



**Advisory Announcement**  
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**SITKA SOUND HERRING WINTER BAIT TEST FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT**

The Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) is soliciting bids to conduct a test fishery harvesting food and bait herring with purse seine gear in Sitka Sound during fall and winter of 2024/25.

The Request for Quotation (RFQ) format for this test fishery will be done in tons of herring. The department is seeking to generate \$30,000 from a herring food and bait test fishery in Sitka Sound. The quote must be based on tons of herring to reach that dollar amount. 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 210 tons of herring. **Quotes will be accepted until 12:00 noon, Thursday, November 21, 2024.** The harvest of food and bait herring under this contract will be conducted during the period from November 25, 2024, to February 28, 2025. 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 of Alaska will be paid at the base price for any overages of any herring above the original quote amount up to 10%. The State will be paid two times the base price of the original quote on any herring that exceed 10% of the original bid incurred during the fishery (base price is \$30,000 divided by tons herring quoted).

Quotations will only be accepted from a current CFEC permit holder for the Southeast Alaska Herring Roe Purse Seine Fishery, a current CFEC permit holder in the Southeast Alaska Herring Winter Food and Bait Fishery, or from a company licensed to process herring in Southeast Alaska. Interested bidders must have prior experience fishing this location and must supply a fishing vessel equipped with a refrigerated sea water system and a minimum fish hold capacity of 25 tons. In addition, successful bidders will be responsible for their own supplies including food, fuel, and net. All fish harvested will become property of the State.

ADF&G, Commercial Fisheries staff in Sitka will coordinate management and supervision of this program. RFQ bid forms are available from the Sitka ADF&G office upon request.

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