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SOUTHEAST ALASKA AREA PERSONAL USE SABLEFISH REGULATION ANNOUNCEMENT

Sitka. . . . The Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) announced today new regulations allowing the use of pot gear in the personal use sablefish fishery will become effective on June 17, 2018. These regulations were adopted by the Alaska Board of Fisheries on January 22, 2018.

5 AAC 77.674 (6)

A permit holder's personal use pot gear may not exceed two pots per permit holder or eight pots per vessel when four or more permit holders are present. Personal use sablefish pots may not be longlined and a buoy is required for each pot.

Pots used for personal use fishing must comply with escape mechanism requirements in 5 AAC 39.145.

These new regulations affect the personal use sablefish fishery only and do not apply to the subsistence sablefish pot fishery. In the Southeastern Alaska Area, the subsistence harvest of sablefish may only be prosecuted in those areas with a customary and traditional use finding (C&T) for bottomfish as described in 5 AAC 01.716. In areas without a C&T finding for bottomfish, personal use regulations apply. Subsistence and personal use sablefish fishery areas are detailed in Figure 1.

For additional information on groundfish personal use fisheries, visit the Southeast Alaska Personal Use Groundfish Fishery web site:
<http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=PersonalUsebyAreaSoutheastGroundfish.regs>.

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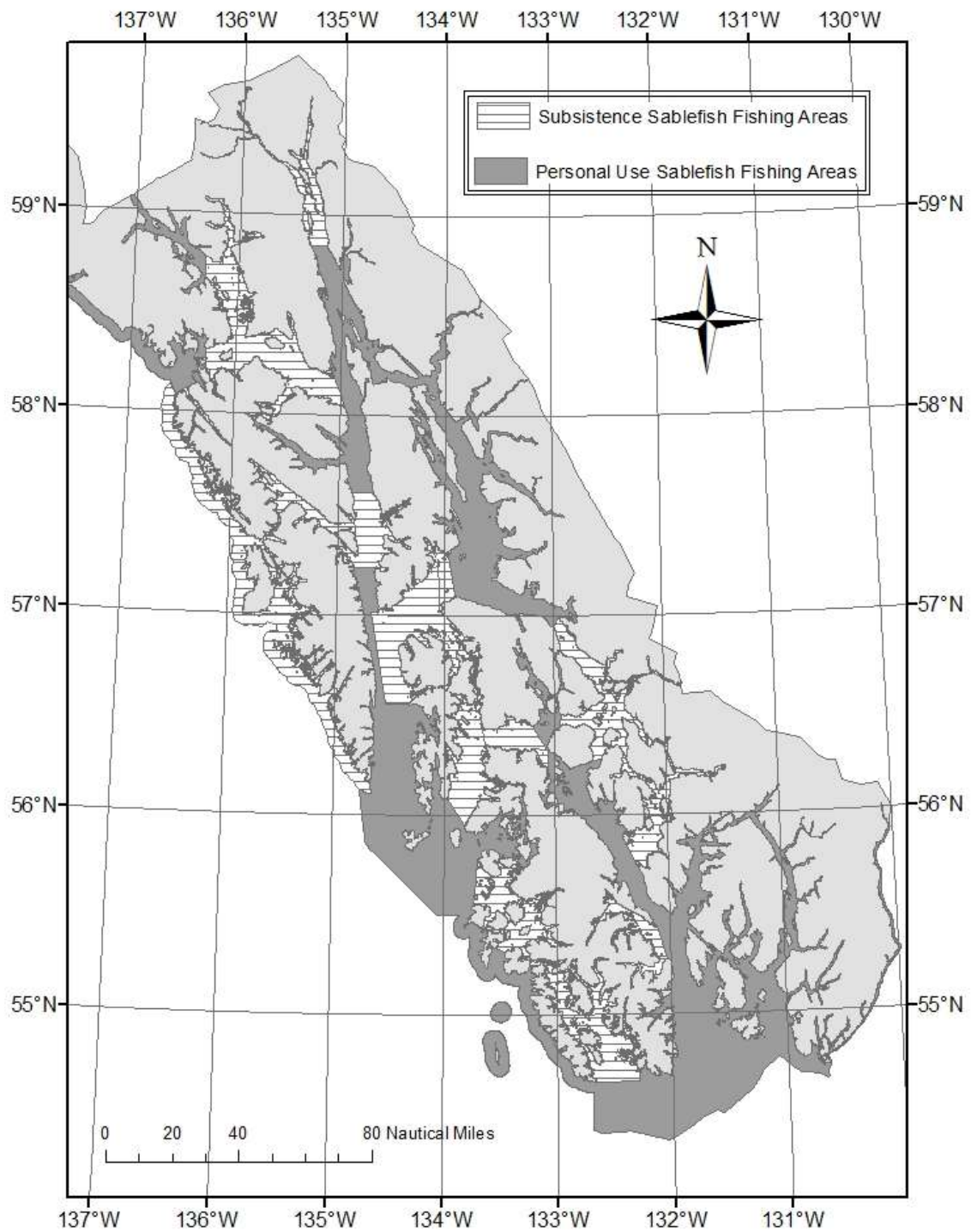


Figure 1. Southeast Alaska Area Sablefish Fishing Areas
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