

2020 Sitka Management Area Subsistence and Personal Use Salmon Fishing Permit Conditions

Please review all permit conditions and guidelines. If you have any questions, please contact the Alaska Department of Fish and Game office in Sitka at (907) 747-6688

1. This permit applies to the marine waters of Alaska and anadromous lakes and streams within the Sitka Management Area.
2. Subsistence fishing for a particular species is authorized in areas with a positive customary and traditional (C&T) finding as defined under regulation. In the absence of C&T findings, personal use regulations apply.
3. In the Sitka Management Area the C&T use areas for pink, chum, coho, and Chinook salmon include all waters of District 13, Section 9-A north of 56°25.60' N lat (Swaine Point), and Section 12-A along the Baranof and Catherine Island shorelines north of 57°14.75' N lat (Point Caution).
4. In the Sitka Management Area the C&T use areas for sockeye salmon include Section 13-A on Yakobi Island north of Surge Bay Light and south of the latitude of Cape Edward, Section 13-B north of the latitude of Redfish Cape, Section 13-C, Section 9-A north of the latitude of Swaine Point, and Section 12-A along the Baranof and Catherine Island shorelines north of the latitude of Point Caution.
5. Streams crossing the Sitka road system are closed to subsistence and personal use fishing for chum and coho salmon. Only dip net, gaff, spear, and cast net may be used. Pink salmon may be harvested from July 15-August 31. Indian River is closed to subsistence and personal use fishing downstream of the Sawmill Creek Road Bridge.
6. Falls Lake marine waters are closed off the stream mouth as indicated by regulatory markers and Gut Bay marine waters are closed south of 56°42.37' N lat. The season at Falls Lake has been divided into two open periods 6/1–7/13 and 7/23–8/15 unless closed by emergency order. Open dates are also shown in the table below.
7. Gear authorized under this permit for State marine waters for all areas except Redoubt Bay includes the following: dip net, gaff, spear, hand-operated purse seine, beach seine, cast net, and drift gillnet. Gillnets may not be tied to shore, anchored or operated as set net gear. In Redoubt Bay gear authorized include: gaff, spear, dip net, and hook and line attached to a rod or pole. Snagging of salmon may only occur outside of ADF&G regulatory markers.
8. In Silver Bay (Salmon Lake) only dip net, gaff, spear, hand-operated purse seine, and beach seine may be used. Hand-operated purse seine, and beach seine gear is prohibited south of a line from 56°59.22' N lat, 135°09.03' W long to 56°58.98' N lat, 135°08.18' W long, as defined by regulatory markers. Gillnets are prohibited.
9. Redoubt Bay limits and season are subject to change around July 15.
10. The household annual limit of 40 coho salmon is for any combination of streams.
11. Salmon, trout, and char caught incidentally by gear operated under the subsistence and personal use fishing regulations may be retained dependent on specific permit conditions.
12. The possession limit for Chinook salmon harvested incidentally is two fish.
13. The possession limit for coho salmon harvested incidentally while personal use fishing is six fish.
14. A separate form is required for proxy fishing. For more info, please call (907) 747-6688.

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SUBSISTENCE/PERSONAL USE SALMON FISHING LIMITS AND SEASONS				
Salmon Species	Limits		Season Open Dates	Location
	Possession	Annual		
Sockeye	50	50	June 1–July 20	Hoktaheen Cove
	50	50	June 1–July 20	Takanis Bay*
	50	50	June 1–Aug. 15	Klag Bay, Surge Bay
	25	25	June 1–Aug. 15	Lake Anna, Ford Arm
	10	50	June 1–Aug. 31	Redoubt Bay**
	100	No Limit	June 1–Aug. 31	Necker Bay
	50	50	June 1–July 31	Small Arm Whale Bay
	50	100	June 1–Aug. 31	Redfish Bay
	50	50	June 1–Aug. 15	Hanus Bay (Lake Eva)
	50	50	June 1–Aug. 31	Sitkoh Bay
	10	20	June 1–July 20	Gut Bay
	25	25	June 1–July 13; July 23–Aug. 15	Falls Lake and Bay***
	10	10	June 1–July 31	Other (unlisted) C&T areas
Pink	100	No Limit	July 15–Sept. 30	C&T areas within the Sitka Management Area except those sockeye systems listed above.****
Chum	50	No Limit	July 15–Oct. 31	C&T areas within the Sitka Management Area except those sockeye systems listed above.****
Coho	20	40	Aug. 16–Oct. 31	C&T areas within the Sitka Management****
			Sept. 1–Oct. 31	Redoubt Bay, Necker Bay, Redfish Bay, Sitkoh Bay

*Takanis Bay sockeye are managed under personal use regulations and priority.

**For Redoubt Bay only initial limits and season are indicated.

Redoubt Bay limits and season subject to change around July 15.

***Note that season at Falls Lake is CLOSED 7/14–7/22 and after 8/15.

****C&T areas are specified under specific permit conditions above.