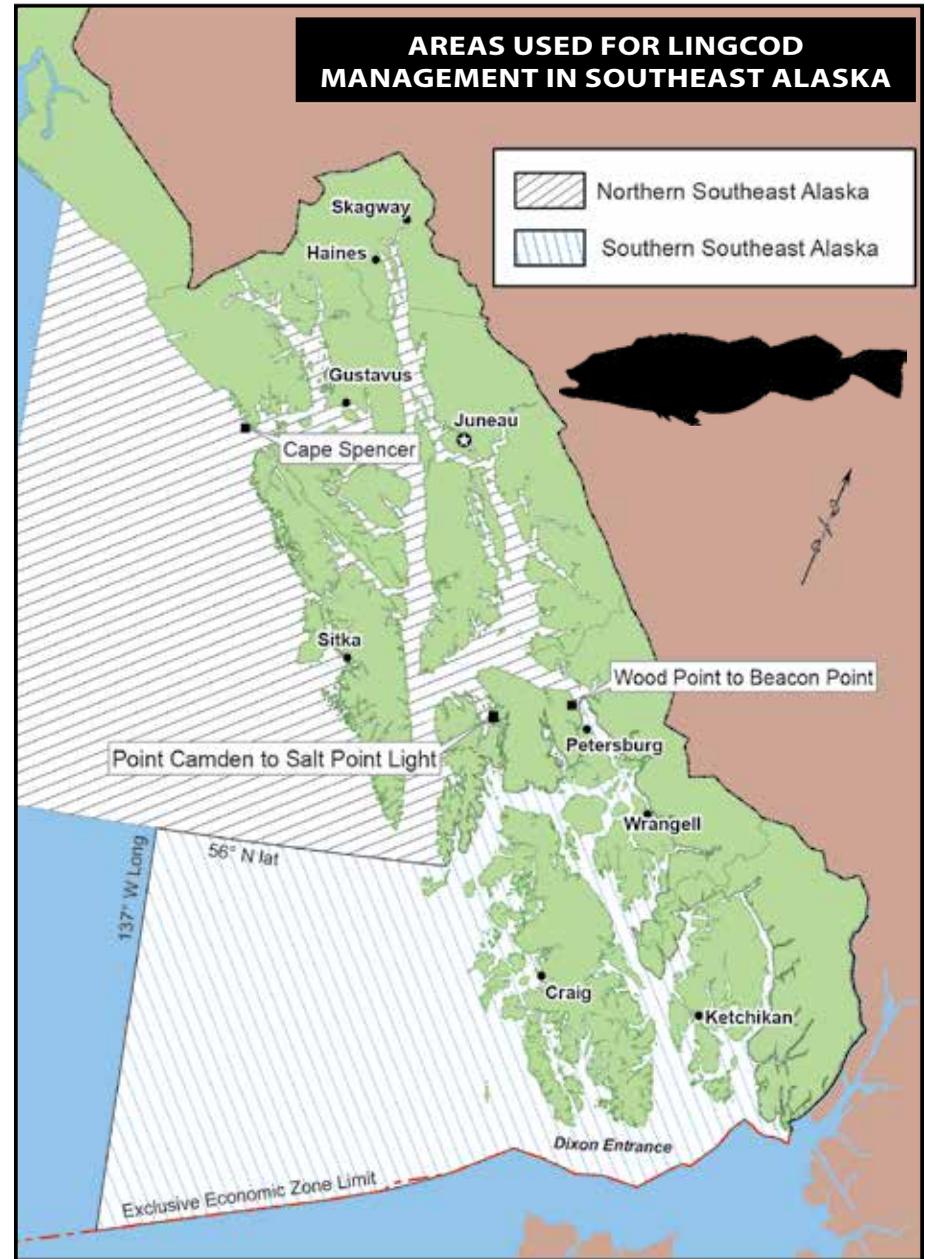
A nice king for this young angler.

LINGCOD

- **Season:** May 16–November 30.
- **Charter operators and crew members may not retain lingcod while clients are on board the vessel.**
 - **Northern Southeast Lingcod Area:**
 - *Alaska Residents*—No size limit: 1 per day, 2 in possession.
 - *Nonresidents*—1 per day, 1 in possession; 30–35 inches or 55 inches and longer, annual limit of 2 fish, one of which is 30–35 inches in length, and one that is 55 inches or greater in length, harvest record required (*see page 6*).
 - **Southern Southeast Lingcod Area**
 - *Alaska Residents*—No size limit: 1 per day, 2 in possession.
 - *Nonresidents*—1 per day, 1 in possession; 30–45 inches or 55 inches and longer, annual limit of 2 fish, one of which is 30–45 inches in length, and one that is 55 inches or greater in length, harvest record required (*see page 6*).

HALIBUT

- **January 1–January 31:** Closed to fishing for halibut.
- **Season:** February 1–December 31.
- **Unguided anglers**—No size limit: 2 per day, 4 in possession.
- Pacific halibut fisheries are managed by the federal government under international treaty.
- Federal possession and landing requirements for sport-caught halibut differ from state regulations. Possession includes unpreserved AND preserved fish for halibut.
- Proxy fishing for halibut is not allowed.
- 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.
- Consult federal regulations for the following: bag, size, and possession limits for guided (charter) anglers; possession and landing requirements, and inseason changes to the regulations.
- Federal halibut regulations are available from:
 - NOAA Fisheries Alaska Region, (907) 586-7228,
 - <http://www.fakr.noaa.gov/sustainablefisheries/halibut/sport.htm>



ALL ROCKFISH

- All rockfish not retained must be released at the depth they were caught or 100 feet, whichever is shallower.
- Upon request, a deepwater release mechanism must be presented to a local representative of the department or a peace officer of the state.
- All vessels must have at least one functional deepwater release mechanism on board and readily available for use when sport fishing activities are taking place regardless of species targeted.

