## Alaska Saltwater Sport Fishing Survey

## Popular Alaska Saltwater Sport Fish

| Pacific Halibut |  |
| :---: | :---: |
|  | - Available throughout the season <br> - Average weight is about 25 pounds (range from 10 to over 100 pounds) <br> - 2011 daily bag (take) limit was 1 or 2 per day when charter fishing; 2 per day otherwise <br> - In 2011, there is a maximum size limit on halibut caught when charter fishing in Southeast Alaska |
| King Salmon (Chinook) |  |
|  | - Available throughout the season <br> - Average weight is about 25 pounds (range of 15 to over 50 pounds) <br> - 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 <br> - Minimum size limits and annual bag (take) limits apply in some areas |
| Silver Salmon (Coho) |  |
|  | - Available from June through September <br> - Average weight is about 11 pounds (range of 7 to over 15 pounds) <br> - 2011 daily bag (take) limit for non-king salmon varied from 5 to 10 ; in some areas only 2 may be silver salmon <br> - 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 <br> - Sometimes caught, but rarely fished for by sport anglers in SALTWATER <br> - 2011 daily bag (take) limit for all non-king salmon was a combined total of 5 to 10 in most areas <br> - Minimum size limits apply in some areas |
| Other Species |  |
|  | - Includes lingcod and rockfish <br> - For lingcod, 2011 daily bag (take) limit was 1 to 2 in most areas; minimum size limits apply in some areas <br> - 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 does not include salmon caught in rivers or in tidal saltwater at the mouth of a river.
$>$ A fishing trip is any trip that includes 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 before 2011? Check one box.

- Yes
[ No

A2 During 2011, how many different visits to Alaska that included saltwater fishing did you make from your home (outside Alaska)? Please write the number of visits in the space below.
$\qquad$ 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.
$\qquad$ freshwater fishing days
$\qquad$ 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.

- Southeast Alaska - see Map A
- Southcentral Alaska - see Map B
$\square$ 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 saltwater fishing trips for halibut, salmon, lingcod, or rockfish in Alaska? Check your response and follow the directions.
$\square$ Yes $\rightarrow$ CONTINUE TO NEXT PAGE
$\square$ No $\rightarrow$ SKIP TO PAGE 8

## Your Most Recent Visit to Alaska That Included Saltwater Fishing

The questions in this section are only about your most recent visit to Alaska 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 nonfishing outdoor activities).

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


Saltwater sport fishing as a reason for visiting Alaska $\qquad$

B2 Would you have made this most recent visit to Alaska if you were unable to go saltwater sport fishing? Check one box.

- Yes
- No

B3 During what month and year did this visit to Alaska begin?
Month: $\qquad$ Year: 20 $\qquad$

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.
$\qquad$ Days

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

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

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\ldots \text { ___ Children under } 18
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B7 On this visit, did you travel by plane to the State of Alaska?
$\square$ Yes $\rightarrow$ I flew into: $\quad \square$ Juneau $\square$ Petersburg $\square$ Ketchikan $\square$ Sitka
$\square$ No
B8 On this visit, did you take a cruise ship into the State of Alaska from a non-Alaska port? (e.g., Seattle, Vancouver)

- Yes $\rightarrow$ I took a $\qquad$ day cruise to Alaska departing from $\qquad$ (departure port)
- No

B9 On this visit, did you stay at a fishing lodge for all or part of your saltwater fishing?
$\square$ Yes $\rightarrow$ How much time did you spend traveling from the airport you flew into (or other point of entry into Alaska) and the lodge you stayed at? Please write the oneway travel time.
__ hours ___minutes

- No

B10 Approximately how much money did you personally 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
Your costs for this trip (round to nearest dollar)

## Travel expenses to and from Alaska

Transportation, food, and lodging costs while traveling to and from Alaska.

## Non-fishing expenses while in Alaska

Transportation, food, and lodging costs not related to fishing while in Alaska.

Fishing lodge/package costs.
\$ $\qquad$

## Fishing-related expenses while in Alaska

Transportation to and from saltwater fishing
Automobile/truck/RV fuel.
Automobile/truck/RV rental.
\$
\$ $\qquad$
\$ $\qquad$
\$ $\qquad$
Bus/taxi fares
\$
Train fare............................................................... \$ $\qquad$
Float/charter plane....................................................... \$ $\qquad$
Airline airfare........................................................... \$ $\qquad$
Ferry.......................................................................
\$ $\qquad$
Fishing-related food and lodging
Lodging (trailer parks, campgrounds, hotels, etc.)
\$
Food and drink (restaurant).
\$ $\qquad$
Food and drink (non-restaurant)
\$ $\qquad$

## Other fishing-related costs

Fish/combination license fees (only if bought on trip)
\$ $\qquad$
Guides or charter fees (including tips)................................ \$ $\qquad$
Fishing boat rental...................................................... . \$ $\qquad$
Fishing gear, bait (bought or rented for this trip).................. $\$$
Fish processing, freezing, packing, or shipping fees.............. \$
\$
Ice........................................................................ \$
Fishing derby entry fees................................................. \$
\$

