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**NSRAA Request for Proposals 2024 Season Crawfish Inlet  
and West Crawfish Inlet Chum Salmon  
EXTENDED DEADLINE**

Dear Interested Salmon Buyers:

The Northern Southeast Regional Aquaculture Association (NSRAA) based in Sitka, Alaska is seeking proposals for the licensing right to harvest Chum salmon at Crawfish Inlet and West Crawfish Inlet (~40 miles south of Sitka) for the 2024 season. It will be the responsibility of the winning bidder/processor to provide harvest boat(s) and tenders to accomplish the job in the most efficient manner possible, and at the time and place of harvest as determined by NSRAA (licensor).

**Bid Criteria**

This is a single year bid. The minimum number of boats required is not specified but the winning bidder will be expected to prevent the buildup of fish in either West Crawfish or Crawfish Inlet to reduce the potential for straying and maintain high meat quality. All cost recovery will come from the beginning of the run. Once the cost recovery goal is achieved common property seine openings will occur. Return forecast breakdown by stat week is provided in the following attachment.

The cost recovery operations' goal is to remove high quality fish in Crawfish Inlet and when chum salmon returns stall in areas adjacent to the SHA to reduce straying potential. Commercial trolling will not be disrupted to the greatest extent practical during cost recovery operations in Crawfish Inlet and West Crawfish. Bid amount will be the number of pounds you are willing to harvest for **\$3,000,000.00** .

In 2024, a forecast of 1,246,000 million chum (Medvejie fall stock) is predicted for the Crawfish Inlet project. Preference is that the majority of harvest will occur at the head of Crawfish Inlet. In cooperation with ADF&G and at the request of the local Area Management Biologist (AMB), NSRAA will be prepared to harvest chum bound for Crawfish Inlet that may hold in the areas of West Crawfish Inlet in August and September. The winning bidder is expected to conduct harvest within 24 hours when ADF&G makes the request to NSRAA to harvest in West Crawfish Inlet, at which time NSRAA will coordinate with the processor. If a bidder cannot manage a harvest on the

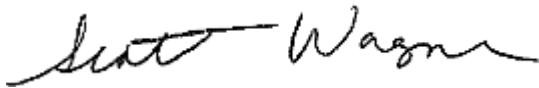
2024 NSRAA Crawfish & W. Crawfish Inlet Chum required day, NSRAA has the option to seek another buyer to alleviate any bottleneck in harvest or to alleviate straying concerns.

The winning processor is required to sign a NSRAA licensing agreement for the CR fish.

Proposals for **Crawfish Chum salmon** must be received at NSRAA's office by **5:00 p.m. AKDT, Monday May 13, 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 747-6850 or 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 at the end.

Scott Wagner,  
General Manager NSRAA

**Bid Sheet**

**NSRAA 2024 Crawfish Inlet and West Crawfish Inlet Chum Salmon**

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

Address \_\_\_\_\_

**Crawfish Inlet and West Crawfish Inlet Chum Salmon Bid:**

What is the number of pounds you are willing to harvest for **\$3,000,000.00**?

**My bid is:** \_\_\_\_\_ **pounds** (at point of capture in West Crawfish and Crawfish Inlet SHA). The lowest number of pounds to net **\$3,000,000.00** is the primary basis for a winning bid.

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Name of Representative

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Email

\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone

The deadline for receiving completed bids is at 5 p.m. AKDT, on  
Monday May 13, 2024

**NSRAA reserves the right to reject any or all bids.**

2024 NSRAA Crawfish & W. Crawfish Inlet Chum

**CRAWFISH INLET CHUM - 2024 PROJECTED TIMING AND ESTIMATED HARVESTABLE RETURN**

Week	2024 Week End Date	Weekly Return Avg	Percent	FORECASTED WEKLY FISH			FORECASTED CUMULATIVE FISH		
				Low	Forecast	High	Low	Forecast	High
29	20-Jul	441	0.0%	216	382	603	216	382	603
30	27-Jul	495	0.0%	242	428	677	458	810	1,281
31	3-Aug	12,505	0.8%	6,120	10,815	17,104	6,578	11,624	18,385
32	10-Aug	32,944	2.1%	16,122	28,491	45,060	22,700	40,115	63,445
33	17-Aug	138,652	9.0%	67,853	119,909	189,647	90,553	160,024	253,092
34	24-Aug	221,181	14.3%	108,241	191,283	302,531	198,794	351,307	555,623
35	31-Aug	539,779	34.9%	264,156	466,815	738,308	462,949	818,122	1,293,931
36	7-Sep	387,950	25.1%	189,854	335,509	530,637	652,803	1,153,631	1,824,568
37	14-Sep	153,448	9.9%	75,094	132,705	209,885	727,897	1,286,337	2,034,453
38	21-Sep	45,133	2.9%	22,087	39,032	61,733	749,984	1,325,369	2,096,186
39	28-Sep	12,293	0.8%	6,016	10,631	16,814	756,000	1,336,000	2,113,000
		<b>1,544,819</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>756,000</b>	<b>1,336,000</b>	<b>2,113,000</b>	<b>756,000</b>	<b>1,336,000</b>	<b>2,113,000</b>

Brood Needs (fish)	-	-	-
Est Harvestable (fish)	756,000	1,336,000	2,113,000
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Brood Needs (lbs)	-	-	-
Est Harvestable (lbs)	4,925,281	8,703,936	13,766,030
*lbs based off previous 5-year avg	<u>4,925,281</u>	<u>8,703,936</u>	<u>13,766,030</u>