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Request for Proposals 2017 Season NSRAA Chum Salmon

Dear Interested Salmon Buyers:

The Northern Southeast Regional Aquaculture Association (NSRAA) based in Sitka, Alaska is seeking proposals for the licensing right to harvest a defined portion of Chum salmon at Medvejie/Deep Special Harvest Areas and Crawfish Inlet SHA (~40 miles to south of Sitka) for the 2017 season. Deep Inlet and Crawfish Inlet bids are independent; the bidder may bid on one or both. 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).

Deep Inlet & Crawfish Inlet: chum CR bids are requested with harvest expected to be conducted as opportunities present themselves in any or all of the Special Harvest Areas (SHA) as specified in regulation. The cost recovery operations' goal is to provide high quality fish to the winning bidder during the harvest. The winning processor will need to sign a NSRAA licensing agreement for the CR fish.

Processors are expected to supply reliable tenders and harvest boat(s); this is essential to get the job done in a timely and efficient manner. Please provide a list of boat names and skippers that you plan to employ in the harvest.

Proposals for **Chum salmon** must be received at NSRAA's office by **5:00 p.m. ADT, Tuesday May 2, 2017** via fax 907-747-1470, email steve_reifenstuhl@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 738-3509. 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 blue ink that reads 'Steve Reifenstuhl'.

Steve Reifenstuhl,
General Manager NSRAA

**NSRAA forecast Chum salmon in the following
Special Harvest Areas:**

Medvejie/Deep Inlet Chum – due Tuesday May 2, 2017

Cost Recovery will be conducted in Deep Inlet SHA boundaries, including along Silver Point to Silver Bay, Deep Inlet proper, and west of Long Island. Deep Inlet chum are expected to be available between August 1 and August 31, 2017, although if desired by the processor there may be opportunity in July. Our goal is to get the cost recovery harvest completed as quickly as possible during as short a period as possible. We will develop a more precise schedule with the successful bidder. Medvejie/Deep Inlet chum total run forecast is 1,355,000 fish. More information may be found here: http://www.nsraa.org/pdfs/HarvestPlans/Deep_Inlet_HarvestPlan_2017.pdf

Bid Criteria

This is a single year bid. Two harvest boat minimum.

What is the number of harvest pounds you require for \$2,000,000.00 in royalty payments to NSRAA?

My bid is: _____ **pounds** (at point of capture in Deep Inlet SHA).
The lowest number of pounds to net \$2,000,000.00 is the primary basis for a winning bid.

Crawfish Inlet Chum – due Tuesday May 2, 2017

Crawfish Inlet located about 40 miles south of Sitka is a new NSRAA chum salmon project. Thirty-three thousand (33,000) three year old chum (Medvejie fall stock) are expected to return to Crawfish this season. Cost Recovery will be conducted from early August through early September as opportunity presents. SHA boundaries will be announced through ADF&G emergency order (EO) but are expected to include most of Crawfish Inlet. Commercial trolling will be allowed in Crawfish Inlet although net fisheries are precluded in 2017 & 2018. The winning bidder is expected to harvest when fish build to 8,000 fish or 50,000 lbs.

Bid Criteria

This is a single year bid. One harvest boat minimum.

What is the price per pound (royalty payment) to NSRAA?

My bid is: _____ **\$** _____ / **pound** (at point of capture in Crawfish SHA).

- **Chum Salmon Bids: The deadline for receiving completed bids is at 5 p.m. ADT, on Tuesday May 2, 2017**

NSRAA reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Company: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Fax: _____

E-mail: _____

Authorized company official: _____

Title: _____

Signature of authorized company official: _____

Date submitted: _____