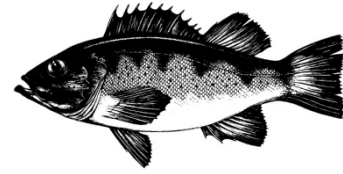


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**ALEUTIAN ISLANDS BLACK ROCKFISH  
GUIDELINE HARVEST LEVELS FOR THE 2012 SEASON ANNOUNCED**

The Aleutian Islands black rockfish management area, defined as state waters of the Aleutian Islands District in the Bering Sea-Aleutian Islands Area and the Western District of the South Alaska Peninsula Area, opens to commercial fishing for black rockfish on January 1, 2012.

The total 2012 guideline harvest level (GHL) for the black rockfish fishery is 90,000 pounds, round weight. The maximum black rockfish bycatch allowance in other groundfish fisheries is five percent. The GHL is distributed between three sections: Akutan, Unalaska and the Western sections. In the Akutan and Unalaska sections the GHL is further divided among several subsections to broadly distribute fishing effort. The Akutan Section has four subsections, and the Unalaska Section has five subsections. The sections and subsections are shown on Figure 1. The Aleutian Islands black rockfish management area is non-exclusive and gear types are limited to mechanical jig and hand troll. Fishermen using mechanical jig gear are limited to five jigging machines. A vessel owner or operator must register with ADF&G prior to fishing. Fishermen are required to complete and submit a logbook to the department for all fishing activity. Logbooks will be provided at the time of registration. Additionally, if delivering in the port of Dutch Harbor, fishermen are asked to notify the department prior to product delivery to facilitate dockside sampling. Logbook data and the results of dockside sampling will help inform managers of this fishery.

State waters south of Akutan Island between 165° 41' W longitude and 165° 46' W longitude (the south end of Green Bight to Talus Point) will remain closed to the retention of black rockfish due to concern about localized stock depletion of this slow-growing, long-lived, non-migratory species. Diagonal lines on Figure 1 denote the closed area.

The GHL for each section and subsection are as follows:

Akutan Section

Akutan Island Subsection	10,000
Akun Island Subsection	10,000
Rootok Island Subsection	5,600
<u>Tigalda Island Subsection</u>	<u>9,400</u>
TOTAL	35,000 pounds

Unalaska Section

Unalaska Bay/Wislow Subsection	3,000
Cape Kalekta/Unalga Island Subsection	3,600
West Unalaska Subsection	12,850
South Unalaska Subsection	12,300
<u>Beaver Inlet/Sedanka Island Subsection</u>	<u>3,250</u>
TOTAL	35,000 pounds

Western Section 20,000 pounds

Descriptions of sections are as follows:

Akutan Section

- Akutan Island Subsection – territorial waters adjacent to Akutan Island.
- Akun Island Subsection – territorial waters adjacent to Akun Island.
- Rootok Island Subsection – territorial waters adjacent to Rootok and Avatanak Islands.
- Tigalda Island Subsection – territorial waters adjacent to Tigalda and Ugamak Islands.

Unalaska Section

- Unalaska Bay/Wislow Subsection – between Koriga Point and Cape Kalekta.
- Cape Kalekta/Unalga Subsection – between Cape Kalekta and a line running due east from Brundage Point at 53° 55.89' N latitude.
- West Unalaska Subsection – between Konets Head and Koriga Point.
- South Unalaska Subsection – between 168° W longitude and the south end of Udagak Strait at 166° 16.17' W longitude.
- Beaver Inlet/Sedanka Island Subsection – state waters south of 53° 55.89' N latitude including waters of Beaver Inlet, Egg and Sedanka Islands to 166° 16.17' W longitude.

Western Section:

- All territorial waters of the Pacific Ocean and Bering Sea west of 168° W longitude.

For further information please contact ADF&G in Dutch Harbor at (907) 581-1239.

