

The Alaska Fisheries Science Center (AFSC) will be hosting the interested stakeholders and the public for presentations and open discussion about the sablefish apportionment analyses. This event will be held in Juneau at the Auke Bay Laboratory, 9 am - 4:30 pm (AK time) on Thursday, Feb 20, 2020. This meeting will be open to the public and will be broadcast via webinar for remote participants. If you are interested in attending and want updates on the agenda or have questions, please contact Kari Fenske, 907-789-6653 or [kari.fenske@noaa.gov](mailto:kari.fenske@noaa.gov). Additional meeting details are shown below:

**Purpose:**

Federally-managed sablefish is managed as a single stock for Alaska. For fixed-gear, ABC is apportioned to management areas (SE, WY, CG, WG, BS, AI) under the IFQ program. In December 1999, the North Pacific Fisheries Management Council apportioned the 2000 ABC and OFL based on a 5-year exponential weighting of the fishery and survey abundance indices. This apportionment method was used from 2000-2013. In 2014 apportionments were fixed at the 2013 proportions because the objective to reduce variability in apportionment was not being achieved using the 5-year exponential weighting method. AFSC is analyzing a set of different approaches to area apportionment and the science staff would like to hear from participants about which "performance metrics" are most useful in evaluating the apportionment options. For example, would you prefer that area apportionment is structured so that year-to-year variability is minimized, or are there other more important considerations? Are there individual area quota thresholds (area ABC minimums) below which participants would choose not to fish their IFQ? Are the thresholds and performance metrics used in these analyses representative of your concerns?

This event will begin with presentations about the analyses that are currently being conducted and walk through preliminary results. The purpose is to hear from participants about which features are most important to the stakeholder groups for an annual apportionment mechanism and to answer questions about the analyses and the apportionment methods being examined. This is an information exchange meeting, not decisional, as resulting apportionment options and analyses will be further reviewed through the Council process.

**Meeting Details:**

Join by phone to receive audio:

Teleconf No: 1-888-456-5038

Participant Code: 8480290

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20 Feb 2020

9 am - 4:30 pm

In person attendance:

Ted Stevens Marine Research Institute (Auke Bay Lab)

17109 Point Lena Loop Rd.

Juneau, AK

Royce Conference Room (Rm 131)

Remote participation:

NMFS AFSC invites you to join this Webex meeting.

Meeting number: 902 116 224

Meeting password: sable123

Thursday, February 20, 2020

8:45 am | Alaska Standard Time (San Francisco, GMT-08:00) | 9 hrs

(webinar sign in will begin 15 minutes before the meeting starts)

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**(UPDATED) Tentative agenda:**

*Please note that this agenda may change if topics or questions are covered more or less quickly than anticipated. Our goal is to have a presentation that is completed in the morning, start taking questions and getting feedback, break for lunch, then come back for more follow up questions. We will make every attempt to post the slides two days in advance to the Council website (<https://www.npfmc.org/fishery-management-plan-team/goa-bsai-groundfish-plan-team>). For background materials please read Appendix 3D of the 2019 sablefish SAFE which presents apportionment analyses methods and options in detail and will be the basis for workshop discussions (<https://archive.afsc.noaa.gov/refm/docs/2019/sablefish.pdf>).*

9 am -9:15 am	Welcome & Introductions
9:15 - 11:15 am	Presentation covering: Sablefish apportionment history (brief overview) Basic overview of the apportionment simulation Explanation of the apportionment types and performance metrics we examined Apportionment simulation results (for base model setup)
11:15 - 12	Discussion of results and solicit feedback on preferences Questions and discussion
12 - 1:30 pm	<i>Lunch on your own</i>
1:30 - 4:30 pm	Open discussion, questions, feedback on performance metrics, continued

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