

PROPOSAL 52

5 AAC 28.406. Kodiak Area registration; 5 AAC 28.410. Fishing seasons for Kodiak Area; 5 AAC 28.430. Lawful gear for Kodiak Area; 5 AAC 28.432. Groundfish pot storage requirements for Kodiak Area; and 5 AAC 28.4XX. New section.

Establish new Kodiak Area commercial sablefish fishery as follows:

Allocate half of 1 percent from the central gulf sablefish IFQ TAC to Kodiak state waters. Open the fishery on September 1st. And adopt the Aleutian Island sablefish state water management regulations.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Open a sablefish fishery in Kodiak state waters for pot, hook and line and jig. During the fall September Pacific cod fishery there is good amount of sablefish inside 3 miles. Currently there is no directed fishery, fisherman have to discard the sablefish which results in some dead loss. It will be a good opportunity for new entry younger generation fisherman to participate who don't own any IFQ sablefish.

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