



Quinault Indian Nation

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2017 SEASONAL REGULATION

Quinault Sablefish "A&C" Fishery Regulation- 01 June 16, 2017

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 Thursday, June 22, 2017. No fishing gear shall be placed in the water prior to the opening date and time stated above. (Note: Weekly limit requirement below)

Closing Date: This portion of the Quinault Nation's "A & C" sablefish fishery will close when the sablefish harvest by members of the Quinault Indian Nation is predicted to reach 162,774 dressed lbs. (approx.. 260,438 round lbs), or sooner if necessary to meet management concerns.

Weekly Limit: During the period of this regulation **each authorized vessel is allowed to land a total of 10,000 round pounds of sablefish in each 7 day period (Thursday through Wednesday)** pursuant to this regulation until closed as described above.

Overage: Landing more than the weekly-limit of sablefish during this portion of the Quinault Nation's fishery shall not be considered a criminal infraction by this regulation. However, **any overage above the weekly limit of 10,000 round pounds will be forfeited to the Quinault Tribal Enterprise (QTE) and no payment given.** The forfeited fish shall be donated by the QTE to the Quinault Food Bank.

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.

Gear: Sablefish may be harvested with hook and line snap gear only. Harvest of sablefish with pots, traps, trawls, nets, or any method other than with snap gear is hereby prohibited. The use of streamer lines to prevent sea bird by catch is required for all vessels.

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 Police Department dispatch at 360-276-4423 (or 4424) before entering Grays Harbor with sablefish.**
2. **The skipper will provide the following information when they call: Time of arrival, estimated time of off-load, and location of off-load in Westport.**

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

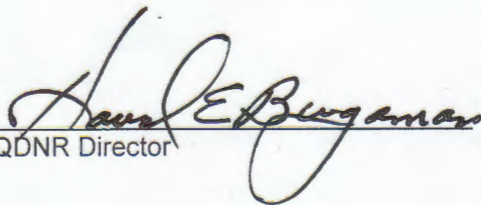
Catch Reporting: Sablefish shall only be sold to Quinault authorized commercial buyers. All sablefish harvested by Quinault fishers shall be reported on either Quinault or Washington State fish receiving tickets within no more than 12 hours of landing. Sablefish retained by Quinault fishers for personal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

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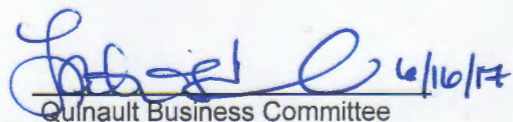
Vessel and Gear Identification: Vessels participating in off-reservation fisheries authorized by the Quinault Indian Nation shall be registered and numbered in accordance with Title 51 of the Quinault Tribal Code and the Nation's regulations governing the registration and numbering of fishing vessels. 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 2017 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.



QDNR Director

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Quinault Business Committee