Moorage or launch fees for this trip................................... \$
Gifts/souvenirs......................................................................... \$
\$ $\qquad$
Other: $\qquad$ \$
$\qquad$
$\qquad$
$\qquad$

B11 How many people, including yourself, were the fishing-related expenses you paid in B10 for?
Adults $\qquad$ 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 most recent visit to Alaska. As a reminder, a saltwater fishing trip is any trip that includes 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.
$\square$ Avid fishing. You had planned to saltwater fish for most, or all, of your time in Alaska.
$\square$ 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.
$\square$ 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.

| Fishing locations in Southeast Alaska (see Map A) | Number of days fished |
| :---: | :---: |
| Glacier Bay. <br> Haines or Skagway <br> Juneau or Auke Bay <br> Kake. $\qquad$ <br> $\square$ Ketchikan $\qquad$ <br> - Petersburg $\qquad$ <br> - Prince of Wales $\qquad$ <br> - Sitka. $\qquad$ <br> - Wrangell. $\qquad$ <br> - Yakutat. $\qquad$ <br> - Other location in Southeast 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 <br> 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 fished in saltwater for this species, the total number of fish you caught (including any you released), and the number of fish you caught and kept 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............................... | $\square$ |  |  |
| King salmon......................... | $\square$ |  |  |
| Silver salmon......................... | $\square$ |  |  |
| Other salmon (red, pink, or chum)... | $\square$ |  |  |
| Lingcod.............................. | $\square$ |  |  |
| Rockfish.............................. | $\square$ |  |  |

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

Hours $\qquad$ Minutes $\qquad$

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

| $\square$ | Locations in Southeast Alaska <br> (see Map A) |
| :--- | :--- |
| $\square$ | Angoon (Admiralty Island) |
| $\square$ | Auke Bay |
| $\square$ | Chichagof |
| $\square$ | Craig (Prince of Wales Island) |
| $\square$ | Edna Bay (Prince of Wales Island) |
| $\square$ | Elfin Cove (Chichagof Island) |
| $\square$ | Glacier Bay |
| $\square$ | Haines |
| $\square$ | Hoonah |
| $\square$ | Juneau |
| $\square$ | Kake |
| $\square$ | Ketchikan |
| $\square$ | Petersburg |
| $\square$ | Sitka |
| $\square$ | Skagway |
| $\square$ | Wrangell |
| $\square$ | Yakutat |
| $\square$ | Other location in Southeast Alaska: |
|  |  |


| $\square$ | Locations in Southcentral Alaska <br> (see Map B) |
| :--- | :--- |
| $\square$ | Anchorage and surrounding areas |
| $\square$ | Anchor Point |
| $\square$ | Cordova |
| $\square$ | Clam Gulch |
| $\square$ | Dillingham (Bristol Bay) |
| $\square$ | Deep Creek or Ninilchik |
| $\square$ | Homer |
| $\square$ | Kenai (city) |
| $\square$ | King Cove (Alaska Peninsula) |
| $\square$ | Kodiak (Kodiak Island) |
| $\square$ | Moose Pass |
| $\square$ | Old Harbor (Kodiak Island) |
| $\square$ | Seldovia |
| $\square$ | Seward |
| $\square$ | Soldotna |
| $\square$ | Valdez |
| $\square$ | Whittier |
| $\square$ | Other location in Southcentral Alaska: |
|  |  |

C7 On average, about how much time 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: $\qquad$ hours $\qquad$ minutes

## Your Alaska Saltwater Sport Fishing Trip Preferences

This section asks about your preferences for Alaska saltwater fishing trips. Even if you have not saltwater fished in Alaska, 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 I prefer saltwater fishing
I I prefer freshwater fishing
I 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.

- 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)
I I do not have a preference

- I don't know

D3 Many things may influence the type of Alaska saltwater fishing trip 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 |  |$\quad$| Somewhat |
| :---: |
| important | | Very |
| :---: |
| important | | Extremely |
| :---: |
| important |

Fishing area $\qquad$

Number of days fishing $\qquad$

Type of fish targeted $\qquad$

Daily bag or take limit: number of fish you can keep $\qquad$
Size limit: limits on the size of fish you can keep (maximum or minimum size limits).

Fishing trip cost. $\qquad$

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 Alaska saltwater charter boat fishing experiences (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 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 charter fishing in Alaska.

