Alaska Saltwater Sport Fishing Survey

Popular Alaska Saltwater Sport Fish

Pacific Halibut	
A COLOR	 Available throughout the season Average weight is about 25 pounds (range from 10 to over 100 pounds) 2011 daily bag (take) limit was 1 or 2 per day when charter fishing; 2 per day otherwise In 2011, there is a maximum size limit on halibut caught when charter fishing in Southeast Alaska
King Salmon (Chinook)	
	 Available throughout the season Average weight is about 25 pounds (range of 15 to over 50 pounds) 2011 daily bag (take) limit was 1 to 2; in some areas, the daily limit was 2 for Alaska residents and 1 for non-residents Minimum size limits and annual bag (take) limits apply in some areas
Silver Salmon (Coho)	
	 Available from June through September Average weight is about 11 pounds (range of 7 to over 15 pounds) 2011 daily bag (take) limit for non-king salmon varied from 5 to 10; in some areas only 2 may be silver salmon Minimum size limits apply in some areas
Other Salmon	
	 Red (sockeye), pink (humpy), and chum (dog) salmon are available at different times throughout the summer months Sometimes caught, but rarely fished for by sport anglers in SALTWATER 2011 daily bag (take) limit for all non-king salmon was a combined total of 5 to 10 in most areas Minimum size limits apply in some areas
Other Species	
	 Includes lingcod and rockfish For lingcod, 2011 daily bag (take) limit was 1 to 2 in most areas; minimum size limits apply in some areas For rockfish, 2011 daily bag (take) limit was 5 to 10 in most areas; no size limits in 2011

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Your 2011 Sport Fishing Activities in Alaska

The questions in this survey are about you and your fishing activities and opinions. Except when specifically asked, please do not include any information about others who fish or travel with you. Please use the included maps, Map A (Southeast Alaska) and Map B (Southcentral Alaska), when needed.

In this survey:

- **Freshwater fishing** is any sport (recreational) fishing in rivers, lakes, and streams.
- Saltwater fishing is any sport (recreational) fishing in the ocean or bays but <u>does not</u> include salmon caught in rivers or in tidal saltwater at the mouth of a river.
- ➤ A fishing trip is any trip that <u>includes</u> recreational fishing. This includes travel to the location where you fished. Many anglers fish for more than one day on fishing trips.
- A1 Did you take any sport (recreational) fishing trips to Alaska <u>before</u> 2011? *Check one box.*
 - □ Yes
 - No
- A2 During 2011, how many different <u>visits to Alaska</u> that included saltwater fishing did you make from your home (outside Alaska)? *Please write the number of visits in the space below.*

_____ Alaska visits that included saltwater fishing

A3 During 2011, how many total days did you spend freshwater fishing and saltwater fishing in Alaska? *Count partial days as full days.*

_____ freshwater fishing days

_____ saltwater fishing days

- A4 During 2011, in which areas of Alaska (Southeast Alaska, Southcentral Alaska, or other areas in Alaska) did you fish on your freshwater or saltwater fishing trips? *Check all that apply.*
 - $\Box \quad \text{Southeast Alaska} see Map A$
 - □ Southcentral Alaska *see Map B*
 - □ Other areas in Alaska any area in Alaska not shown in Map A or Map B (e.g., Fairbanks)
- A5 In 2011, did you take any <u>saltwater</u> fishing trips for <u>halibut</u>, <u>salmon</u>, <u>lingcod</u>, or <u>rockfish</u> in Alaska? *Check your response and follow the directions.*
 - $\Box \text{ Yes } \rightarrow CONTINUE \text{ TO NEXT PAGE}$
 - $\Box \text{ No } \rightarrow SKIP \text{ TO PAGE 8}$

Your Most Recent Visit to Alaska That Included Saltwater Fishing

The questions in this section are <u>only</u> about your <u>most recent visit to Alaska</u> that included saltwater sport fishing.

B1 Visitors who fish in Alaska may visit Alaska for a variety of reasons besides saltwater fishing (including freshwater fishing, work-related activities, visiting family or friends, or non-fishing outdoor activities).

On your <u>most recent visit to Alaska</u>, on a scale from 1 (not at all important) to 10 (extremely important) how important was <u>saltwater sport fishing</u> for why you were visiting Alaska? *Please check one box.*

	Not at a importa									xtremely nportant
	▼ 1 ▼	2 •	3 •	4 •	5 •	6 •	7 •	8 •	9 •	▼ 10 ▼
Saltwater sport fishing as a reason for visiting Alaska										

- **B2** Would you have made this most recent visit to Alaska if you were unable to go saltwater sport fishing? *Check one box.*
 - YesNo
- **B3** During what month and year did this visit to Alaska begin?

