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**CALL FOR VESSEL OWNERS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE NORTHERN
SOUTHEAST INSIDE WATERS (NSEI) SABLEFISH LONGLINE SURVEY**

The Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) is seeking to charter two commercial fishing vessels to conduct the longline survey assessing the relative abundance of sablefish in the Northern Southeast Inside (NSEI; Chatham Strait) Subdistrict. One survey vessel will fish the northern portion and the other vessel will fish the southern portion. The chartered longline vessels will be contracted for up to 14 days beginning approximately July 31, 2022.

The survey encompasses 14 longline sets in each portion of Chatham Strait and will require seven or eight days of fishing and travel time, but weather or mechanical problems could extend this duration. Tentative fishing dates are August 3–9, 2022. Two department employees will be deployed on each chartered vessel to collect survey data. The department will provide bait, hooks, and longline skates for the survey. Meals and accommodations for each department employee onboard the vessel will be provided by each contract vessel for the duration of the survey.

Interested vessel owners must provide a captain with at least five (5) years of experience as a captain operating a longline fishing vessel (the type and size of vessel specified for this survey) in Alaskan waters, and the captain must be experienced in the use of modern navigational and fish-detecting equipment. In addition, at least three crew members must be provided, two of whom are required to each have a minimum of three (3) full years of longlining experience and should be proficient in all duties normally required in a longline fishing operation using conventional gear. The remaining crewmember(s) must be capable of all these tasks, but three years of experience is not required. Chartered vessels must provide evidence of having successfully completed a United States Coast Guard Commercial Fisheries Vessel Safety Inspection in the 12 months preceding the start of the survey. Additional details are provided in the charter bid packet.

Vessel owners interested in participating in the survey can find the bid packet online at:

<https://aws.state.ak.us/OnlinePublicNotices/Notices/View.aspx?id=207151>.

Bid packets are due no later than 2:00 p.m., Friday, July 1, 2022, to Kristie Ely, Procurement Officer at kristie.ely@alaska.gov (907-465-6178).

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