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# ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

## DIVISION OF COMMERCIAL FISHERIES

### NEWS RELEASE



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#### **IFQ SABLEFISH FISHING PROHIBITED IN STATE WATERS OF SOUTHEAST ALASKA**

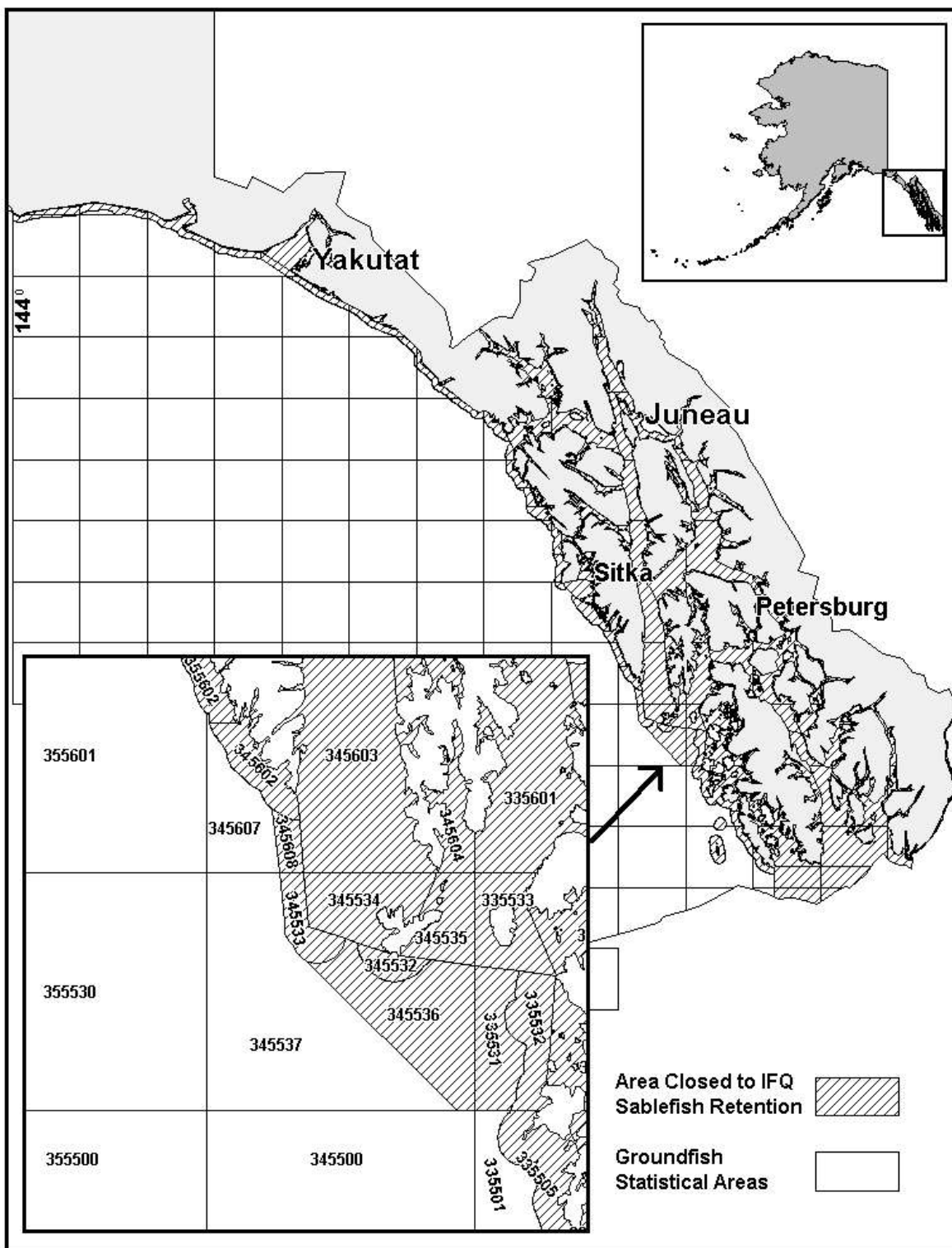
Sitka. . . The Alaska Department of Fish and Game reminds participants in the federal Individual Fishing Quota (IFQ) sablefish fishery that IFQ harvest of sablefish is prohibited in all state waters of the Southeast District. This includes internal state waters, waters of the outer coast within the three nautical mile line (0-3 miles), and waters east of the Fishery Limit Line between Cape Ommaney and 55°30.00' N. latitude. The areas closed to the harvest of IFQ sablefish are outlined in Figure 1. on page 2.

For additional information on federal IFQ fisheries for sablefish and halibut contact NOAA Enforcement at (907) 747-6940 (Sitka), (907) 586-7225 (Juneau), (907) 772-2285 (Petersburg), or (907) 247-5804 (Ketchikan).

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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**Figure 1. Waters of Alaska closed to IFQ sablefish fishing.**

**\*\*This map is for general information purposes only\*\***