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SABLEFISH TAG RECOVERY DRAWING WINNERS

Sitka. . . The Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) announced today the winners of the annual tag recovery incentive drawing for sablefish tags returned in 2015. The winners are:

1. Richard Mulligan	Phyllis Ann	Sitka, AK	\$1,000
2. Duane Torgeson	Republic	Sitka, AK	\$500
3. Randy Beason	Kaia	Douglas, AK	\$500
4. Dan Goodwin	Kimber	Petersburg, AK	\$250
5. Dwight Riederer	Falcon	Enumclaw, WA	\$250
6. Bill Hammer, Jr.	Silver Lady	Port Townsend, WA	\$250
7. Zak Wass	Hula Girl	Sitka, AK	\$250

All persons who return an ADF&G sablefish tag receive a tag reward (i.e. hat, T-shirt, or fishermen's knife). Tag returns with valid recovery information (date of recovery and latitude and longitude) are entered into a random drawing for a cash prize. A total of 1,207 ADF&G sablefish tags were returned; 582 tags qualified for the drawing.

The department has been tagging sablefish in Southeast Alaska since 1979 to obtain information on sablefish movement, growth, and abundance. Tags are bright orange or green in color, approximately three inches in length, and are located below the first dorsal fin. Sablefish tagged in the internal waters of Southeast Alaska have been recovered from as far away as Northern California and the Pribilof Islands in the Bering Sea. Movement information collected from tagging studies is important to the management of sablefish fisheries and the department appreciates the participation of fishermen and processors in this program. Information detailing the release and recovery of tag returns may be requested from ADF&G staff.

For additional information on groundfish fisheries, visit the Southeast Regional Groundfish Fisheries web site: <http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=commercialbyareasoutheast.groundfish>.

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