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Sand Point Commercial Salmon Fishery Advisory Announcement #04

The Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) is soliciting bids to charter a commercial purse seine fishing vessel to conduct test fishing in the Shumagin Islands on or about July 2, July 3, and July 5, 2026. Additional test fishing may be required as determined by ADF&G.

The test fishery will be used to evaluate the presence of immature salmon in the Shumagin Islands. Each fishing day will include a minimum of six, twenty-minute sets at the Department's discretion. Sets will be made at three predetermined locations, including: Popof Head, Middle Set, and Red Bluff. All fish caught and revenue generated from the sale of those fish will become the property of the State of Alaska. Interested bidders must have a current Area M purse seine permit and prior experience seining in this area. The charter vessel must be equipped with deck rigging for safe deployment, towing, and recovery of a salmon purse seine as specified in 5 AAC 09.332 and a refrigerated seawater system to maintain the fish in good quality before delivery. The vessel must be in compliance with U.S. Coast Guard safety regulations and insurance requirements. Up to three ADF&G employees may be aboard the charter vessel while fishing to monitor and sample the vessel's catch.

The Request for Quotation (RFQ) format for the 2026 test fishery will be based on a percentage of the catch value, not to exceed 70% of the value paid to the bidder at the dock on the day of the delivery but with no less than an average daily value of \$3,000 dollars. A daily value of \$3,000 will only be paid if the total harvest of all days fished averages less than \$3,000 per day. Bids should be based on a percentage of the value of the catch. There will be no subsequent payment adjustments after the winning bidder is paid. The percentage of the catch value is paid upon delivery to the dock. The contract will be awarded to the bidder with the lowest percentage of the total value of the catch. Bids greater than 70% of the value of the catch will be rejected.

The all bids must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. June 30, 2026.

If you are interested in finding out how to bid on this charter or would like to obtain further details, please contact: Matt Keyse at matthew.keyse@alaska.gov or 907-383-2066.

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