

Project Title: Improving maturity estimates of sablefish (*Anoplopoma fimbria*) and deep-water rockfish (*Sebastes*) stocks by incorporating skipped spawning and effects of maternal age into stock assessment and using satellite tags to identify spawning habitat

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This project will fund a 10-day charter out of Kodiak, AK in December of 2015 for collection of maturity data and for tagging sablefish within the spawning season. Thus far the great majority of the budget has been spent or obligated. The fishing vessel has been chosen for the charter and the contract will be awarded soon. Currently, we are writing a justification for travel and overtime to be covered by the AFSC in FY16 as a "must pay". This justification includes the importance of the work, that is a funded project, and that the work is industry supported (the Alaska Fishermen's Longline Association wrote a letter of support for the work).