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**ALEUTIAN ISLANDS STATE-WATERS SABLEFISH
CLOSURE REMINDER**

The 2018 Aleutian Islands state-waters sablefish fishery guideline harvest level will not be reached prior to closure of the federal IFQ sablefish season; therefore, the state-waters sablefish season will close at 12:00 noon on November 7, 2018, concurrent with the adjacent federal IFQ sablefish season closure.

Following the closure, state-waters fishery participants must deliver their catch within 72 hours. In the event a vessel cannot be offloaded within 72 hours after the closure, the vessel operator must contact the department for an extension.

For more information, contact the Alaska Department of Fish and Game in Dutch Harbor at (907) 581-1239.

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