D4 Choice A, Choice B, and Choice C are described in the columns 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........................ | Southcentral | Southeast |  |
| Number of fishing days.......... | 2 days | 2 days |  |
| Fish targeted...................... | Halibut | Halibut |  |
| Bag (take) limit. $\qquad$ Number of fish you can keep each day (and in total) | 1 per day <br> (2 total) | 3 per day (6 total) |  |
| Size limit............................... <br> Restricts the size of fish you can keep (length limits converted to pounds using standard length-weight charts) | No size limit | 1 fish any size; 2 fish no larger than 20 lbs | else in Alaska other than saltwater |
| Fish targeted...................... | King salmon | Silver salmon | charter boat |
| Bag (take) limit....................... Number of fish you can keep each day (and in total) | 2 per day <br> (4 total) | 6 per day <br> (12 total) | fishing |
| Size limit $\qquad$ Restricts the size of fish you can keep (length limits converted to pounds using standard length-weight charts) | No fish smaller than 12 lbs | No size limit |  |
| Cost per person....................... (Fishing-related COSTS only) Can include charter/rental fees, | \$500 | \$500 |  |
|  | Choice A | Choice B | Choice C |
| Which do you like best? Check one box | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |
| Which do you like second best? |  |  |  |
| Check one box------> | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |
|  | 9 |  |  |

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....................... | Southcentral | Southcentral |  |
| Number of fishing days.......... | 1 day | 1 day |  |
| Fish targeted....................... | Halibut | Halibut |  |
| Bag (take) limit. $\qquad$ Number of fish you can keep each day (and in total) | 2 per day <br> (2 total) | 1 per day <br> (1 total) |  |
| Size limit $\qquad$ <br> Restricts the size of fish you can keep (length limits converted to pounds using standard length-weight charts) | No fish larger than 20 lbs | No fish larger than 22 lbs | Do something else in Alaska other than saltwater |
| Fish targeted..................... | No second fish species | Silver salmon | charter boat fishing |
| Bag (take) limit...................... Number of fish you can keep each day (and in total) |  | 6 per day <br> (6 total) |  |
| Size limit. $\qquad$ Restricts the size of fish you can keep (length limits converted to pounds using standard length-weight charts) |  | No size limit |  |
| Cost per person........................ (Fishing-related COSTS only) Can include charter/rental fees, | \$300 | \$350 |  |
|  | Choice A | Choice B | Choice C |
| Which do you like best? |  |  |  |
| Check one box------> | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |
| Which do you like second best? |  |  |  |
| Check one box------> | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |

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....................... | Southeast | Southeast |  |
| Number of fishing days........... | 2 days | 3 day |  |
| Fish targeted..................... | King salmon | Halibut |  |
| Bag (take) limit $\qquad$ Number of fish you can keep each day (and in total) | 3 per day <br> (6 total) | 1 per day <br> (3 total) |  |
| Size limit. Restricts the size of fish you can keep (length limits converted to pounds using standard length-weight charts) | No size limit | No fish larger than 20 lbs | Do something else in Alaska other than saltwater |
| Fish targeted...................... | No second fish species | Silver salmon | charter boat fishing |
| Bag (take) limit.................... Number of fish you can keep each day (and in total) |  | $\begin{aligned} & 5 \text { per day } \\ & \text { (15 total) } \end{aligned}$ |  |
| Size limit............................. Restricts the size of fish you can keep (length limits converted to pounds using standard length-weight charts) |  | No size limit |  |
| Cost per person. (Fishing-related COSTS only) Can include charter/rental fees, | \$600 | \$1,000 |  |
|  | Choice A | Choice B | Choice C |
| Which do you like best? Check one box | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |
| Which do you like second best? Check one box------> | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |

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



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 |
| $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |

## 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 $\qquad$
E3 How many years of fishing experience do you have fishing for any species anywhere?
$\qquad$ years

E4 How many people, including yourself, do you live with in each of the following age groups? If none for a category please write " 0 ".
$\qquad$ Under 18 18 to 35 $\qquad$ 36 to 60 $\qquad$ Over 60

E5 How many people, including yourself, do you live with who work outside the home? If none for a category, please write " 0 ".
$\qquad$ Full-time worker $\qquad$ 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
$\square$ 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.
$\square$ Yes

- No

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

| $\square$ Asian | Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander |
| :--- | :--- |
| American Indian or Alaska Native |  |
| $\square$ Black or African American |  |

E9 What was your household income (before taxes) in 2011? Check one box.
$\begin{array}{ll}\text { Less than } \$ 10,000 \\ \text { Le } & \$ 10,000 \text { to } \$ 19,999 \\ \text { - } \$ 20,000 \text { to } \$ 29,999 \\ \text { [30,000 to } \$ 39,999 \\ \text { - } \$ 40,000 \text { to } \$ 49,999 \\ \text { [50,000 to } \$ 59,999\end{array}$

- \$60,000 to \$79,999
- \$80,000 to \$99,999
- \$100,000 to \$124,999
- \$125,000 to \$149,999
- \$150,000 to \$200,000
- \$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
$\square$ Student
- Homemaker $\rightarrow$ SKIP TO NEXT PAGE
$\square$ Retired $\rightarrow$ SKIP TO NEXT PAGE
$\square$ Currently unemployed $\rightarrow$ SKIP TO NEXT PAGE
$\square$ Disabled and unable to work $\rightarrow$ SKIP TO NEXT PAGE
$\square$ Other (please specify) $\qquad$
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.
$\qquad$ Hours per week
E12 Approximately what is your hourly wage rate? Check one box.
U 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.

## 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!

