Alaska Saltwater Sport Fishing Survey

Popular Alaska Saltwater Sport Fish

Pacific Halibut 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 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.
- **Do not include** any subsistence or personal use fishing (e.g., dipnetting) you may have done.

A1	Did you take any sport (recreational) fishing trips in Alaska <u>before</u> 2011? Check the box of your response.
	☐ Yes ☐ No
A2	During 2011, how many total freshwater and saltwater fishing days did you sport fish in Alaska? Count partial days as full days.
	freshwater fishing days
	saltwater fishing days
A3	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.
	 □ 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)
A4	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 Southcentral Alaska (see Map B)? Check your response and follow the directions.
	□ Yes

Your Southcentral Alaska Saltwater Sport Fishing in 2011

The questions in this section are only about your <u>Southcentral Alaska saltwater sport fishing trips</u> during 2011.

During 2011, how many total trips and 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 at each of the following Southcentral Alaska locations (see Map B)? Count partial days as full days.

Location you boarded		Nı	ımber of days fish	ed
fishing boat or fished from shore	Total fishing TRIPS taken	DAYS on charter boat	DAYS on private boat	DAYS from shore
Anchor Point				
Alaska Peninsula/Bristol Bay				
Cordova				
Ninilchik/ Deep Creek				
Homer				
Kenai (city)				
Kodiak Island				
Seldovia				
Seward				
Valdez				
Whittier				
Other location (specify):				

B2 What is your best estimate of how many total fish you caught and <u>kept</u> at each Southcentral Alaska location while saltwater fishing during 2011 (see Map B)?

Location you boarded fishing	Total number of fish you caught and kept in saltwater during 2011						
boat or fished from shore	Halibut	King salmon	Silver salmon	Other salmon	Lingcod	Rockfish	
Anchor Point							
Alaska Peninsula/Bristol Bay							
Cordova							
Ninilchik/ Deep Creek							
Homer							
Kenai (city)							
Kodiak Island							
Seldovia							
Seward							
Valdez							
Whittier							
Other location (specify):							

B3	Please choose the response that best describes your Alaska saltwater fishing for, and catch
	of, each species in Southcentral Alaska during 2011. Check one box for each species.

Saltwater species	I did not fish for	I fished for but did not catch	I kept <u>all</u> of my catch	I kept <u>some</u> of my catch	I keep <u>none</u> of my catch
Halibut					
King salmon					
Silver salmon					
Other salmon (red, pink, chum)					
Lingcod					
Rockfish					
	I from shore in So es that apply. rental vehicle		d you take to get to aska? Train Bus Float plane/charte Helicopter		rded a fishing
☐ Commerci ☐ Other (ple	al airline ase specify):		Cruise ship		
,			ple: through a fri thcentral Alaska?	•	boat you
☐ Yes ☐ No					

Your Most Recent Saltwater Sport Fishing Trip in Southcentral Alaska

The questions in this section are \underline{only} about your $\underline{most\ recent}$ Southcentral Alaska saltwater sport fishing trip.

Where did you fish from on this saltwater fishing trip in Southcentral Alaska? For only the site(s) you visited on this trip, indicate the <u>number of days</u> you saltwater fished from a charter boat, a private boat, or from shore. Count partial days fishing as full days.

Location you boarded fishing		Number of days fishe	ed
boat or fished from shore	DAYS on charter boat	DAYS on private boat	DAYS from sh
Anchor Point			
Alaska Peninsula/Bristol Bay			
Cordova			
Ninilchik/ Deep Creek			
Homer			
Kenai (city)			
Kodiak Island			
Seldovia			
Seward			
Valdez			
Whittier			
Other location (specify):			
During what month and yea trip begin?	ur did your most rece	nt Southcentral Alas	ka saltwater fishi
	Vaan		
Month	Year	_	
Month How many total days were y fishing days)? Count partial Days	you away from your l	_	clude fishing and 1
How many total days were y fishing days)? Count partial	you away from your l days as full days.	home on this trip (inc	

On this trip, what types of transportation did you use to get to where you boarded a boat or fished from shore? Check all that apply.					
	 □ Private or rental vehicle □ Bus/Taxi □ Ferry □ Private boat □ Commercial airline □ Other (please specify): 		Float plane/charter plHelicopterCruise ship		
C6	For each saltwater species be the total number of fish you caught and kept on this trip	caught (includi		and the number of fish you	
	Saltwater fish species	Fished for? ✓	Total number of fish caught	Number of fish caught and kept	
На	alibut				
Ki	ing salmon				
Si	lver salmon				
Ot	ther salmon (red, pink, or chum)				
Li	ngcod				
Ro	ockfish				
C7	About how much total time the water during this trip?	(in hours and m		ally have a fishing pole in	
C8	Was saltwater fishing the pr	rimary purpose	of this trip? Check one	box.	
	☐ Yes ☐ No				

C9 Approximately how much money did you <u>personally</u> spend for yourself and others during this trip? Do not include any costs paid by others. If you didn't spend money on an item, please write "0".

