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POINT GARDNER SEINE TEST FISHERY

PetersburgThe Alaska Department of Fish and Game is soliciting bids to charter a salmon purse seine fishing vessel to conduct test fishing at Point Gardner on or about **June 26 and July 3, 10, 17, and 24, 2013**. If mid-week commercial 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 returns to Districts 9 and 10. One seine vessel will be chartered to fish along the shore from Pt. Gardner to Pt. Brightman. Interested bidders must have prior experience fishing this location and must supply a fishing vessel, which is equipped with a refrigerated sea water system (RSW), with a minimum fish hold capacity of 20 tons. In addition, successful bidders will be responsible for their own supplies including food, fuel, and net. Fish harvested will be property of the State.

Each vessel will be required to fish at least seven sets during the flood tide each fishing period. **Sex ratio sampling must be conducted on 100 pinks and 50 chums from at least each of the first seven sets. If less than 100 pinks or 50 chums 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. Additionally, the state may ask that at least 50 pinks from each test fishing period be retained for additional sampling by the department.**

Bids must be based on a percentage of the total value of the harvest for each test fishing period. **The maximum amount that may be awarded per fishing period will be based on a cumulative amount with a base of \$5,000 for each period.** For example, if the test fisherman received \$3,000 the first period, then the maximum amount for the next period would increase to \$7,000 and if the test fisherman received \$4,000 for that period, the amount the following period would increase to \$8,000. **The absolute maximum amount the test fisherman may receive for all five periods is \$25,000.** The maximum per period will be awarded for each test fishing period only if at least seven sets are completed or vessel capacity is reached. If fewer than seven sets are made, one-seventh (1/7) of the weekly bid amount will be deducted for each set omitted. This stipulation will be waived if the vessel has reached capacity prior to completing all seven sets. The payment process will begin when fishing and harvest data are returned to the Petersburg Fish and Game office. A separate percentage must be submitted for each fishing period. The contract will be awarded to the bidder with the lowest cumulative bid for all five fishing periods. If no bidder submits an amount for all five periods, the contract will be awarded based on the highest weekly percentage being substituted for the missing weeks to create a cumulative total. **Any retro's, adjustments, bonuses, etc., received after test fishing has been completed will be paid based on the**

average bid for all five test fishing periods up until the \$25,000 cap is reached. Bids must be received at the Fish and Game office in Petersburg prior to **3:00 p.m., Monday, June 17, 2013.**

To obtain further information and bid forms contact the Petersburg Fish and Game office at 907-772-3801.

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