

2020

SOUTHEAST SALMON SUBSISTENCE/PERSONAL USE FAQs

IMPORTANT! READ YOUR PERMIT THOROUGHLY!

- **Do I have to be an Alaska resident to apply for this permit?**

Yes. You must have resided in Alaska for the 12 consecutive months previous to applying for this permit. Residency requirements are described in 5AAC 77.010, 5AAC 01010 (b) and Sec 16.05.415 of the Subsistence and Personal Use Statewide Fishing Regulations.

- **My friend is not an Alaska resident. Can he/she go fishing with us?**

Non-residents may accompany permit holders on the fishing grounds but may **not** participate in any fishing activity. (i.e. don't touch the net or fish.)

- **Does one permit cover all Southeast Alaska?**

Yes, one permit covers all Southeast Alaska, however, there are area specific management conditions for: Juneau, Sitka, Haines, Ketchikan, Petersburg-Wrangell, and Yakutat. This information can be found online at: <http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=ByAreaSubsistenceSE.fishingInfo> and in the ADF&G online store when you apply for your permit. You will be prompted to select the management area(s) you wish to fish, and the area conditions including seasons and possession limits will print with the permit.

- **Can I pick up or apply online for permits for my relatives or friends?**

Yes. You may pick up or apply online for permits for relatives, friends and neighbors if they are an Alaska resident and you have all their correct information. You need their full name including middle initial, mailing and physical addresses, phone number, email address, birthdate, number of people in the household and the names of other household members likely to fish the permit, the month and year Alaska residency of the applicant began, driver's license number, sport fish license number (or permanent ID), and the management area they plan to fish. Please let the person(s) know you are getting their permit and they will need to sign it prior to fishing to make it valid. **Only one permit is valid per household and someone from that household or a valid proxy must fish the permit.**

- **Can I fish for another individual?**

You can proxy fish for **ONE** other person at any one time (5AAC01.011 (e)). Anyone who proxy fishes, either for personal use or subsistence, must have a valid sport fishing license or permanent ID for themselves, have in their possession the sport fishing license or permanent ID of the recipient, and the recipient's Statewide Proxy Fishing form (5AAC 01.011(c)) [available online](#) or from any ADF&G office. The recipient must be at least 65 years old, blind, or is physically disabled (70% disabled – (Sec. 16.05.940 (25))).

- **What's the difference between subsistence salmon fishing and personal use salmon fishing?**

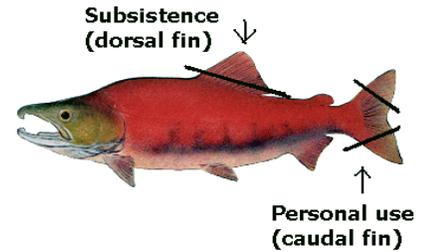
Subsistence and personal use fisheries are defined by the area you fish in and are listed separately on the permit. If you are fishing in a subsistence use area ONLY, a State Subsistence Salmon and Personal Use permit is required. Subsistence areas are specific areas designated as having customary & traditional use described in 5AAC 01.716 of the Statewide Fisheries Regulations. If you are fishing in a personal use area you need a valid Alaska sport fishing license and a State Subsistence Salmon and Personal Use permit.

- **What kind of gear can I use?**

You **cannot** use a rod & reel for subsistence or personal use fishing (5AAC 77.682 (g)(5)). You **can** use a beach seine, spear, gaff, cast net, drift gillnet and dip net unless otherwise specified. Please review the management area conditions for specific details before you go fishing.

- **How do I mark my fish?**

If the fish are harvested in a subsistence area, the dorsal fin must be cut off (5 AAC 01.740). This marking must be done prior to leaving the immediate fishing area. If the fish are harvested in a personal use area, the tips of the tail must be immediately cut off (5AAC 77.010 (f)).



- **How many fish can I keep? OR What is a "Possession Limit"?**

You may have one possession limit for a permit on a trip unless the fish have been processed. Possession limit is defined as the maximum number of fish a person may have in their possession if the fish have not been canned, frozen solid, smoked, dried or salted (with at least 20% of their weight in salt) or otherwise preserved so as to be fit for human consumption after a 15-day period. Once the fish have been fully preserved, the permit holder may harvest another allowable possession limit of fish unless there is an annual limit (5 AAC 39.975 (23) and (29)(D)). Please review the management area conditions for specific details before you go fishing.

- **Can I keep sockeye salmon as bycatch after the sockeye salmon open period is closed and I'm fishing for other salmon?**

No. Once the sockeye salmon season is over on any system you cannot keep any incidental sockeye salmon you catch while fishing for other species in that system.

- **Can I go subsistence/personal use fishing & sport fishing in the same day?**

You **cannot** possess sport caught salmon and subsistence or personal use caught salmon on the same day. You may sport fish for bottom fish and subsistence/personal use fish for salmon in the same day (5AAC 77.682(e) and 5 AAC 01.695 (b)).

- **How close can you fish to a weir or other artificial obstruction?**

You cannot fish within 300 feet of a dam, fish ladder, weir, culvert or other artificial obstruction (5 AAC 77.010 (c)).

- **Can you buy or sell fish taken by State subsistence or personal use fishing?**

It is unlawful to buy or sell fish or their parts taken under subsistence or personal use regulations (5 AAC 01.010 (d) and 5 AAC 77.010 (b)).

- **Can subsistence or personal use caught fish be used as bait for commercial fishing?**

Salmon taken under subsistence or personal use regulations may not be used as bait for commercial fishing purposes (5 AAC 77.682 (j) and 5 AAC 01.010 (m)).