

Norton Sound-Port Clarence Area Subsistence Fishing

The Norton Sound-Port Clarence Area includes all waters of Alaska between the latitude of the westernmost tip of Cape Prince of Wales and the latitude of Point Romanof. This includes those waters of Alaska surrounding St. Lawrence Island and those waters draining into the Bering Sea. These regulations apply on waters within or adjacent to the Unalakleet Wild River, the Yukon Delta 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 2 on previous page.]

Species / Customary and Traditional Use Determinations	Harvest Limits	Open Season
Waters draining into Norton Sound between Point Romanof and Canal Point		
All Fish		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Residents of Kotlik, St. Michael, and Stebbins. 	No limit	Year round
Remainder of Norton Sound-Port Clarence		
Salmon		
Port Clarence <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Residents of the Norton Sound-Port Clarence Area. 	No limit	Year round except as specified by emergency action.
Unalakleet River <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Residents of the Norton Sound-Port Clarence Area. 	No limit	Year round except that from June 1–July 15, you may fish only from 8:00 a.m. Monday until 8:00 p.m. Saturday. Federal public waters of the Unalakleet River, upstream from the mouth of the Chirosky River, are closed to the taking of Chinook salmon from July 1 to July 31, by all users. The BLM field manager is authorized to open the closed area to Federally qualified subsistence users or to all users when run strength warrants.
Subdistricts 2–6 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Residents of the Norton Sound-Port Clarence Area. 	No limit	Year round except that State commercial fishermen may not fish for subsistence purposes during the weekly closures of the State commercial salmon fishing season, except from July 15–August 1 in the Unalakleet and Shaktoolik rivers (gillnets of 4½ inch or less stretched-mesh size or beach seines only, open 7 days/week).
Other portions of the remainder of Norton Sound-Port Clarence Area <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Residents of the Norton Sound-Port Clarence Area. 	No limit	Year round
All other fish		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Residents of the Norton Sound-Port Clarence Area. 	No limit	Year round

Special Provisions

- ◆ You may take fish at any time for subsistence purposes without a subsistence fishing permit, unless specified by special action.

Regulations

- ◆ You may take salmon only by gillnets, beach seines, fish wheel, or rod and reel. You may take fish other than salmon only by gillnet, beach seine, fish wheel, pot, long line, fyke net, jigging gear, spear, lead, or a rod and reel.
- ◆ In the Unalakleet River, from June 1–July 15, you may not operate gillnets of more than 25 fathoms total length nor operate an unanchored gillnet.

