



## D1 GOA Sablefish Pots Review

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### Action Memo

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Action Required:

1. Review GOA sablefish pots report
2. Receive IFQ committee report
3. Action as necessary

### BACKGROUND

The intent of this review is to provide information on the first few years of the sablefish IFQ pot longline fishery in the Gulf of Alaska (GOA) since its implementation in 2017. GOA Amendment 101 allowed for sablefish pot fishing in response to increased whale depredation on the hook-and-line (HAL) fishery. The Council's motion at final action for Amendment 101 included a statement that a review on the effects of allowing GOA sablefish pot longline gear would be conducted three years after implementation. Due to delays in the Council meeting schedule resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic, some sections of this review have now benefitted from the inclusion of a fourth year of fishery data. This review offers information based on the available 3-4 years of fishery data as well as information gathered from speaking with fishery participants, managers, and stock assessment scientists.

The Council will receive the IFQ committee report as part of this presentation.