Month: _____ Year: 20____

B4 How many total days were you away from your home (where you live outside Alaska) on this visit to Alaska? *Include travel, fishing, and non-fishing days and count partial days as full days.*

____ Days

B5 How many total days did you spend saltwater fishing on this visit to Alaska? *Count partial days as full days.*

_____ Days saltwater fishing

B6 How many people, <u>including yourself</u>, traveled on this visit to Alaska? *Include all adults and children, even if they did not fish.*

	Adu	ults	Children u	nder 18				
B7	7 On this visit, did you travel by plane to the State of Alaska?							
	$\Box \text{Yes} \rightarrow \text{If}$	flew into:		0				
	□ No		🗆 Kodiak 🗖	Anchorage	Cordova 🖵	Other:		
B8	On this visit, did you take a cruise ship <u>into</u> the State of Alaska from a non-Alaska port? (e.g., Seattle, Vancouver)							
	$\begin{array}{c} \Box & \text{Yes} \rightarrow I t \\ \Box & \text{No} \end{array}$	took a c	lay cruise to Ala	iska departing f	rom	(dep	parture port)	
B9	On this visit,	, did you st	ay at a fishing l	odge for all or	part of your s	altwater fishin	g?	
	□ Yes →		h time did you s ntry into Alaska <i>l time</i> .		-	•	•	
		hou	rs minu	ites				
	□ No							

B10 Approximately how much money did you <u>personally</u> spend for yourself and others during this visit to Alaska? Do not include any costs paid by others. If you didn't spend money on an item, please write "0".

Type of cost	<u>Your costs</u> for this tr (round to nearest dolla
Travel expenses to and from Alaska	1
Transportation, food, and lodging costs while traveling to and from	¢
<u>Alaska</u>	\$
Non-fishing expenses while in Alask	a
Transportation, food, and lodging costs <u>not related to fishing</u> while in Alaska	\$
Fishing-related expenses while in Alas	ska
Fishing lodge/package costs	\$
Transportation to and from saltwater fishing	
Automobile/truck/RV fuel	\$
Automobile/truck/RV rental	\$
Bus/taxi fares	\$
Train fare	\$
Float/charter plane	\$
Airline airfare	\$
Ferry	\$
Fishing-related food and lodging	
Lodging (trailer parks, campgrounds, hotels, etc.)	\$
Food and drink (restaurant)	\$
Food and drink (non-restaurant)	\$
Other fishing-related costs	
Fish/combination license fees (only if bought on trip)	\$
Guides or charter fees (including tips)	\$
Fishing boat rental	\$
Fishing gear, bait (bought or rented for this trip)	\$
Fish processing, freezing, packing, or shipping fees	\$
Ice	\$
Fishing derby entry fees	\$
Boat fuel, lubricants, and repairs	\$
Moorage or launch fees for this trip	\$
Gifts/souvenirs	\$
Other:	\$

B11 How many people, <u>including yourself</u>, were the <u>fishing-related expenses</u> you paid in B10 for?

_____ Adults _____ Children under 18

Your Most Recent Saltwater Fishing in Alaska

The questions in this section are only about the saltwater fishing you did on your <u>most recent visit</u> <u>to Alaska</u>. As a reminder, a <u>saltwater fishing trip</u> is any trip that <u>includes</u> saltwater recreational fishing. This includes travel to the location where you fished. Some people fish for more than one day on fishing trips.

- C1 Which of the following descriptions most closely describes the saltwater fishing you did on your most recent visit to Alaska? *Please check the box of the best answer.*
 - **Avid fishing.** You had planned to saltwater fish for most, or all, of your time in Alaska.
 - □ **Purposeful fishing**. You had planned to saltwater fish in Alaska and made arrangements for one or more days of fishing while in Alaska, but there were other activities important to you in Alaska.
 - □ Incidental fishing. You did not make specific plans to saltwater fish in Alaska, but did a day or more of fishing while there as the opportunities arose. It was not a major reason for your visit to Alaska.
- C2 At which fishing locations did you saltwater fish during your visit to Alaska and how many days did you fish at each location? Please check the box of the locations you fished at during your Alaska visit and write in the number of days you fished. Count partial days as full days.

