

# ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

## *Division of Sport Fish*



### **Catch-and-Release** of a Trophy Fish - Minimum Lengths to Qualify

\* Keep king and coho salmon as well as steelhead trout in the water when measuring/photographing. If possible, please provide a photo of the fish on a measuring tape to verify accuracy of measurement.

<b>Species</b>	<b>Min. Length</b>
<b>Arctic Char/Dolly Varden</b>	27 inches
<b>Arctic grayling</b>	18 inches
<b>Brook Trout</b>	18 inches
<b>Burbot</b>	30 inches
<b>Chum salmon</b>	32 inches
<b>Coho salmon</b>	32 inches
<b>King salmon</b>	45 inches
<b>Sockeye salmon</b>	30 inches
<b>Pink salmon</b>	25 inches
<b>Coastal cutthroat trout (sea-run)</b>	20 inches
<b>Lake trout</b>	34 inches
<b>Lingcod</b>	50 inches
<b>Northern pike</b>	40 inches
<b>Rainbow/steelhead trout</b>	28 inches
<b>Nonpelagic Rockfish</b> (see qualifying species on next page)	30 inches
<b>Pelagic Rockfish</b> (see qualifying species on next page)	25 inches
<b>Sheefish</b>	36 inches

## Nonpelagic rockfish

While any nonpelagic rockfish species would qualify for a catch-and-release trophy, the more commonly caught nonpelagic rockfish that would generally meet the minimum length requirements for a catch-and-release trophy include, yelloweye, silvergray, shortraker, and roughey. For additional nonpelagic rockfish species, visit our rockfish identification page here: [www.adfg.alaska.gov/rockfish](http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/rockfish). Always use a deepwater release mechanism to release rockfish that are not harvested.

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## Pelagic rockfish

While any pelagic rockfish species would qualify for a catch-and-release trophy, the more commonly caught pelagic rockfish that would generally meet the minimum length requirements for a catch-and-release trophy include, black, yellowtail, and widow. For additional pelagic rockfish species, visit our rockfish identification page here: [www.adfg.alaska.gov/rockfish](http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/rockfish). Always use a deepwater release mechanism to release rockfish that are not harvested.

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## Measuring your fish



Measurements of fish are from the tip of the nose of the fish to the tip of the tail. If possible, please provide a photo of the fish on a measuring tape to verify accuracy.

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