Fishing-related costs	Your costs for this (round to nearest de
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	
Fishing lodge/package costs	\$
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:	\$
How many people, including yourself, were the trip expenses in	n C9 for?
Adults Children under 18	

Your Alaska Saltwater Sport Fishing Trip Preferences

In Alaska, do you prefer saltwater or freshwater fishing? Check the box of the best answer.

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

D1

D2 D3	☐ I prefer saltwater fishing ☐ I prefer freshwater fishing ☐ I do not have a preference ☐ I don't know In Alaska, do you prefer to saltwater for private boat (yours, a friend's, or one) ☐ I prefer fishing from a charter boat ☐ I prefer fishing from a private boat ☐ I do not have a preference ☐ I don't know Many things may influence the type of important are each of the following to	you rented f <u>Alaska sa</u>	l)? Check t	he box of the	e best answe	er.
		Not important at all	A little important	Somewhat important	Very important	Extremely important
~ -	of fishing (charter boat fishing, te boat fishing, or from shore)					
Numb	per of days fishing					
Type	of fish targeted					
-	bag or take limit: number of fish you eep					
	mit: limits on the size of fish you can (maximum or minimum size limits)					
Fishin	ng trip cost					

The next four questions ask you to choose which you like best between 3 things: two different types of <u>Southcentral Alaska saltwater boat fishing experiences</u> (Choice A and Choice B) or doing something else instead of saltwater boat fishing (Choice C).

Choice A and Choice B may differ from fishing experiences you have had, <u>particularly in how much they cost and in the bag and size limits</u>, but we would still like to know your opinions about them.

- ➤ In each question, the saltwater fishing experiences (Choices A and B) are the same except for the differences you see in the table.
- Assume you have access to a private boat when considering private boat fishing trips.
- > Some trips may have a **maximum** size limit on the halibut that can be caught and kept, or a **minimum** size limit on the salmon 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 boat 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
Type of boat	Charter boat	Private boat	
Number of fishing days	2 days	2 days	
Fish targeted	Halibut	Halibut	
Bag (take) limit	1 per day (2 total)	3 per day (6 total)	Do something else in
Size limit	No fish larger than 20 lbs	No size limit	Southcentral Alaska other
Fish targeted	King salmon	Silver salmon	than saltwater boat fishing
Bag (take) limit	2 per day (4 total)	6 per day (12 total)	Jour Homing
Size limit	No fish smaller than 12 lbs	No size limit	
Cost per person	\$450	\$150	
	Choice A	Choice B	Choice C
Which do you like <u>best</u> ? Check one box>			
Which do you like second best? Check one box>			

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

	Choice A	Choice B	Choice C
Type of boat	Private boat	Private boat	
Number of fishing days	1 day	1 day	
Fish targeted	Halibut	Silver salmon	
Bag (take) limit	2 per day (2 total)	6 per day (6 total)	Do something else in
Size limit	No size limit	No size limit	Southcentral Alaska other
Fish targeted	None	Halibut	than saltwater boat fishing
Bag (take) limit		2 per day (2 total)	boat fishing
Size limit		No size limit	
Cost per person	\$80	\$100	
	Choice A	Choice B	Choice C
Which do you like <u>best</u> ? Check one box>			
Which do you like second best? Check one box>			

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

	Choice A	Choice B	Choice C
Type of boat	Charter boat	Charter boat	
Number of fishing days	2 days	3 days	
Fish targeted	King salmon	Halibut	
Bag (take) limit	3 per day (6 total) No fish smaller than 10 lbs	2 per day (6 total) 1 fish any size; 1 fish no larger than 20 lbs	Do something else in Southcentral Alaska other
Fish targeted	None	Silver salmon	than saltwater boat fishing
Bag (take) limit		5 per day (15 total) No size limit	
Cost per person	\$600	\$900	
	Choice A	Choice B	Choice C
Which do you like <u>best</u> ? Check one box>			
Which do you like second best? 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	
Type of boat	Charter boat	Private boat		
Number of fishing days	1 day	4 days		
Fish targeted	Halibut	King salmon		
Bag (take) limit	3 per day (3 total)	2 per day (8 total)	Do something	
Size limit	1 fish any size; 2 fish no larger than 20 lbs	No fish smaller than 12 lbs	else in Southcentral Alaska other	
Fish targeted	None	Silver salmon	than saltwater boat fishing	
Bag (take) limit Number of fish you can keep each		6 per day (24 total)		
day (and in total) Size limit Restricts the size of fish you can keep		No size limit		
(length limits converted to pounds) Cost per person				
Can include charter/rental fees, transportation, food, and other costs	\$300	\$300		
	Choice A	Choice B	Choice C	
Which do you like <u>best</u> ? Check one box>				
Which do you like second best? 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 confident confident		Very confident	Extremely 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.

EI	Are you male or 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, <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, 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 □ American Indian or Alaska Native □ Black or African American □ White 				
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 □ Homemaker → SKIP TO NEXT PAGE □ Retired → SKIP TO NEXT PAGE □ Currently unemployed → SKIP TO NEXT PAGE
	 □ Disabled and unable to work → 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 \$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.

