

**ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME  
DIVISION OF COMMERCIAL FISHERIES  
NEWS RELEASE**



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### **Sand Point Immature Salmon Test Fishery Announcement #02**

The Alaska Department of Fish and Game is soliciting bids to charter a commercial purse seine fishing vessel to conduct test fishing in the Shumagin Islands on or about July 2, July 3, and July 5, 2019. Additional test fishing may be required as determined by the department.

The test fishery will be used to evaluate the presence of immature salmon in the Shumagin Islands. Each fishing day will include a minimum of six, twenty-minute sets at the department's discretion. Sets will be made at three predetermined locations, including; Popof Head, Middle Set, and Red Bluff. All fish caught and revenue generated from the sale of those fish, will become the property of the State of Alaska. Interested bidders must have prior experience seining in this area and the charter vessel must be equipped with refrigerated seawater system (RSW) to maintain the fish in good quality before delivery. Legal seine fishing gear is required, as is vessel compliance with U.S. Coast Guard safety regulations and insurance requirements. Up to three department employees may be aboard the charter vessel while fishing to monitor and sample the vessel's catch.

The Request for Quotation (RFQ) format for the 2019 test fishery will be based on a percentage of the catch value, not to exceed 60% of the value paid at the dock on the day of the delivery but with no less than an average daily value of \$2,500 dollars. A daily value of \$2,500 will only be paid if the total harvest of all days fished averages less than \$2,500 per day. Bids should be based on a percentage of the value of the catch. There will be no subsequent payment adjustments after the winning bidder is paid. The percentage of the catch value is paid upon delivering to the dock. The contract will be awarded to the bidder with the lowest percentage of the total value of the catch. Bids for greater than 60% of the value of the catch will be rejected.

**The bidding process must be completed by 5:00 p.m. Saturday, June 8, 2019.**

**If you are interested in finding out how to bid on this charter or would like to obtain further details, please contact:**

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