

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.

Species	Min. Length
Arctic Char/Dolly Varden	27 inches
Arctic grayling	18 inches
Brook Trout	18 inches
Burbot	30 inches
Chum salmon	32 inches
Coho salmon	32 inches
King salmon	45 inches
Sockeye salmon	30 inches
Pink salmon	25 inches
Coastal cutthroat trout (sea-run)	20 inches
Lake trout	34 inches
Lingcod	50 inches
Northern pike	40 inches
Rainbow/steelhead trout	30 inches
Nonpelagic Rockfish (see qualifying species on next page)	30 inches
Pelagic Rockfish (see qualifying species on next page)	25 inches
Sheefish	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, shorttraker, and roughey. For additional nonpelagic rockfish species, visit our rockfish identification page here: www.adfg.alaska.gov/rockfish. Always use a deepwater release mechanism to release rockfish that are not harvested.

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. Always use a deepwater release mechanism to release rockfish that are not harvested.

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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