



Sportfishing in Cordova

HOW TO BE A SAFE, LEGAL & ETHICAL ANGLER

Safety First

Stay Legal

Be Considerate



Be bear aware! Don't leave attractants like carcasses and trash, including used bait bags, on the beach or shore. Fishing with roe attracts bears to the beach.



Clean your fish at an open, designated fish cleaning station!



Boaters are legally responsible for their own wake and any resulting injury.



DRESS WELL - Life Jackets are required for 12 year olds and under. PFD, hat, sunglasses, and weather-appropriate clothing is recommended. Wear layers.



Give space to other anglers. Keep a safe distance from those who are casting.



Alcohol, firearms and boats don't mix. Practice common sense safety.



Get a fishing license for each member of your party (in-state 18 and older, out of state 16 and older)



KNOW THE REGULATIONS See the Southcentral AK Sport Fishing Regulations Summary, PWS section distributed by ADF&G (scan QR code below)



Some KING salmon fisheries require a king salmon stamp. Refer to the Regs to see if you need one.



In ALL fresh waters (year round) and the Cordova terminal harvest area – snagging of fish is NOT allowed. If you plan to retain a fish in these areas as part of your bag limit, it must be hooked IN THE MOUTH.



Use single hooks instead of treble hooks. Crimp barbs when fishing catch and release.



Pick up all your trash!



Kill the fish quickly - pull the gills or hit hard on the top of the head. Harvest any fish that is bleeding, even slightly as it will not survive.



If practicing catch & release: keep the fish in the water, use a tool to unhook it without touching it, and try not to let it flop around.



Release rigs are available from ADF&G to decompress rockfish in order to minimize mortality rates when releasing.



Stop the spread of aquatic invasive species! CLEAN, DRAIN, and DRY your gear before visiting new waterbodies.

MORE INFO HERE!

Scan this QR Code for the full PWS sport fishing regulations.



HELP
PROTECT AQUATIC
ECOSYSTEMS

DO YOUR PART TO



SUSTAIN
HEALTHY FISH
POPULATIONS