V	Fishing locations in Southeast Alaska (see Map A)	Number of days fished	V	Fishing locations in Southcentral Alaska (see Map B)	Number of days fished
	Glacier Bay			Anchor Point	
	Haines or Skagway			Alaska Peninsula/Bristol Bay	
	Juneau or Auke Bay			Cordova	
	Kake			Clam Gulch	
	Ketchikan			Deep Creek or Ninilchik	
	Petersburg			Homer	
	Prince of Wales			Kenai (city)	
	Sitka			Kodiak Island	
	Wrangell			Seldovia	
	Yakutat			Seward	
	Other location in Southeast Alaska:			Valdez	
				Whittier	
				Other location in Southcentral Alaska:	

C3 On this most recent visit to Alaska, how many total fishing days did you spend saltwater fishing using a charter (or fishing lodge) service, on a private boat (yours, a friend's, or one you rented), or from shore? Please write the number of days you fished by charter boat, private boat, and shore. If none, write "0". Count partial days as full days.

Saltwater fishing by	Number of Days Fished
Charter (or fishing lodge) service	
Private boat (yours, a friend's or one you rented)	
Shore	

C4 For each saltwater species below, indicate whether you <u>fished in saltwater for</u> this species, the <u>total number of fish you caught (including any you released)</u>, and the number of fish you <u>caught and kept</u> on this most recent Alaska saltwater fishing trip.

Saltwater fish species	Fished for? ☑	Total number of fish caught	Number of fish caught and kept
Halibut			
King salmon			
Silver salmon			
Other salmon (red, pink, or chum)			
Lingcod			
Rockfish			

C5 About how much total time (in hours and minutes) did you personally have a fishing pole in the water during this trip?

Hours _____ Minutes _____

V	Locations in Southeast Alaska (see Map A)	Locations in Southcentral Alaska (see Map B)
	Angoon (Admiralty Island)	Anchorage and surrounding areas
	Auke Bay	Anchor Point
	Chichagof	Cordova
	Craig (Prince of Wales Island)	Clam Gulch
	Edna Bay (Prince of Wales Island)	Dillingham (Bristol Bay)
	Elfin Cove (Chichagof Island)	Deep Creek or Ninilchik
	Glacier Bay	Homer
	Haines	Kenai (city)
	Hoonah	King Cove (Alaska Peninsula)
	Juneau	Kodiak (Kodiak Island)
	Kake	Moose Pass
	Ketchikan	Old Harbor (Kodiak Island)
	Petersburg	Seldovia
	Sitka	Seward
	Skagway	Soldotna
	Wrangell	Valdez
	Yakutat	Whittier
	Other location in Southeast Alaska:	Other location in Southcentral Alaska:

C6 Which city, town, or area did you consider your <u>home base</u> (or starting point) for saltwater fishing during your most recent Alaska visit? *Please check one box.*

C7 On average, about how much <u>time</u> each day did you spend traveling (roundtrip) from your home base to the location(s) where you boarded a boat or fished from shore? *This is time spent in travel by road or air to where you boarded a fishing boat or fished from shore—not the time spent in a boat traveling to the fishing grounds.*

Average roundtrip travel time per day: ____ hours ____ minutes

Your Alaska Saltwater Sport Fishing Trip Preferences

This section asks about your preferences for Alaska saltwater fishing trips. <u>Even if you have not</u> <u>saltwater fished in Alaska</u>, your responses are needed to understand how people choose fishing trips.

D1 In Alaska, do you prefer saltwater or freshwater fishing? *Check one box.*

- □ I prefer saltwater fishing
- □ I prefer freshwater fishing
- □ I do not have a preference
- □ I don't know

D2 In which area of Alaska do you, or would you, prefer to saltwater fish? *Check one box.*

- \Box Southeast Alaska *see Map A*
- \Box Southcentral Alaska *see Map B*
- □ Other areas in Alaska any area in Alaska not shown in Map A or Map B (e.g., Fairbanks)
- □ I do not have a preference
- □ I don't know

D3 Many things may influence the type of <u>Alaska saltwater fishing trip</u> you choose to take. How important are each of the following to you? *Mark the box of your response.*

	Not important at all	A little important	Somewhat important	Very important	Extremely important
Fishing area (Southeast Alaska or Southcentral Alaska)					
Number of days fishing					
Type of fish targeted					
Bag or take limit: number of fish you can keep					
Size restrictions: limits on the size of fish you can keep					
Fishing trip cost					

The next four questions ask you to choose which you like best between 3 things you can do while on a visit to Alaska: two different types of <u>Alaska saltwater charter boat fishing experiences</u> (Choice A and Choice B) or doing something else instead of Alaska saltwater charter boat fishing (Choice C). Choice A and Choice B may differ from fishing experiences you have had, but we would still like to know your opinions about them.

