



## **Fish Stocking**

The stocking of lakes with hatchery-reared fish began in Alaska in the 1950s and has become an integral component of the Alaska Department of Fish and Game. Initially, stocking brought species from the Pacific Northwest and from around Alaska into non-native areas with the intent to establish populations. These practices are no longer acceptable and aren't carried out. Currently, over 300 lakes in Southeast, Southcentral, and Interior Alaska are stocked with hatchery-produced fish.

Unlike the past, fish stocking is now strictly regulated in Alaska. Statutes and administrative codes address and govern the transportation and possession of live fish. These policies guide the Division of Sport Fish stocking projects which in turn benefit recreational anglers.