



Advisory Announcement

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2026 SOUTHEAST ALASKA GROUND FISH TAG RECOVERY DRAWING WINNERS

The Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) rewards all persons who return an ADF&G tag with a tag reward (e.g., hat or t-shirt). Additionally, each tag returned to the department with complete recovery information (fisher's name, date of recovery, and latitude and longitude) is entered into a random drawing for a cash prize. A total of 309 tags qualified for this year's drawing. The following people were randomly selected from the list of qualified tags as winners of the 2026 annual sablefish tag recovery incentive drawing:

1. Raymond Douville	F/V Faith	Craig, AK	\$1,000
2. Caleb Robbins	F/V Fairweather	Sitka, AK	\$500
3. Mark T. Hammer	F/V Silver Lady	Lake Havasu, AZ	\$500
4. William Connor	F/V Vis	Petersburg, AK	\$250
5. Robert Bateman	F/V Lea	Sitka, AK	\$250
6. Brent Harrington	F/V Shari Ann	Sitka, AK	\$250
7. Paul Dupree	F/V Kruzof	Petersburg, AK	\$250

The department has been tagging sablefish in Southeast Alaska since 1979 to obtain information on groundfish movement, growth, and abundance. Tags are typically bright orange or green, approximately three inches long, and are inserted below the first dorsal fin. Sablefish tagged in the internal waters of Southeast Alaska have been recovered from as far away as Northern California and the Pribilof Islands in the Bering Sea. Movement information collected from tagging studies is important to the management of fisheries, and the department appreciates the participation of fishers and processors in this program. Information detailing tag releases and recoveries may be requested from ADF&G staff.

For additional information on groundfish fisheries, visit the Southeast Regional Groundfish Fisheries website: <http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=commercialbyareasoutheast.groundfish>.

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