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RECORD COPY: PROPOSAL 19, ALTERNATE LANGUAGE

This RC is submitted to modify proposal 19, *modify the commercial fishing season for sablefish in Prince William Sound*, to align the dates with the amended language RC'd for proposal 20. Amendments are highlighted.

PROPOSAL 19 Alternate language

Modify the commercial fishing season for sablefish in Prince William Sound, as follows:

Amend 5 AAC 28.210 to read:

(b) Sablefish may be taken in the Inside District **during the "A" Season** from april 15 through **October 31** and during the "B" season from **November 15th - December 31st**. There is no open season for commercial sablefish fishing in the Outside District.

Amend 5 AAC 28.206 to read:

(c) In the Inside District, a Prince William Sound CFEC sablefish permit holder, or The permit holder's agent must register for the commercial sablefish fishery before 5:00 p.m. April 1st. **Registration for "B" season will open November 1st and close November 7th at 5:00 pm.**

Amend 5 AAC 28.272 to read

(c) In the Prince William Sound Area, the holder of a CFEC limited entry permit or interim-use permit to take sablefish may not take more than the [ANNUAL] **seasonal** amount specified by the department. The department will determine the [ANNUAL] **seasonal** amount as follows:

(1) the [ANNUAL] **“A” season** amount will be the sum of one-half of the annual harvest objective divided by the number of permit holders registered to fish in the commercial sablefish **“A”Season** fishery and one-half of the annual harvest objective multiplied by the average percentage of the harvest taken by the vessel category for which the CFEC permit was issued, as specified in 20 AAC 05.779, and divided by the number of permit holders registered to fish sablefish with the permits of that vessel category;

(2) the **“B” Season** amount will be the sum of one-half of the remaining annual harvest objective unharvested during the **“A” Season** divided by the number of permit holders registered to fish in the commercial sablefish **“B” Season** fishery and one-half of the annual harvest objective multiplied by the average percentage of the harvest taken by the vessel category for which the CFEC permit was issued, as specified in 20 AAC 05.779, and divided by the number of permit holders registered to fish sablefish with the permits of that vessel category.