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SITKA SOUND HERRING WINTER BAIT TEST FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT

Sitka . . . The Alaska Department of Fish and Game is soliciting bids to conduct a test fishery by harvesting food and bait herring with purse seine gear in Sitka Sound during Fall and Winter 2016/17.

The Requests for Quotation (RFQ) format for this test fishery will be done in tons of herring. The Department is seeking to generate \$20,000 from the Sitka Sound herring bait test fishery. The quote must be based on tons of herring to reach that goal. The party that quotes the lowest amount of herring in tons will be awarded the contract. The highest quote the department will accept for this test fishery is 140 tons of herring. **Quotes will be accepted until 12:00 noon, Monday, October 31, 2016.** The harvest of bait herring under this contract will be conducted during the period November 1, 2016 – February 28, 2017. The vessel used to harvest may be required to spend some time assessing the herring biomass in Sitka Sound to determine where the largest concentrations are located. One or two department biologists may be on board during harvesting.

The State will be paid at the base price for any overages of any herring above the original quote amount up to 20%. The State will be paid two times the base price of the original quote on any herring that exceed 20% of the original bid incurred during the fishery (base price is considered to be \$20,000 divided by tons herring quoted).

Quotations will only be accepted from a current CFEC permit holder for the Southeast Alaska Herring Sac-Roe fishery, a current CFEC permit holder in the Southeast Alaska Herring Winter Bait Fishery, or from a company licensed to process herring in Southeast Alaska.

ADF&G, Commercial Fisheries staff in Sitka will coordinate management and supervision of this program. Requests for Quotation (RFQ) bid forms are available from the Sitka, ADF&G office upon request. In the case of equal, low bids, the winner will be drawn from a hat.

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