

PROPOSAL 195 – 5 AAC 28.640. Aleutian Islands District and Western District of the South Alaska Peninsula Area Sablefish Management Plan. Update logbook requirements for Aleutian Islands state-waters sablefish fishery, as follows:

5 AAC 28.640(g) is amended to read:

(g) An operator of a vessel fishing for sablefish in the Aleutian Islands District and Western District of the South Alaskan Peninsula Area shall maintain an accurate logbook of all fishing operations for each type of gear used [EACH VESSEL OPERATOR SHALL OBTAIN AND COMPLETE A LOGBOOK PROVIDED BY THE DEPARTMENT FOR ALL FISHING ACTIVITY IN THE WATERS OF ALASKA UNDER THIS SECTION. THE LOGBOOK MUST BE ON BOARD THE VESSEL AT ALL TIMES AND COPIES OF EACH LOGBOOK PAGE CORRESPONDING WITH AN ADF&G FISH TICKET FOR SABLEFISH MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE DEPARTMENT WITHIN SEVEN DAYS OF LANDING]. **The following requirements apply to a logbook under this subsection:**

(1) a logbook must

(A) include the date, specific locations of harvest by latitude and longitude, type and number of gear, average depth, and hours fished for each set of gear;

(B) include, for the target species, the round weight of fish retained and discarded;

(C) be updated within 24 hours after midnight local time on the day of operation;

(D) be retained, with its original pages, for a period of two years by the owner or operator of the vessel;

(E) be kept on board the vessel while operating gear, during transits to or from a port of landing, and for 14 days after landing sablefish;

(F) be made available to a local representative of the department upon request;

(2) a copy of each logbook page described in this subsection corresponding with an ADF&G fish ticket must be submitted to the department within seven days of the landing;

(3) a person may not make a false entry in the logbook described in this section.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Existing sablefish fishery logbook regulations for the Aleutian Islands District of the Bering Sea-Aleutian Islands Area and Western District of the South Alaska Peninsula Area do not specify logbook entries must be true and accurate or logbook pages must be retained; this has caused enforcement difficulty. The proposed sablefish logbook requirements will improve the department's ability to accurately track fishery harvest.

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