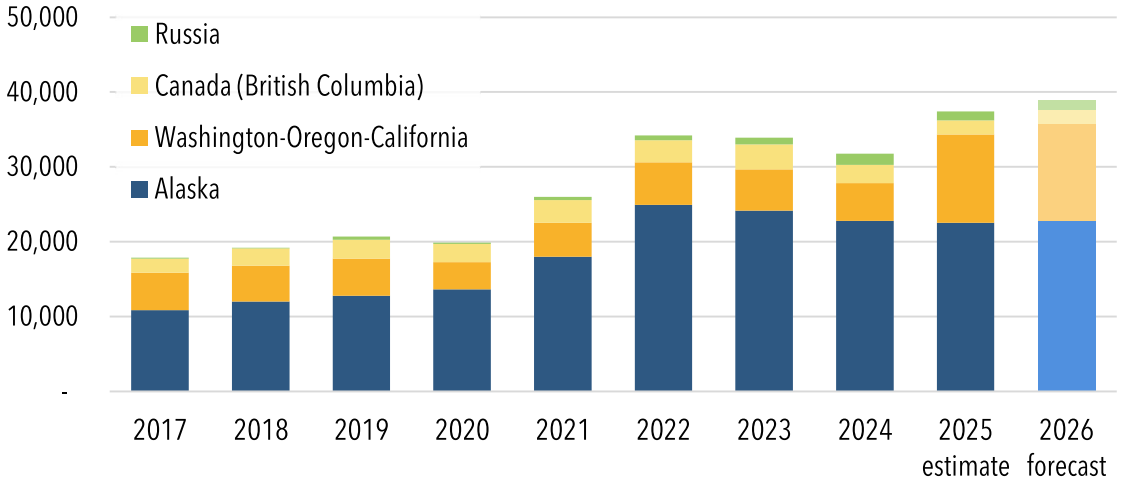
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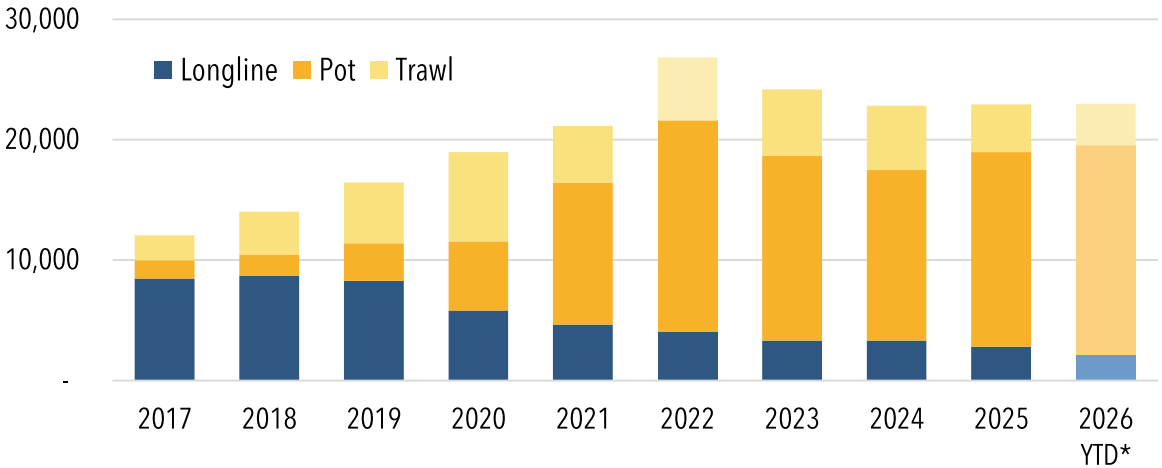
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Global Sablefish Harvest, (mt) 2017-2025 and 2026 Forecast



Sources: Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO); Alaska and Pacific Fisheries Information Networks; Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO); and Rosrybolovstvo

Total Alaska Sablefish Catch by Gear Type, (mt) 2017-2025 and 2026 YTD*



Source: National Marine Fisheries Service
*YTD data through Oct. 31

- With the season nearly complete, world sablefish harvest in 2026 is likely to be slightly larger than 2025 due to similar catch limits and higher utilization in the two largest harvesting areas: Alaska and the Lower 48 Pacific Coast (Washington, Oregon, and California). Almost all Alaska sablefish are caught by the end of November with the main fisheries closing in early December.

