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2023 KINGSMILL POINT SALMON PURSE SEINE TEST FISHERY

The Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) is soliciting bids to charter a salmon purse seine fishing vessel to conduct test fishing at Kingsmill Point on or about **July 5, July 12, July 19, and July 26, 2023**. If midweek commercial purse seine openings occur, fishing dates can be adjusted by mutual agreement between the contractor and the State.

This test fishery will be used to evaluate the run strength and timing of pink salmon runs in Districts 9 and 10. One seine vessel will be chartered to fish along the shore in the vicinity of Kingsmill Point. Interested bidders must have prior experience fishing in this location and must supply a fishing vessel equipped with a refrigerated sea water system and with a minimum fish hold capacity of 25 tons. In addition, successful bidders will be responsible for their own supplies including food, fuel, and net. Any fish harvested will become property of the State.

The contract vessel will be required to fish at least 7 sets during the flood tide each fishing period. **Sex ratio sampling must be conducted on 100 pink and 50 chum salmon from at least each of the first 7 sets. If less than 100 pink or 50 chum salmon are caught in a set, samples should be taken from all the pink and chum salmon that are caught in those sets. An average weight per fish must be obtained for both pink and chum salmon by counting and weighing 100 fish of each species during unloading.**

Bids must be based on a percentage of the total value of the harvest for all 4 test fishing periods. **The maximum amount that may be awarded is \$28,000.** The maximum will be awarded only if a minimum of 7 successful sets are completed each weekly fishing period of this contract. Fewer than 7 successful sets will be considered fulfilling the minimum sets per period requirement of this contract only through mutual agreement with the department and the contract vessel or if the contract vessel reaches its maximum capacity prior to 7 sets being completed. If fewer than 7 sets are made, one twenty-eighth (1/28) of the maximum bid amount to be awarded will be deducted for each omitted set. For example, if the maximum bid amount is 100%, \$1,000 (1/28 of \$28,000) will be deducted for each set omitted. Additional sets, in excess of the minimum of 7 sets, may be fished by the contracted vessel; however, these additional sets made during a single fishing period are not transferable to periods when 7 sets were not completed. Payment processing will begin when fishing and harvest data are received by the Petersburg ADF&G office. A single additional test fishing period may occur by mutual consent between the department and contract vessel. If one additional test fishing period is agreed to by the two parties, then the percentage bid for this contract will be applied to any extra test fishing periods with the maximum amount of \$7,000 if all 7 sets are completed for a maximum total of \$35,000. All stipulations above would apply to any additional test fishing periods and any missed sets during this additional test fishing period would be deducted based on a total of 35 sets. **Any retroactive payments, adjustments, bonuses, etc., received after test fishing has been completed will be paid based on the average bid for all four test fishing periods until the \$28,000 (\$35,000 if an additional period is completed) cap is reached.** Bids must be received at the ADF&G office in Petersburg prior to **3:00 p.m., Thursday, June 8, 2023.**

Due to conservation concerns, no Chinook salmon may be retained or sold as part of this test fishing program in 2023.

To obtain further information and bid forms contact the Petersburg ADF&G office at 907-772-3801.

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