

Submitted by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game at the request of Board Member Ruffner.
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Substitute language for proposal 114

5 AAC 28.170. Sablefish possession and landing requirements for Eastern Gulf of Alaska Area

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(l) Notwithstanding 5 AAC 28.180, the holder of a CFEC permit or interim use permit for sablefish may possess live sablefish for delivery as a live product. 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 28.130. Lawful gear for Eastern Gulf of Alaska Area

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(f) In the Eastern Gulf of Alaska Area, pots may not be longlined, except that pots may be longlined in the Southern Southeast Inside Subdistrict sablefish fishery. At least one buoy on each groundfish pot must be legibly marked with only the permanent department vessel license plate number of the vessel operating the gear. The number must be placed on the top one-third of the buoy in numerals at least four inches high and one-half inch wide, must be in a color contrasting to the color of the buoy, and must be visible above the water surface when the buoy is attached to the groundfish pot. If groundfish pots are longlined under this subsection, a buoy is not required for each pot, but at least one buoy must be attached to the longline, and the buoy must be marked as described in this subsection. **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 to permit the escapement of immature sablefish.**