

# Trophy Fish Program — Youth Category

## ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

### Division of Sport Fish



## Youth 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	25 inches
Arctic grayling	16 inches
Brook Trout	16 inches
Burbot	28 inches
Chum salmon	30 inches
Coho salmon	30 inches
King salmon	45 inches
Sockeye salmon	28 inches
Pink salmon	25 inches
Coastal cutthroat trout (sea-run)	16 inches
Lake trout	30 inches
Lingcod	45 inches
Northern pike	35 inches
Rainbow/steelhead trout	25 inches
Nonpelagic Rockfish (see qualifying species on next page)	25 inches
Pelagic Rockfish (see qualifying species on next page)	20 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, 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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