

Southeast Alaska Chinook Salmon Mitigation Program

Request For Proposals

FY2026

Introduction

The Southeast Alaska Chinook Salmon Fishery Mitigation Program was established in 2009 to alleviate economic impacts of the 15% reduction in Chinook salmon harvest levels under the 2009 revision of the Treaty. This program continues to be necessary due to an additional 7.5% reduction in Chinook harvest levels under the 2019 revision to the Treaty. Alaska's willingness to accept another loss to Chinook fisheries was predicated, in part, on a mitigation package to offset economic consequences.

The Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) is the State entity that administers program funds and is advised by a Stakeholder Panel of representatives from sport, troll, gillnet, and seine fisheries, hatchery operators, and local communities. The Stakeholder Panel has identified program components related to hatchery enhancement that would provide economic benefits to offset the losses to Treaty harvest shares. The contributions of hatchery raised Chinook and coho salmon are important to the "hook and line" fisheries, including commercial troll and sport fisheries, most affected by the reduction in Treaty harvests. Alaska hatchery-produced Chinook provide significant benefits because they may be harvested in addition to the annual Chinook harvest quota set under the Treaty.

The SEAK Chinook Salmon Fishery Mitigation Program anticipates that up to \$1 million may be available for projects in FY 2026. The Stakeholder Panel will review proposals and develop prioritized funding recommendations to the ADF&G Commissioner by March 15, at which point the Commissioner will determine which projects to support.

Proposals are to be submitted no later than midnight on **Wednesday, March 4, 2026 via email to dani.evenson@alaska.gov.** Proposals not adhering to the specified format or received after the cut-off time will not be considered, without exception.

Questions or points of clarification should be directed to the Treaty Coordinator, Dani Evenson via phone at (907) 465-8294, or email at dani.evenson@alaska.gov. Additional information can also be found at <https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=fisherymitigation.main>

Stakeholder Panel Members

Max Worhatch	Jacob Miller
Mitch Eide	Larry Edfelt
Tom Fisher	Katie Harms
Tessa Frost	Russell Thomas
Deborah Lyons	Scott Wagner

Project Themes

In this Request for Proposals, the SEAK Chinook Salmon Fishery Mitigation Program is seeking proposals for:

- Increasing and/or optimizing Chinook hatchery production within existing hatchery facilities.
- Conducting critical hatchery-related research into marine survival, alternate life history traits, migration, and other information that can increase fishing opportunities.
- Improving access to hatchery-produced fish by expanding marking and tagging rates at Alaska hatcheries and increasing sampling rates in shoreside fisheries proximate to hatcheries

Application Details and Administrative Considerations

Timeline for Projects: Projects cannot start prior to September 1, 2026 and must end by June 30, 2028 due to federal funding rules.

Submission of Proposals: To be considered, complete proposals MUST be received by midnight on March 4, 2026. Electronic submission of proposals is required and should be sent via email to dani.evenson@alaska.gov.

Format of Proposals: Proposals must be written in Calibri 12 point and no longer than 5 pages not including references or supplemental materials. Please carefully review the specifications for proposal content provided on the following pages. Proposals prepared in a manner inconsistent with these expectations will be ranked lower accordingly.

Application Review Process: The Stakeholder Panel will review and rank project proposals using the following criteria: (1) relationship and significance to RFP themes, (2) technical approach and feasibility, (3) cost effectiveness, (4) probability of success and (5) benefits to SEAK salmon fisheries. The Stakeholder Panel will conduct its review in early March and make recommendations to the ADF&G Commissioner by March 15, at which stage the ADF&G Commissioner will select projects to support. Proponents will be notified of the outcome of their application promptly thereafter.

Note: Entities must be compliant with the terms and conditions of cooperative agreements (contracts) for current or previous SEAK Chinook Salmon Fishery Mitigation Program projects (ADF&G reserves the right to reject proposals from entities that are out of compliance with current or previous SEAK Chinook Salmon Fishery Mitigation Program projects; this may include entities that failed to submit timely invoices, performance metrics, or quarterly reports).

Southeast Alaska Chinook Salmon Mitigation Program
Hatchery Enhancement & Research Project Proposal Form
FY2026

Project Title:

Proponents name:	Contact Information: (address, e-mail, Phone)
Affiliation:	

Person Responsible for Grant Administration:	Contact Information: (address, e-mail, Phone)
Affiliation:	

Identify the <u>one</u> Project Type that best describes the main intent of the proposal.	Dollar amount requested
<i>Check one</i>	
Hatchery Enhancement	<input type="checkbox"/> \$

Project Location:

Start Date:

End Date:

- 1) Provide a brief overview of the project; what is being proposed?**
- 2) Relevance and Significance:** Describe the relevance and significance of the project to the research priorities of the SEAK Chinook Salmon Mitigation Program and the themes identified in the 2026 Request For Proposals.
- 3) Technical Merit:** Describe the project design; the methodologies to be used and the appropriateness of the technical approach.
- 4) Benefits:** The benefits to be gained from successful completion of the project. Projects that offer long-term benefits will receive favorable consideration.
 - a. Measures of Success & Expected Outcomes:** Describe any specific objective standards, quantifiable criteria and quality control measures that will be used to assess the actual

performance of this proposal against expectations. For example, for a project designed to increase hatchery production, success may be measured in a target number of hatchery fish to be released.

b. **Beneficiaries:** Explain who will benefit from the proposal and how they will benefit.

5) **Key Personnel:** Identify key project personnel and briefly describe their experience and expertise, and the nature and extent of their role in implementation.

6) **Costs:** Describe the proposed budget for this project, including appropriate details about the larger cost items and justify the need for the main budget items listed that the SEAK Chinook Mitigation grant will cover. A written description must accompany the table below. Please include all capital acquisitions.

a. **Project budget outline:** Provide estimates of line item costs for the following categories.

Wages and salaries	\$
Contract services	\$
Travel	\$
Supplies and materials	\$
Capital equipment	\$
Indirect costs	\$
Total	\$

b. **Cost sharing:** Name the contributors and specify the amounts of any additional funding or in-kind contributions that are being relied upon to support this proposal and state whether their support is confirmed or just anticipated.

7) **Timeline:** Provide an expected timeline of project milestones.

Date	Task