

Kotzebue Area Subsistence Fishing

The Kotzebue Area includes all waters of Alaska between the latitude of the westernmost tip of Point Hope and the latitude of the westernmost tip of Cape Prince of Wales, including those waters draining into the Chukchi Sea. These regulations apply on waters within or adjacent to the Alaska Maritime National Wildlife Refuge, Cape Krusenstern National Monument, Noatak National Preserve, Kobuk Valley National Park, Gates of the Arctic National Park and Preserve, Selawik National Wildlife Refuge, and Bering Land Bridge National Preserve. General domain lands managed by the Bureau of Land Management are open to fishing only on non-navigable waters. [See map 1 on previous page]

Species / Customary and Traditional Use Determinations	Harvest Limits	Open Season
Salmon		
Kotzebue Area • Residents of the Kotzebue Area	No limit	Year round
Whitefish and Pike		
Kobuk and Selawik Drainages • Residents of the Kotzebue Area	No limit	Year round See the Kotzebue Area Regulations (below) for gear restrictions during certain times of the year.
Remainder of the Kotzebue Area • Residents of the Kotzebue Area	No limit	Year round
All other fish		
Kotzebue Area • Residents of the Kotzebue Area	No limit	Year round

Special Provisions

- ◆ NO SUBSISTENCE FISHING PERMIT REQUIRED. You may take fish at any time for subsistence purposes without a subsistence fishing permit, unless specified by emergency action.
- ◆ You may take salmon only by gillnets, beach seines, or a rod and reel.
- ◆ In the Kotzebue District, you may only take sheefish with gillnets that are not more than 50 fathoms in length, 12 meshes or less in depth, and with a stretched-mesh size no larger than 7 inches.
- ◆ You may not obstruct more than one-half the width of a stream, creek, or slough with any gear used to take fish for subsistence uses, except when fishing for whitefish or pike in the Selawik and Kobuk River drainages as follows:

Kobuk and Selawik River drainages

In the Kobuk River drainage from May 15–July 15 and from August 15–October 31, and in the Selawik River drainage from May 15–October 31, you may take whitefish or pike in streams, creeks, and sloughs. Only one gillnet 100 feet or less in length with a stretched-mesh size from 2½ inches to 4½ inches may be used per site. You must check your net at least once in every 24-hour period.

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