



Advisory Announcement
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REGULATORY UPDATES FOR PERSONAL USE AND SUBSISTENCE SABLEFISH FISHERY

Regulations adopted at the 2022 Southeast Board of Fisheries meeting for the personal use and subsistence sablefish fishery will become effective **September 25, 2022** (<https://aws.state.ak.us/OnlinePublicNotices/Notices/View.aspx?id=207942>) and are summarized as follows:

Legal Gear

- Pots must have at least **two circular escape rings, with a minimum inside diameter of three and three-fourths inches**, installed on opposing vertical or sloping walls of the pot and **individual tunnel eye openings with perimeters of 36 inches or less** [5 AAC 01.720 (5) and 5 AAC 77.674(6)(E)(iii)].

Permit holders are reminded that groundfish pot gear requires a sidewall containing an escapement opening equal to or exceeding 18 inches in length that must be laced, sewn, or secured together by a single length of untreated, 100-percent cotton twine, no larger than 30 thread of which may be knotted at each end only and must be parallel to and within six inches of the bottom of the pot [5 AAC 39.145 (1)].

A permit is required to participate in the sablefish personal use and subsistence fishery and is available through the department's online store at: www.adfg.alaska.gov/Store/. Permit holders are required to report their harvest either online anytime at: <https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/Harvest/> or by turning the completed permit at the end of the season.

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