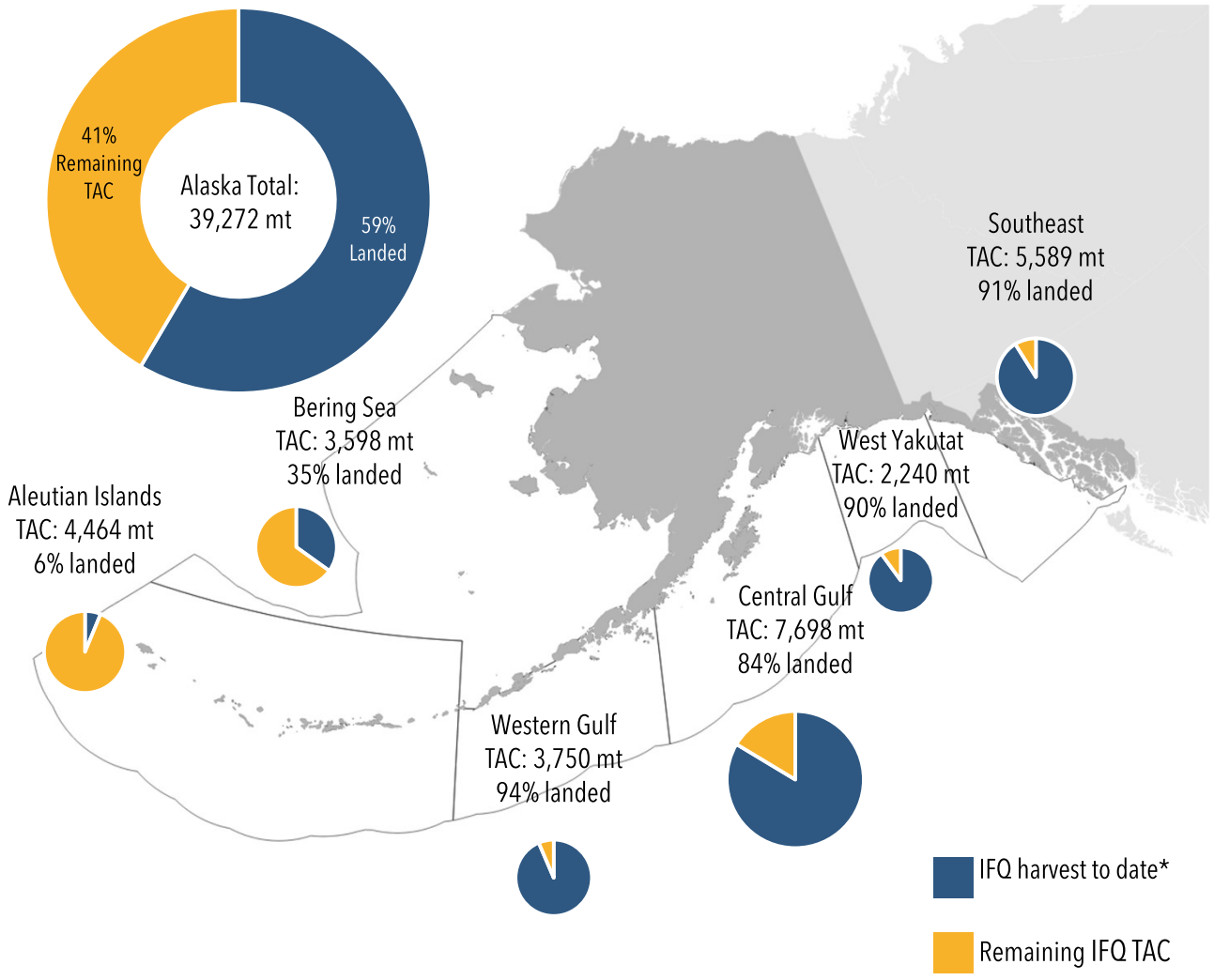
- Alaska's fishermen had caught 59% of the 2026 sablefish Total Allowable Catch (TAC) of 39,272 mt through Oct. 31. Fishermen are increasingly targeting sablefish with pots instead of longlines to avoid whale predation.

