



Quinault Indian Nation

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2025 SEASONAL REGULATION

Quinault Sablefish "A&C" Fishery Regulation- 03

Revision – Supersedes previous regulation issued February 21, 2025, and will go into effect April 11, 2025. Please note the Pot Limit changes.

Opening Date: The ocean waters in the area described below shall be open for the "A&C" Fishery (Quinault Allocated) for the harvest of sablefish (blackcod) by authorized Quinault tribal fishers commencing at 12:01 am on Friday April 11, 2025.

Closing Date: This portion of the Quinault Nation's "A & C" sablefish fishery will close at 11:59 pm December 31, 2025, or when the sablefish harvest by members of the Quinault Indian Nation is predicted to reach 1,334,037 dressed lbs. (approx. 2,134,459 round lbs.), or sooner if necessary to meet management concerns.

Area: The area open to fishing by authorized members of the Quinault Indian Nation is the Pacific Ocean between Point Chehalis, 46°53'18" North latitude, and Destruction Island, 47°40'06" North latitude and due westward from shore no more than 30 nautical miles at any latitude.

Gear: Sablefish may be harvested with **hook and line snap gear or pots**. Harvest of sablefish with trawls, nets, or any method other than with snap gear or pots is prohibited.

The use of streamer lines to prevent seabird by-catch is required for all vessels using hook and line gear.

Each pot (rigid or collapsible) used to fish for sablefish must be equipped with rigid tunnel openings that are no wider than 9 inches (22.86 cm) and no higher than 9 inches (22.86 cm), or soft tunnel openings with dimensions that are no wider than 9 inches (22.86 cm).

Each pot (rigid or collapsible) used to fish for sablefish must include a biodegradable escape panel on the mesh of the pot as follows:

All collapsible pots must have either a biodegradable panel placed anywhere on the mesh of the collapsible pot, which is at least 18 inches (45.72 cm) in length and is made from untreated cotton thread of no larger size than No. 30, or one door on the pot must measure at least 18 inches (45.72 cm) in diameter and be wrapped with untreated cotton thread of no larger size than No. 30.

All rigid pots used for sablefish must be equipped with a biodegradable panel at least 18 inches (45.72 cm) in length that is parallel to, and within 6 inches (15.24 cm) of, the bottom of the pot, and that is sewn up with untreated cotton thread of no larger size than No. 30.

Gear Identification: All sablefish pots, whether attended or unattended, must be clearly marked on the buoy with the fisher's tribal identification number preceded by the number 18.

Pot Deployment Time Limit: All pots must be retrieved within five days of deployment.

Pot Limit: Pot usage in the Quinault sablefish fishery is still an experimental fishing gear. Each vessel registered for the 2025 Quinault Nation ocean sablefish fishery is **limited to 200 pots (collapsible and rigid combined)** in this fishery.

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Sablefish Pot Logbooks: The owner of any Quinault fishing vessel using pots in the 2025 Quinault A&C Sablefish fishery is required to have a logbook form completely filled out following any pot-gear deployment and recovery to collect data necessary for future management needs. Forms will be provided by the Quinault Department of Fisheries. Forms must be completed before arrival at the dock for offloading any sablefish where pots are used. If a completed form is not available for inspection by Quinault Fisheries Enforcement at the offload facility, the offload will be in violation of this regulation. It is the vessel owner's responsibility to verify that completed forms have been submitted to Quinault Department of Fisheries staff within 7 days of any sablefish landings where pot gear was used. Logbook forms may be submitted via e-mail or directly to Fisheries staff. Information for submittal can be found on the forms.

OFFLOADING NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS: It is a violation to offload any sablefish unless the following requirements have been met:

1. Vessel skipper is required to contact Taholah Dispatch Center at 360-276-4423 before crossing east of the Grays Harbor bar with sablefish.
2. The skipper will provide the following information when they call: vessel name, time of arrival, estimated time of off-load, location of off-load in Westport, and a contact number.

All calls will be logged for proof of compliance and Fisheries Enforcement Officers will be notified. Failure to follow these requirements will be a violation of this regulation.

Catch Reporting: Sablefish shall only be sold to Quinault authorized commercial buyers. All sablefish harvested by Quinault fishers shall be reported on electronic fish tickets within no more than 12 hours of landing. Sablefish retained by Quinault fishers for personal use shall be reported on electronic fish receiving tickets as ceremonial and subsistence harvest.

Vessel and Gear Identification: Vessels participating in off-reservation fisheries authorized by the Quinault Indian Nation shall be registered and numbered in accordance with Title 51 of the Quinault Tribal Code and the Nation's regulations governing the registration and numbering of fishing vessels. Numbers shall be displayed in a manner clearly visible from the air. All unattended gear shall be clearly marked with the fisher's tribal enrollment number.

Fisher Licenses and Identification: Quinault tribal members who participate in the treaty Indian off-reservation ocean fisheries, or land or deliver fish harvested in such fisheries shall have in their possession a Quinault tribal identification card and a permit for the 2025 Quinault ocean fishery.

Other: A.) A member of the Quinault Indian Nation is prohibited from assisting in any manner whatsoever a member of any other tribe claiming a treaty right to the sablefish fishery regardless of whether the other tribe's claimed usual and accustomed fishing area overlaps the usual and accustomed fishing area of the Quinault Indian Nation. B.) All fishing by members of the Quinault Indian Nation shall be in accordance with all applicable Quinault tribal laws and regulations. C.) Trip limits, monthly harvest limits, and other management measures may be adopted during the season to achieve tribal harvest management objectives. D.) Fishers are advised to check for in-season modifications of these regulations.

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