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## Advisory Announcement

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### HAWK INLET SALMON PURSE SEINE TEST FISHERY

The Alaska Department of Fish and Game is soliciting bids to charter a salmon purse seine fishing vessel to conduct test fishing along the Hawk Inlet Shoreline on or about June 30, July 7, July 14, and July 21, 2023. If midweek commercial seine openings occur, fishing dates can be adjusted by mutual agreement between the contractor and the State.

The test fishery will be used to evaluate the run strength and timing of northern inside migrating pink salmon returning to Districts 11 and 15. The charter vessel will be required to fish one day each week for 4 weeks. Each fishing day will include a minimum of 4 twenty-minute sets. Each week, sets will be made at 4 predetermined locations between Point Marsden and Point Retreat. All fish caught are property of the State of Alaska. Interested bidders must have prior experience seining in this area and the charter vessel must be equipped with refrigerated seawater or slush ice tanks to maintain the fish in good quality before delivery. Up to 3 department employees may be aboard the charter vessel while fishing to monitor and sample the vessel's catch.

Charter bids should be based on a percentage of the total value of the catch and the contract will be awarded to the bidder with the lowest percentage of the total value. For each week fished, the successful bidder will be guaranteed a minimum of \$5,000.00 and a weekly maximum of \$10,000.00. For example: a bid of 60% given a harvest value of \$9,000.00 will result in \$5,400.00 paid to the contractor and \$3,600.00 to the department.

**The bidder must have a USCG Captain license or a crewmember with a USCG Captain license aboard the vessel when ADF&G personnel are onboard when conducting the contracted charter OR the bidder must obtain a Letter of Designation by the USCG as an Oceanographic Research Vessel (ORV) for this contract. The Sector Juneau office can be contacted at [sectorjuneauinspections@uscg.mil](mailto:sectorjuneauinspections@uscg.mil) or (907) 463-2477 for the ORV letter.**

Bids must be received at the ADF&G office in Douglas prior to **3:00 p.m., Friday, June 9, 2023, and a copy of a crewmember's USCG Captain license or the ORV letter must be provided by June 29, 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 regarding this charter and to obtain bid forms, please contact Scott Forbes in Juneau at (907) 465-4250.

Advisory Announcement web site: <http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=cfnews.main>.

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