



Advisory Announcement

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2023 SOUTHEAST ALASKA SABLEFISH TAG RECOVERY DRAWING WINNERS

Each year the Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) rewards all persons who returned an ADF&G sablefish tag with a tag reward (e.g., t-shirt or cup). Additionally, each tag returned to the department with complete recovery information (fisherman's name, date of recovery, and latitude and longitude) are entered into a random drawing for a cash prize. A total of 704 tags qualified for this year's drawing. The following people were randomly selected from the list of qualified tags as the winners of the 2023 annual sablefish tag recovery incentive drawing:

1. Steven Fish	F/V Kariel	Sitka, AK	\$1,000
2. Michael Erb	F/V Legacy	Sitka, AK	\$500
3. James Phillips	F/V Pacific Dawn	Sitka, AK	\$500
4. Steven Fish	F/V Kariel	Sitka, AK	\$250
5. Michael Doggett	F/V El Tiburon	Sitka, AK	\$250
6. Michael Erb	F/V Legacy	Sitka, AK	\$250
7. Jeanne Sorenson	F/V Wind Walker	Sitka, AK	\$250

The department has been tagging sablefish in Southeast Alaska since 1979 to obtain information on sablefish movement, growth, and abundance. Tags are bright orange or green in color, approximately three inches long, and located below the first dorsal fin. Sablefish tagged in the internal waters of Southeast Alaska have been recovered from as far away as Northern California and the Pribilof Islands in the Bering Sea. Movement information collected from tagging studies is important to the management of sablefish fisheries, and the department appreciates the participation of fishermen and processors in this program. Information detailing the release and recovery of tag returns may be requested from ADF&G staff.

For additional information on groundfish fisheries, visit the Southeast Regional Groundfish Fisheries website: <http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=commercialbyareasoutheast.groundfish>.

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