



Alaska Department of Fish and Game Southcentral Region Weekly Fishing Report

Unalaska Bay/Dutch Harbor Road System

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Regulation reminders:

- The bag limit for Unalaska Bay fresh and saltwaters is 5 salmon per day of which only 2 may be sockeye.
- The bag limit for the remainder of Unalaska Island is 5 salmon per day all of which may be sockeye or coho.
- Anglers are reminded that Town Creek (Iliuliuk) is closed to fish for sockeye year round.
- The saltwaters of Summer's Bay are open to snagging, however, the freshwaters from the outlet of Summer's Bay Lake to the ocean are closed to all sportfishing.
- All freshwaters of Unalaska Island are closed to snagging year round.
- Anglers are reminded that many of the creeks flowing into Unalaska Bay have closed waters for a portion of the drainage or all of the drainage in some cases. Be sure to keep an eye out for signs marking closed waters and to consult the Southwest Alaska Sportfish regulation booklet for a complete list of sport fishing regulations for Unalaska Bay.

Fishing reports:

- Sockeye salmon are just starting to show up at Summer's Bay, with high tide being the best time to fish. Anglers are reminded that the bag limit for sockeye salmon is 2 per day and to observe the closed waters of Summer's Bay Creek.
- Sockeye are also returning to McLee's Lake. The ADF&G salmon counting weir has counted more than 9,000 sockeye as of June 22nd.
- Dolly Varden have been caught off local beaches and near river mouths, though some reports indicate they have been small. Dolly fishing should be picking up as the month progresses and they return to freshwaters.
- Halibut fishing has been picking up, some reports indicate fishing has been spotty in Unalaska Bay but is better in other parts of the island, such as Unalga Pass.
- Trolling for king salmon has been slow, though there are reports of plentiful bait fish in Unalaska Bay. King salmon will often follow schools of bait fish to feed and trolling may improve if these schools continue and as near-shore waters warm.
- Tanner crab have been plentiful, with good success reported in Captain's Bay, Nateekin Bay and near the spit.