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CHIGNIK MANAGEMENT AREA REVENUE TEST FISHERY

The Alaska Department of Fish and Game in Chignik is requesting quotes (bids) to generate revenue by allowing the harvest of commercial salmon in the Chignik Management Area (Area L). The department is seeking to generate two lots of \$25,000 each. The quotes must be based on the value at the dock. For example, if fishermen were to bid \$40,000, the fishermen will make \$15,000, and generate \$25,000 of revenue for the department, for a total dock value of \$40,000. Successful contractors will be the parties that quote the lowest value. The max value a contractor may bid is \$50,000 per lot.

Both lots must be completed from July 1 through the end of the 2017 commercial salmon fishing season.

Vessel operators must have a minimum of five years' commercial fishing experience within the Chignik Management Area and the vessel must contain a refrigerated seawater (RSW) system to chill the catch. Legal seine gear for the area is required, as is vessel compliance with U.S. coast Guard safety regulations and insurance requirements. Up to two department employees may be aboard the charter vessels while fishing to monitor the catch.

Written bids may be submitted until 4:00 p.m. Wednesday, June 28, 2017 and the contracts will be awarded to the lowest bidders. Fish and Game reserves the right to reject any or all quotes. In the case of equal, low bids, the bid submitted first will be the winning bid. Test fishermen will fish only during times and areas determined by the department in cooperation with the successful bidder.

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