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For the first time in the history of Alaska, separate protective regulations to assure maintenance of its game fish populations have been issued, it was announced today by Secretary of the Interior Harold L. Ickes.

Sport fishing in the Territory has increased so rapidly in recent years that it was found advisable to issue game fish regulations separately from those governing the commercial fisheries, thus assuring the future supply of rainbow, steelhead, cutthroat and eastern brook trout, and the grayling.

In general, the regulations prohibit: "Fishing for game fish in the fresh waters of Alaska by means of nets, traps, or set lines, except for personal use.

"The use or placement of any explosive in the waters of Alaska for the purpose of taking fish.

"In Russian River, flowing into Kenai River, and in Buskin River, near Kodiak, and all lakes and tributaries thereof, game fish may be taken only by means of artificial lures."

The open season for game fishing in Russian River, Buskin River, and tributary waters is from June 5 to September 30, while May 1 to September 30 is the open season in Dewey Lakes and Salmon Creek Reservoir.

Bag limits for one person are restricted to a daily take of not "more than a combined total of 25 game fish or more than 25 pounds and one game fish of all species, and no person shall have in his possession at any one time more than a combined total of 50 game fish of all species or more than 50 pounds and one game fish of all species."

However, in Russian River, flowing into Kenai River, and in Buskin River near Kodiak, "no person shall take in any one day more than a combined total of 15 game fish of all species or more than 10 pounds and one game fish of all species, and no person shall have in his possession at any one time more than a combined total of 30 game fish of all species or more than 20 pounds and one game fish of all species."

Another exception provides: "these bag limits shall not apply to game fish taken for personal use or dog feed by native Indians and Eskimos or other persons when in need of such food."

"All commercial fishing for game fish, including fishing for feed for fur-bearing animals is prohibited in the streams and lakes of Alaska."

Commercial fishing for Dolly Varden trout is also prohibited "in the streams and lakes of Alaska east of 138 degrees west longitude."

Copies of the Alaska game fish regulations may be obtained from the Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior.