



Advisory Announcement
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**REGULATORY UPDATES FOR THE SUBSISTENCE AND PERSONAL USE
SABLEFISH FISHERY**

Regulations adopted at the 2025 Southeast Board of Fisheries meeting for the personal use and subsistence sablefish fishery will become effective **June 27, 2025**, (<https://aws.state.ak.us/OnlinePublicNotices/Notices/View.aspx?id=219750>) and are summarized as follows:

Legal Gear

- Pots may be longlined in the personal use sablefish fishery [5 AAC 77.674(6)(E)(ii)].
- Pots must have at least two circular escape rings, with a minimum inside diameter of three and one-half inches, installed on opposing vertical or sloping walls of the pot [5 AAC 01.720(5) and 5 AAC 77.674(6)(E)(iii)].
- Groundfish may be taken for personal use only by longline or hand line, except that sablefish, Pacific cod, and rockfish, including thornyhead rockfish, may be taken for personal use only by longline, hand held line, or pot gear [5 AAC 77.674(2)].

Participation in Subsistence, Personal Use, and Commercial Fisheries

A vessel or person onboard a vessel from which subsistence or personal use fishing gear was used to take groundfish for subsistence or personal use in the Northern Southeast Inside Subdistrict or the Southern Southeast Inside Subdistrict may not operate commercial fishing gear to take groundfish for commercial purposes from that vessel until all groundfish taken in the subsistence or personal use fisheries have been offloaded from the vessel and is subject to the restrictions in 5 AAC 28.180 [5 AAC 01.714(b) and 5 AAC 77.674(4)].

A permit is required to participate in the sablefish subsistence and personal use fishery and is available through the department's online store at: www.adfg.alaska.gov/Store/. Permit holders are required to report their harvest either online anytime at: <https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/Harvest/> or by turning the completed permit at the end of the season.

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