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2014 ERNEST SOUND HERRING SPAWN-ON-KELP POUND FISHERY VESSEL CHARTER

Wrangell....The Alaska Department of Fish and Game is soliciting bids to charter an unmanned vessel to act as a base of management operations during the 2014 Ernest Sound herring spawn-on-kelp fishery. The charter will be for a maximum of ten days and the duration of the charter will depend on herring spawn timing. The vessel must be ready to depart from the Wrangell Downtown Harbor within 12 hours of being notified. The departure could occur anytime between April 5 and April 20.

The charter vessel must be equipped with radar and able to operate in weather conditions common to the Petersburg-Wrangell Area. The vessel must provide transport, galley space, and individual sleeping space for a crew of two to three department staff. Additionally, the vessel must be able to tow one 19' aluminum skiff and one 19' fiberglass skiff, provide sufficient space for gasoline storage (three 55-gallon drums), and dry storage space for all project gear such as rain gear and boots, first aid/survival gear, paperwork, and personal gear. Space must be available for the drying of wet gear. Vessel fuel and food will be provided by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game.

The State requires that vessels have adequate survival and fire-fighting equipment aboard at all times while under contract and must meet all current U.S. Coast Guard safety regulations. A U.S. Coast Guard safety inspection will be required if the vessel does not display a valid U.S. Coast Guard vessel safety inspection decal.

A bid packet may be obtained at either the Petersburg or Wrangell offices. Bids should be submitted based on per day basis and must be returned to either the Petersburg ADF&G office: P.O. Box 667, Petersburg, AK 99833 or Wrangell ADF&G office: P.O. Box 200, Wrangell, AK 99929, by 12:00 p.m., March 17, 2014.

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