

PROPOSAL 27

5AAC 28.310. Fishing Seasons for Cook Inlet Area.

Open the Cook Inlet commercial sablefish season earlier as follows:

Change the starting date of Cook Inlet sable fish opener to be the same as Prince William Sound.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? My proposal is to change the date of Cook Inlet sable fish from the current July 15th date to April 15th. The April 15 date coincides with the state water PWS sable fish opener.

With the change of date, it will provide greater opportunity for a longer season to catch the quota. Sable fish tend to come into shallow waters in the spring.

If the date isn't changed as proposed, the quota would likely be unharvested.

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