- The Washington-Oregon-California region's sablefish catch limit more than doubled in 2025 after a 2023 stock assessment projected a large year class of sablefish reaching harvestable size. However, a subsequent assessment estimated fewer fish from that year class, leading managers to propose catch limits for 2027 that are about 60% lower than 2026 levels. The commercial fleet caught only 33% of the region's catch limit in 2025, but 47% had already been caught as of Nov. 9, 2026.

- The U.S. domestic market for sablefish has grown in recent years. In 2025, an estimated 47% of U.S. sablefish production stayed in the domestic market, compared to 37% in 2016. While Japan is by far the largest foreign market for sablefish, its market share fell to about 36% of U.S. production volume in 2025.

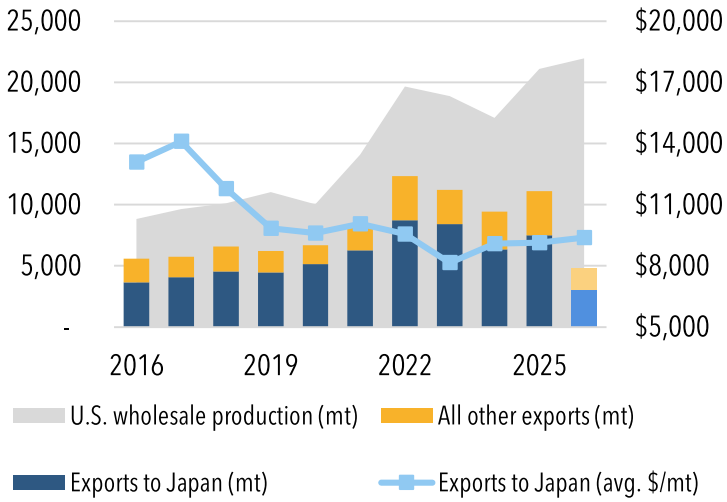
- Export prices and wholesale Toyosu Market data from Japan show similar sablefish prices as 2025, following recovery from a drop in 2023-2024. Alaska ex-vessel prices increased substantially in 2026, based on Alaska Boat & Permits data.

Alaska Individual Fishing Quota (IFQ) Sablefish TAC and Harvest by Region YTD*



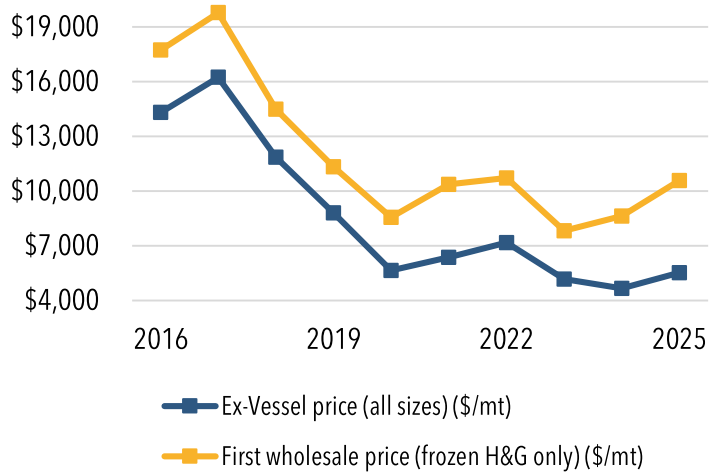
Source: National Marine Fisheries Service
Note: Regional harvests IFQ only, which represents about 70% of total Alaska TAC. See previous page for total harvest (by gear type) including Community Development Quota and non-IFQ/CDQ
*YTD Data Through Nov. 9

U.S. Sablefish Production and Exports, 2016-2025 and 2026 YTD



Source: National Marine Fisheries Service.
*export data through August 2026

Alaska Sablefish Prices, 2016-2025



Source: Alaska Department of Fish & Game

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