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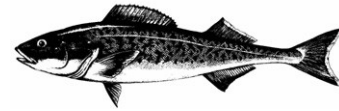
# ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

## DIVISION OF COMMERCIAL FISHERIES

### NEWS RELEASE



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#### 2009 SABLEFISH TAG RECOVERY INCENTIVE DRAWING WINNERS

The Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) announced today the winners of the annual Tag Recovery Incentive Drawing for sablefish tags returned in 2009. The winners are:

<b>1.</b>	<b>Norman Pillen</b>	<b>F/V Sherrie Marie</b>	<b>Addy, WA</b>	<b>\$1,000</b>
<b>2.</b>	<b>James Phillips</b>	<b>F/V Pacific Dawn</b>	<b>Pelican, AK</b>	<b>\$500</b>
<b>3.</b>	<b>Paula Marcinek</b>	<b>F/V Courageous</b>	<b>Athens, GA</b>	<b>\$500</b>
<b>4.</b>	<b>Mark Young</b>	<b>F/V Chelsea Dawn</b>	<b>Sitka, AK</b>	<b>\$250</b>
<b>5.</b>	<b>Alan Fisher</b>	<b>F/V Silvertip</b>	<b>Hoonah, AK</b>	<b>\$250</b>
<b>6.</b>	<b>Lonnie Chestnut</b>	<b>F/V Kruzof</b>	<b>Palmer, AK</b>	<b>\$250</b>

All persons who turn in an ADF&G groundfish tag receive a hat or T-shirt and a letter with the release and recovery information for the sablefish tag(s) they returned. Each ADF&G sablefish tag returned with valid recovery information (date of recovery and precise latitude and longitude or set number if attached to a logbook page) was placed into the drawing, and the winning tags were randomly chosen. A total of 695 of the 1,170 ADF&G sablefish tags returned from commercial fisheries qualified for the drawing. The drawing was held February 5, 2010 at ADF&G in Juneau.

The Southeast Groundfish Project has been tagging sablefish since 1979 to obtain information on sablefish movement, growth and abundance. The tags are bright orange or green in color, approximately three inches in length, and are located below the first dorsal fin of the fish. Sablefish tagged in the internal waters of Southeast Alaska have been recovered from as far away as Coos Bay, Oregon and the Pribilof Islands in the Bering Sea.

Information from tagging studies provides an important contribution to the management of sablefish fisheries. The Department appreciates the participation of fishermen and processors in this program.

Additional information on Southeast Regional Groundfish Fisheries can be found on our web site at: <http://www.cf.adfg.state.ak.us/region1/finfish/grndfish/grndhom1.php>

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