

PROPOSAL 198

5 AAC 47.020. General provisions for seasons and bag, possession, annual, and size limits for the salt waters of the Southeast Alaska Area.

Increase the daily bag limit for sablefish in the sport fishery, as follows:

Increase daily bag limit by two from four to six fish per day.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Black Cod/Sablefish harvest: Increase black cod/Sablefish harvest for residents from 4 fish to 6 fish per day for resident sport fishing. The populations of this species has been increasing while halibut has been decreasing. This would allow local resident rod and reel sport fishers to target a more sustainable resource while the halibut is at a 30 year low.

Did you develop your proposal in coordination with others, or with your local Fish and Game Advisory Committee? Explain. Yes, multiple local rod and reel sport fishers have been agreeable to this proposal.

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