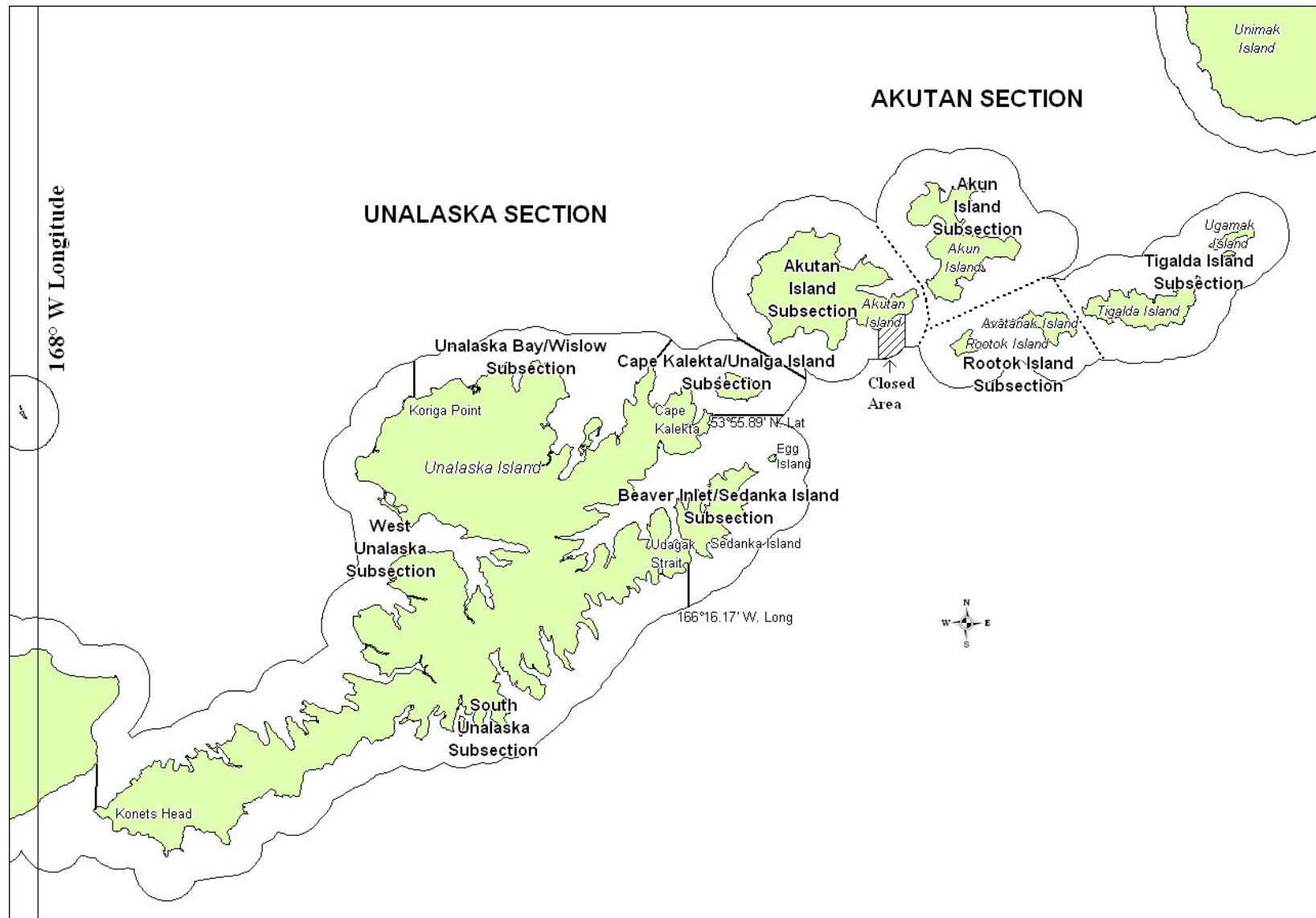


Figure 1. Unalaska and Akutan sections and subsections of the Aleutian Islands black rockfish fishery.