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# ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

## DIVISION OF COMMERCIAL FISHERIES

### NEWS RELEASE



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#### **SOUTHEAST ALASKA COMMERCIAL GROUND FISH REGULATORY ANNOUNCEMENT**

Sitka... The Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) announced today that new regulations affecting groundfish season, gear and landing requirements for fisheries in the Eastern Gulf of Alaska Area will become effective on June 17, 2018. These regulations were adopted by the Alaska Board of Fisheries on January 22, 2018.

#### **5 AAC 28.110 (a)(2)**

The Southern Southeast Inside (SSEI) Subdistrict sablefish season was amended to allow longline and pot permit holders to take sablefish from 8:00 a.m., June 1 until 12:00 noon, November 15.

#### **5 AAC 28.130 (f)**

In the SSEI directed sablefish fishery, pots used to take sablefish must have at least two circular escape rings with a minimum inside diameter of four inches installed on opposing vertical or sloping walls.

#### **5 AAC 28.170 (l)**

The holder of a CFEC permit or interim use permit for sablefish may possess live sablefish for delivery as a live product except that, upon request of a local representative of the department or law enforcement, a permit holder must present sablefish for inspection and allow biological samples to be taken.

#### **5 AAC 28.171 (d) & (e)**

DSR trip limits regulations were amended to prohibit the take, possession or delivery of DSR in excess of the trip limit amount in any 5-day period. A vessel or CFEC permit holder delivering a trip limit of DSR may not take or possess additional DSR until the trip limit period has expired. The East Yakutat (EYKT) Section DSR trip limit amount was reduced from 12,000 lb to 8,000 lb.

#### **5 AAC 28.190 (1)**

“Closely trimmed skeleton” was added to the list of fish parts of delivered and processed commercial sablefish, lingcod, and thornyhead, shorttraker, rougheye, and yelloweye rockfish that may be used for bait in a commercial fishery.

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