



**Advisory Announcement**  
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**REGULATORY UPDATES FOR PERSONAL USE AND SUBSISTENCE SABLEFISH FISHERY**

Regulations adopted at the 2023 Statewide Finfish and Supplemental Issues Board of Fisheries meeting that affect the personal use and subsistence sablefish fisheries will become effective **June 25, 2023**, (<https://aws.state.ak.us/OnlinePublicNotices/Notices/View.aspx?id=211299>) and are summarized as follows:

**Legal Gear**

- Collapsible groundfish pots (“slinky pots”) must contain two escape mechanism openings in the mesh with each equal to or exceeding 18 inches in length that must be laced, sewn, or secured together by a single length of untreated, 100-percent cotton twine, no larger than 30 thread of which may be knotted at each end only and must be on opposite sides of the pot. If the escape mechanism is placed on the tunnel side, the opening must be in an area that does not include the pot door and within six inches of the edge of the pot [5 AAC 39.145].

Permit holders are reminded that sablefish pot gear must have at least two circular escape rings, with a minimum inside diameter of three and three-fourths inches, installed on opposing vertical or sloping walls of the pot and individual tunnel eye openings with perimeters of 36 inches or less [5 AAC 01.720 (5) and 5 AAC 77.674(6)(E)(iii)].

A permit is required to participate in the sablefish personal use and subsistence fishery and is available through the department’s online store at: [www.adfg.alaska.gov/Store/](http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/Store/). Permit holders are required to report their harvest either online anytime at: <https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/Harvest/> or by turning the completed permit at the end of the season.

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