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Advisory Announcement

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Prince William Sound Area Tanner Crab Test Fishery Opportunity

The Alaska Department of Fish & Game (ADF&G) is soliciting bids to contract vessels to conduct a test fishery using pot gear to harvest up to 25,000 lb of Tanner crab in the Prince William Sound Area (PWSA). ADF&G seeks to gather information on the current health of the PWS Tanner crab stock in areas outside and within the ADF&G trawl survey areas. Specifically, the purpose of the test fishery is to collect information on legal male catch per unit effort (CPUE), male size composition, and distribution of Tanner crab within each test fishery Lot.

The PWS Tanner crab Test Fishery will be conducted between February 24 and April 6, 2025. The minimum bid price is \$0.80 per pound of Tanner crab harvested. Bids will be accepted for 5 individual Lots (Lots A-E) up to a maximum harvest level of 5,000 lb of Tanner crab each. There will be a pot limit of 60 pots and prior crabbing experience is required. Vessels must accommodate ADF&G observers upon request therefore, adequate notice must be provided before vessel departure to allow for observer deployment.

Vessel owners interested in obtaining a request-for-quotation (RFQ) sheet should contact Andy Pollak by phone at 907-235-8191, e-mail andrew.pollak@alaska.gov, or leave a voicemail request for the packet, including contact information, at the Homer office at 907-235-8191.

Bids must be received by 12:00 noon February 10, 2025. See RFQ for submission information.

