

Proposed Amendment 124 to the Fishery Management Plan for Groundfish of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area

1. In Section 3.2.3.4.3, add the text in bold:

2) Sablefish

A) Bering Sea Subarea

Vessels using fixed gear, including hook-and-line, **jig**, and pot gear, shall be permitted to harvest no more than 50 percent of the TAC specified for sablefish. Vessels using trawl gear shall be permitted to harvest no more than 50 percent of the TAC specified for sablefish.

B) Aleutian Islands Subarea

Vessels using fixed gear, including hook-and-line, **jig**, and pot gear, shall be permitted to harvest no more than 75 percent of the TAC specified for sablefish. Vessels using trawl gear shall be permitted to harvest no more than 25 percent of the TAC specified for sablefish.

2. In Section 3.7.1.8.4 Transfer Provisions, delete text in strikeout and add the text in bold:

CQEs owning quota shares may **not** lease the IFQs arising from those quota shares **except for limited circumstances as defined in regulations.** ~~only to residents of the eligible community, except the CQE may lease IFQ to non-residents for a limited period of five years after the effective date of implementation of the program. After the five-year period, the CQE must lease quota share to residents of the community it represents.~~

3. In Appendix A, add the following:

Amendment 124, implemented on *(insert effective date of amendment)* and amends Amendments 15 and 102:

1. Updated fix gear types to include jig gear as an authorized gear for the harvest of sablefish IFQ and CDQ in the BSAI.
2. Remove reference to specific residency requirements and lease provisions for the CQE program and defer to regulations.

Proposed Amendment 112 to the Fishery Management Plan for Groundfish of the Gulf of Alaska

1. In Table ES-2, row “apportionment of TAC” paragraph beginning with “Sablefish:” add the text in bold (except the initial “Sablefish”):

Sablefish: the Eastern regulatory area is divided into two districts, West Yakutat and Southeast Outside. In the Eastern regulatory area, vessels using **jig gear**, longline gear or longline pot gear will be permitted to take up to 95% of the TAC, and vessels using trawl gear up to 5%.

In the Western and Central regulatory areas, vessels using **jig gear**, longline gear or longline pot gear will be permitted to take up to 80% of the TAC, and vessels using trawl gear up to 20%.

2. In Table ES-2, row “Authorized Gear”, delete text in strikeout and add text marked in underline:

Gear types authorized by the FMP are trawls, longline (including hook-and-line, ~~jig~~, troll, and handline), pots (including longline pots and pot-and-line), **jig gear**, and other gear as defined in regulations.

Sablefish: Legal gears for taking sablefish in the GOA are **jig gear**, longline gear, longline pot gear, and trawl gear. Pot-and-line gear is not an authorized gear type for sablefish.

3. In Section 3.2.3.4.3.3.1, add text marked in bold:

In the Eastern regulatory area, vessels using longline, **jig**, or longline pot gear shall be permitted to take up to 95 percent of the TAC for sablefish. Vessels using trawl gear shall be permitted to harvest up to 5 percent of the TAC for sablefish.

In the Central and Western regulatory areas, vessels using longline, **jig**, or longline pot gear shall be permitted to take up to 80 percent of the sablefish TAC, and vessels using trawl gear shall be permitted to take up to 20 percent of the TAC.

4. In Section 3.4.2, add text marked in bold:

Legal gear types for the taking of sablefish in any regulatory area of the GOA are trawls, longline, **jig**, and longline pot. Pot-and-line gear is not an authorized gear type for sablefish.

5. In Section 3.7.1.1, paragraph beginning “Fixed Gear:

Fixed Gear is defined to include all longline, **jig**, and pot fishing gears. For purposes of initial allocation, legal pot gear will be counted.

6. In Section 4.1.2.3, add text marked in bold:

The TAC for sablefish is apportioned among gear types. Sablefish in the Western and Central GOA is allocated 80 percent to longline, **jig**, and longline pot gear and 20 percent to trawl gear. In the Eastern GOA, the sablefish TAC is allocated 95 percent to longline, **jig**, and longline pot gear and 5 percent to trawl gear.

7. In Appendix A, add the following:

Amendment 112, implemented on (*insert effective date of amendment*) and amends Amendment 20:

1. Revised fixed gear types to include jig gear as a separate category from longline gear to clarify jig gear as an authorized gear for the harvest of sablefish IFQ in the GOA.