PELAGIC ROCKFISH

- Pelagic rockfish include Black, Blue, Dark, Dusky, Widow, and Yellowtail. These six species are uniformly gray, green, brown or black (*see page 38*). All rockfish not listed as pelagic are considered nonpelagic.
 - No size limit: 5 per day, 10 in possession.

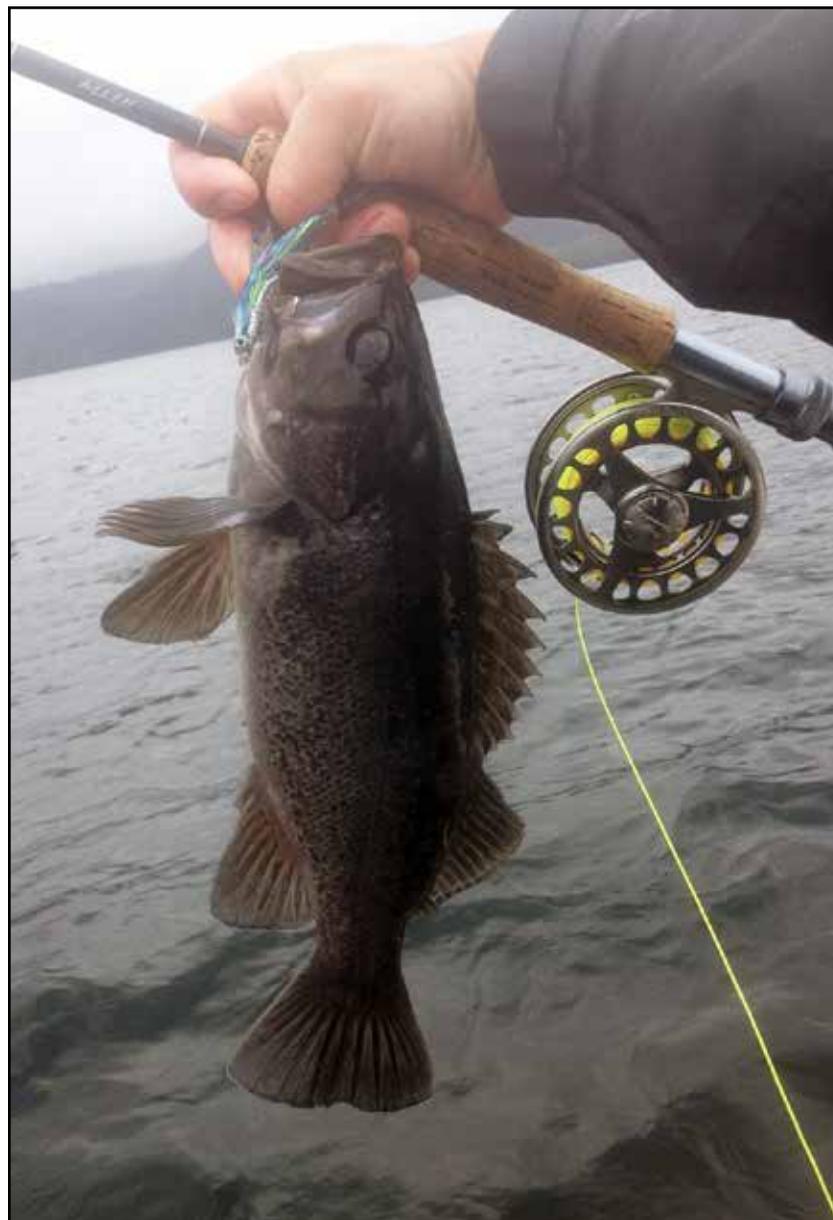
NONPELAGIC ROCKFISH (DEMERSAL SHELF AND SLOPE ROCKFISH)

(All Southeast Waters)

- Demersal Shelf Rockfish (DSR):
 - **RETENTION OF DEMERSAL SHELF ROCKFISH IS PROHIBITED.**
 - Demersal Shelf rockfish include Canary, China, Copper, Quillback, Rosethorn, Tiger and Yelloweye (*see pages 38 and 39*).
- Slope Nonpelagic Rockfish:
 - No size limit: 1 per day, 1 in possession.
 - Slope rockfish include: Blackgill, Blackspotted, Bocaccio, Brown, Chilipepper, Darkblotched, Greenstriped, Harlequin, Northern, Pacific Ocean Perch, Puget Sound, Pygmy, Redstripe, Redbanded, Rougheye, Sharpchin, Shortbelly, Shortraker, Silvergray, Splitnose, Stripetail, Vermilion, and Yellowmouth (*see pages 38 and 39*).
- **Charter operators and crew members may not retain nonpelagic rockfish while clients are on board the vessel.**

OTHER FISH SPECIES NOT LISTED ON PAGES 10-12

- No bag or possession limit, no size limit.



A black rockfish taken on the fly.