

CORDOVA DISTRICT FISHERMEN UNITED
2024 BOARD OF FISHERIES
PRINCE WILLIAM SOUND MEETING
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RECORD COPY: PROPOSAL 20, ALTERNATE LANGUAGE

This RC is submitted to combine the 3 proposals that address season dates for sablefish.

Proposals 18 and 24 ask to extend the fall season to October 31st. Proposals 20 and 24 ask to extend the season earlier in the spring. After meeting with many participants and commenters, we offer the following alternate language that expands the season to encompass all dates the proposers requests. Amended language highlighted.

PROPOSAL 20

5 AAC 28.210. Fishing seasons for Prince William Sound Area. 5 AAC 28.206. PrinceWilliam Sound Area registration.

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 <u>beginning concurrent with the opening of the federal sablefish IFQ fishery</u> [FROM APRIL 15] through <u>October</u>

31st [AUGUST 31] 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 1] <u>February 15th</u>