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## **Request for Proposals for 2024 Season** **EXTENDED DEADLINE**

### **Purchase of Chum and Chinook Brood Stock Carcasses**

The Northern Southeast Regional Aquaculture Association (NSRAA) based in Sitka, Alaska is seeking proposals for the licensing right to harvest (3) individual lots of chum and chinook salmon brood stock carcasses at Medvejie, Hidden Falls and Gunnuk Creek Hatcheries. NSRAA will separate the roe from the female chum at Medvejie and Hidden Falls, although both fish and eggs must be taken by the winning bidder. Bid prices for each facility are broken down by species. This is a one-year bid for the 2024 season.

The winning processor will need to sign a NSRAA licensing agreement for sale of the fish.

#### **Lot 1-Hidden Falls Hatchery**

This lot of chum is expected to be 240,000 chum brood stock carcasses (1,200,000 lbs). Loose and skein eggs will be placed in 5 gallon buckets, placed in a chiller at 34<sup>0</sup>F and held until transport. Chum egg takes begin about July 20 and continue to approximately August 20.

#### **Lot 2-Medvejie Hatchery**

The Medvejie lot of chum is expected to be 125,000 brood stock carcasses (~625,000 lbs). Loose and skein eggs will be contained in 5 gallon buckets, placed on ice and held until transport.

Egg takes begin about July 20 and continue to last week of September.

In addition, we expect 5,000 chinook brood stock carcasses during August 15 to August 25.

#### **Lot 3-Gunnuk Creek Hatchery**

The Gunnuk Creek lot of chum is expected to be 20,000 brood stock carcasses (~100,000 lbs). NSRAA will conduct an egg take at the facility and anticipates carcasses available from approximately from July 20 to August 20.

## **Bid Criteria**

### **Brood Stock Carcass Definition**

Is a carcass that has had eggs and milt removed for propagation of the salmon stock. During brood stock collection typically ~5% (+/- 2%) of females spawned for brood stock may have green roe. This percent varies year to year based upon environmental conditions and fish maturity/development.

### **Price**

Brood Stock Carcass bid price should be on a per pound basis by species. NSRAA will entertain alternate compensation strategies proposed by processors, but more weight will be given to a per pound basis bid. NSRAA understands that due to logistic and low carcass volume the Gunnuk Creek portion of the bid may be uneconomical and may entertain a negative bid price.

### **Transport**

Cost of transport of the fish and/or eggs from the facility or point of loading, as described below, is the responsibility of the bidder. NSRAA will aid in the logistics as feasible and as outlined below.

### **Criteria for Receipt of Carcasses & Eggs**

**Lot 1-Hidden Falls** – totes and roe buckets need to be supplied daily commensurate with the magnitude of the egg take (see attachment). Hidden Falls staff will place carcasses in totes and transport to dock; the successful bidder will need to have tender available to receive fish **during** the egg take each day for quality and safety reasons (bear attraction). Egg takes typically occur between the hours of 7am to 7pm daily. Bucketed eggs will be placed in on-site cooler, at 34<sup>0</sup>F. Will be transported to tender by NSRAA staff prior to departure of tender.

**Lot 2-Medvejie** – totes, roe buckets and ice need to be supplied daily commensurate with the magnitude of the egg take (see attachment). Medvejie staff will place and ice carcasses in totes; the successful bidder will need to remove totes from hatchery each day for quality and safety reasons (bear attraction).

Bucketed eggs will be placed in totes on ice supplied by successful bidder and will need to be picked up each day.

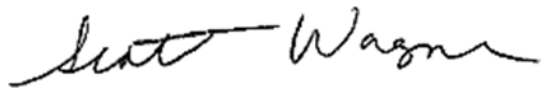
**Lot 3-Gunnuk Creek-** totes and ice need to be supplied on a basis commensurate with magnitude of the egg take (see attachment). Gunnuk Creek staff will place carcasses in totes and transport to processors desired point of loading in Kake. Carcasses may be removed every other day.

Proposals must be received at NSRAA's office by **5:00 p.m. AKDT, Monday May 6, 2024** via fax 907-747-1470, email [scott\\_wagner@nsraa.org](mailto:scott_wagner@nsraa.org) , mail 1308 SMC Rd., Sitka Alaska, or hand delivered to the NSRAA office 1308 SMC Rd. For additional information please call 907-747-6850 or 907-738-2729.

Bid proposals will be kept confidential. NSRAA reserves the right to reject any and/or all bid proposals.

Thank you for your interest and I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Scott Wagner". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke extending from the end of the name.

Scott Wagner

General Manager

**Bid Sheet**

**NSRAA 2024 Brood stock and Surplus Carcasses**

Company Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

**Lot 1-Hidden Falls**

Chum brood stock carcass bid price: \_\_\_\_\_/pound

**Lot 2-Medvejie**

Chum brood stock carcass bid price: \_\_\_\_\_/pound

Chinook brood stock/round carcass bid price: \_\_\_\_\_/pound

**Lot 3-Gunnuk Creek**

Chum brood stock carcass bid price: \_\_\_\_\_/pound

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Name of Representative

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title

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Signature

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Date

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Email

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Phone

The deadline for receiving completed bids is at 5 p.m. AKDT, on  
Monday, May 6, 2024.

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2024 NSRAA Chum & Chinook Carcass/Roe RFP

<b>NSRAA 2024 Return Projections</b>				
Site	Projected Return	Range		Brood Stock
		Low	High	
<b>Chum</b>				
<i>Hidden Falls</i>	<b>1,553,000</b>	588,000	2,312,000	240,000
<i>Medvejie/Deep Inlet*</i>	<b>2,454,000</b>	1,549,000	3,598,000	120,000
<i>Crawfish Inlet</i>	<b>1,336,000</b>	756,000	2,113,000	-
<i>Southeast Cove</i>	<b>215,000</b>	118,000	480,000	-
<i>Gunnuk Creek</i>	<b>211,000</b>	101,000	304,000	20,000
<i>Thomas Bay</i>	<b>381,000</b>	123,000	572,000	-

**Chum Brood Stock Carcass Expectations by Facility**

	HIDDEN FALLS	MEDVEJIE	GUNNUK CREEK
<b>Begin Brood Processing</b>	7/15/2024	7/20/2024	7/25/2024
<b>End Brood Processing</b>	8/14/2024	9/18/2024	8/8/2024
<b>Total Days</b>	30	60	14
<b>Total Brood Goal</b>	240,000	120,000	20,000
<b>Avg Fish/Day</b>	8,000	2,000	1,400
<b>2022 Avg Brood Stock Carcass Wt</b>	5.9	6.0	6.5
<b>Lbs Carcasses</b>	1,416,000	720,000	130,000
<b>Avg Lbs/Day</b>	47,200	12,000	9,100
<b>Avg Lbs/Wk</b>	330,400	84,000	63,700

\*Note: Daily carcass volumes can vary substantially based upon many factors. A gradual ramping up and down of volume typically occurs around the peak of the egg take. Medvejie facility will have returns of both Hidden Falls summer and Medvejie fall chums, hence the extended time period for the total number of days.