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# ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

## DIVISION OF COMMERCIAL FISHERIES

### NEWS RELEASE



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#### **SOUTHEAST ALASKA PURSE SEINE TEST FISHERY**

Petersburg. . . The Alaska Department of Fish and Game is soliciting bids to generate \$50,000 for the Southeast Alaska aerial survey program.

Bidding for this test fishery will be done in pounds of salmon (primarily pink salmon). Contracts will be awarded to the bidder who bids the lowest total pounds, once Alaska Bidders Preference is considered. Successful bidders agree to pay the State of Alaska \$50,000 for the salmon and provide the boat(s), gear, and crew to harvest and process the fish. If harvest exceeds the poundage bid, then all overages will be paid to the State at fair market value.

Test fishermen will fish only during times and in areas determined by the department in cooperation with the successful bidder. In addition, the department may limit harvest in certain areas. Test fishing areas will be selected by the department in commercial seine areas throughout Southeast Alaska. Areas will be selected where there is or anticipated to be excess salmon to escapement needs, where there is or anticipated to be marketable salmon, where the department may have a need to gain information on run strength and timing, and where the successful bidder is in a position to take advantage of the selected areas. The time periods of the test fishery will be determined to allow the successful bidder to participate in common property salmon fisheries. All salmon harvested must be retained, will be the property of the successful bidder, must be offloaded prior to participating in common property fisheries, and will be sold on the ADFG test fish permit card.

To bid, a Request for Quotation form obtained from local ADF&G offices in Douglas, Ketchikan, Petersburg, or Sitka must be completed and submitted. Bids must be received at the Fish and Game Office in Petersburg by 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, June 1, 2016. If two or more bids are identical the contract will be awarded based on a random drawing.

The successful bidder will be contacted by 4:30 p.m., Wednesday, June 1, 2016. The successful bidder has until 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 8, to submit a certified cashier's check, or money order, in the amount of \$50,000.00 to the Petersburg, Juneau, Ketchikan, or Sitka area offices. If payment is not received by that time, that bid shall be deemed invalid and the next lowest bidder will be contacted and will have 5 business days to submit payment.

To obtain further information, contact the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Commercial Fisheries Office in Petersburg at (907) 772-3801.

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