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Aleutian Islands State-Waters Sablefish Fishery Closure Emergency Order # 4-GF-20-23

The 2023 Aleutian Islands state-waters sablefish fishery will close for all gear types at 11:59pm AKDT October 1, 2023. Fish ticket data indicate the guideline harvest level will be reached at the time of the closure. Following the closure, state-waters fishery participants must deliver their catch within 72 hours.

All vessels fishing inside state waters west of Scotch Cap Light (164° 44.72' W longitude) and south of Cape Sarichef (54° 36' N latitude), including those participating in federal IFQ or Community Development Quota (CDQ) halibut or sablefish fisheries, may not retain sablefish for the remainder of the year.

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

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