- In each question, assume the saltwater charter fishing experiences (Choice A and Choice B) are identical except for the differences you see in the table.
- Some trips may have **size restrictions** on the **halibut** that can be caught and kept. These are conservation measures to help maintain healthy fish stocks.
- Remember that money you spend on Choice A or Choice B is money that could instead be spent on other items and activities if you didn't go saltwater charter fishing in Alaska.
- D4 Choice A, Choice B, and Choice C are described in the <u>columns</u> below. Below the columns, indicate which of these three choices you like best and which you like second best.

	Choice A	Choice B	Choice C
Fishing area	Southeast	Southcentral	
Number of fishing days	1 day	1 day	
Fish targeted	Halibut	Halibut	
Bag (take) limit Number of fish you can keep each day (and in total)	2 per day (2 total)	3 per day (3 total)	Do something
Size restriction Restricts the size of fish in the per day bag limit (length limits converted to pounds)	No fish between 35 and 130 lbs.	No fish larger than 35 lbs.	else in Alaska other than saltwater charter boat fishing
Fish targeted	Silver salmon	Silver salmon	
Bag (take) limit Number of fish you can keep each day (and in total)	6 per day (6 total)	3 per day (3 total)	
Cost per person (Fishing-related COSTS only) Can include charter/rental fees, transportation, food, and other costs	\$700	\$1,000	
	Choice A	Choice B	Choice C
Which do you like <u>best</u> ? Check one box>			
Which do you like <u>second best</u> ? Check one box>			

D5 Consider Choice A, Choice B, and Choice C in the columns below and indicate below the columns which of these you like best and which you like second best.

	Choice A	Choice B	Choice C
Fishing area	Southeast	Southcentral	
Number of fishing days	5 days	1 day	
Fish targeted	Silver salmon	Halibut	
Bag (take) limit Number of fish you can keep each day (and in total)	6 per day (30 total)	2 per day (2 total)	Do something
Size restriction. Restricts the size of fish in the per day bag limit (length limits converted to pounds)	No size restriction	1 fish any size; 1 fish cannot be between 35 and 130 lbs.	else in Alaska other than saltwater charter boat fishing
Fish targeted	No 2 nd fish species	King salmon	
Bag (take) limit Number of fish you can keep each day (and in total)	Species	3 per day (3 total)	
Cost per person (Fishing-related COSTS only) Can include charter/rental fees, transportation, food, and other costs	\$3,500	\$700	
	Choice A	Choice B	Choice C
Which do you like <u>best</u> ? Check one box>			
Which do you like <u>second best</u> ? Check one box>			

D6 Again, consider the three options below and indicate which of them you like best and which you like second best.

	Choice A	Choice B	Choice C
Fishing area	Southcentral	Southcentral	
Number of fishing days	5 days	3 day	
Fish targeted	Halibut	Halibut	
Bag (take) limit Number of fish you can keep each day (and in total)	2 per day (10 total)	2 per day (6 total)	Do something
Size restriction Restricts the size of fish in the per day bag limit (length limits converted to pounds)	No fish between 23 and 130 lbs.	No fish larger than 35 lbs.	else in Alaska other than saltwater charter boat fishing
Fish targeted	King salmon	King salmon	
Bag (take) limit Number of fish you can keep each day (and in total)	2 per day (10 total)	2 per day (6 total)	
Cost per person (Fishing-related COSTS only) Can include charter/rental fees, transportation, food, and other costs	\$1,750	\$1,050	
	Choice A	Choice B	<u>Choice C</u>
Which do you like <u>best</u> ? Check one box>			
Which do you like <u>second best</u> ? Check one box>			

D7 Consider Choice A, Choice B, and Choice C below and indicate which you like best and which you like second best.

	Choice A	Choice B	Choice C
Fishing area	Southcentral	Southeast	
Number of fishing days	5 days	3 day	
Fish targeted	Silver salmon	Halibut	
Bag (take) limit Number of fish you can keep each day (and in total) Size restriction Restricts the size of fish in the per day bag limit (length limits converted to pounds)	6 per day (30 total) No size restriction	2 per day (6 total) No fish between 28 and 130 lbs.	Do something else in Alaska other than saltwater charter boat fishing
Fish targeted	No 2 nd fish species	King salmon	
Bag (take) limit Number of fish you can keep each day (and in total)		2 per day (6 total)	
Cost per person (Fishing-related COSTS only) Can include charter/rental fees, transportation, food, and other costs	\$3,500	\$600	
	Choice A	Choice B	Choice C
Which do you like <u>best</u> ? Check one box>			
Which do you like <u>second best</u> ? Check one box>			

D8 How confident are you in your answers in D4, D5, D6, and D7? Check the best answer.

Not at all	Slightly	Somewhat	Very	Extremely
confident	confident	confident	confident	confident

About You and Your Household

This information helps us understand how your fishing experiences compare to those of other anglers. Your responses will be kept confidential.
E1 Are you male or female?

Male
Female

E2 In what year were you born? 19_____
E3 How many years of fishing experience do you have fishing for any species anywhere? _____years
E4 How many people including yourself do you live with in each of the following age groups

E4 How many people, <u>including yourself</u>, do you live with in each of the following age groups? *If none for a category please write "0".*

Under 18 _____18 to 35 _____36 to 60 _____Over 60

E5 How many people, <u>including yourself</u>, do you live with who work outside the home? *If none for a category, please write "0".*

_____ Full-time worker _____ Part-time worker

E6 What is the highest grade or level of school you completed? *Check the box of the best answer.*

- □ Some high school or less
- □ High school diploma or equivalent
- □ Some college
- □ Two year college degree (AA, AS) or technical school
- □ Four year college graduate (BA, BS)
- □ Some graduate work but did not receive a graduate degree
- Graduate degree (MA, MS, MBA, PhD, JD, MD, etc.)

E7 Are you Hispanic or Latino? *Check the box of the best answer.*

- □ Yes
- No

E8 Which of the following best describes you? Check one or more.

Asian

- □ Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
- \Box American Indian or Alaska Native \Box White
- Black or African American
- **E9** What was your household income (before taxes) in 2011? *Check one box.*

Less than \$10,000	□ \$60,000 to \$79,999
□ \$10,000 to \$19,999	□ \$80,000 to \$99,999
□ \$20,000 to \$29,999	□ \$100,000 to \$124,999
□ \$30,000 to \$39,999	□ \$125,000 to \$149,999
□ \$40,000 to \$49,999	□ \$150,000 to \$200,000
□ \$50,000 to \$59,999	□ \$200,000 or more

To better understand your opportunities for sport fishing, please answer these questions.

- **E10** Which one of the following best describes your employment status? Check the box of the best answer.
 - □ Salaried worker
 - □ Wage worker
 - □ Self-employed
 - □ Student
 - $\Box \quad \text{Homemaker} \rightarrow SKIP \ TO \ NEXT \ PAGE$
 - $\Box \text{ Retired} \rightarrow SKIP \text{ TO NEXT PAGE}$
 - $\Box \quad Currently unemployed \rightarrow SKIP \ TO \ NEXT \ PAGE$
 - □ Disabled and unable to work \rightarrow *SKIP TO NEXT PAGE*
 - □ Other (*please specify*)_____
- E11 In a typical week, about how many hours do you work? *If you do not work for pay or profit, write "0" and skip to next page.*

_____ Hours per week

- E12 Approximately what is your hourly wage rate? Check one box.
 - □ Under \$5.00 per hour
 - □ \$5.00 to \$9.99
 - □ \$10.00 to \$14.99
 - □ \$15.00 to \$19.99
 - □ \$20.00 to \$29.99
 - □ \$30.00 to \$39.99
 - □ \$40.00 to \$49.99
 - □ \$50.00 to \$59.99
 - \square \$60 or more per hour
- E13 Would you prefer to work more hours or fewer hours per week at your current hourly wage rate? You'd have less income if you worked less, and more income if you worked more.
 - □ I would prefer to work **more** hours per week at my current hourly wage rate
 - □ I would prefer to work **fewer** hours per week at my current hourly wage rate
 - □ Neither. I am happy with the number of hours I currently work.

Is there anything we overlooked? Please use the space below to provide us with any other comments you would like to make.

YOUR PARTICIPATION IS GREATLY APPRECIATED!

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