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**NSRAA Request for Proposals 2024 Season SE Cove and
Gunnuk Creek 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 NSRAA's SE Cove and Gunnuk Creek Special Harvest Area (SHA), 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 with combined cost recovery harvest to come from both SE Cove and Gunnuk Creek. Bid amount will be the number of pounds you are willing to harvest for **\$850,000.00** from SE Cove and/or Gunnuk Creek SHA.

SE Cove

There will be scheduled common property openings in the SE Cove THA concurrently with cost recovery harvest. It is anticipated cost recovery harvest would occur the day before or after common property openings. If there is difficulty obtaining the cost recovery goal at SE Cove concurrently with common property openings, NSRAA will close the SHA for common property harvest until the goal is achieved. This would most likely occur near the mid-point of the return. Once the combined cost recovery goal is achieved, the remaining SE Cove return will be harvested with common property seine and gillnet openings.

The cost recovery operations' goal is to remove high quality fish in the SE Cove SHA. Commercial trolling, if present, will not be disrupted to the greatest extent practical during cost recovery operations in SE Cove.

In 2024, a forecast of 215,000 chum salmon (Hidden Falls summer stock) is predicted for the SE Cove project. Return forecast breakdown by stat week is provided in attachment.

Gunnuk Creek

For 2024, NSRAA is proposing to manage the Gunnuk Creek hatchery chum return in the Gunnuk Creek SHA for brood stock needs with cost recovery. It is anticipated cost recovery harvest would occur the day before or after common property openings at SE Cove.

In 2024, a forecast of 211,000 chum salmon (Hidden Falls summer stock) is predicted for the Gunnuk Creek Hatchery SHA. Of the forecast return approximately 20,000 are needed for hatchery brood stock needs. If a larger than expected return materializes at Gunnuk Creek additional cost recovery harvest may be necessary as the Gunnuk Creek SHA will not open to common property harvest. The winning bidder for the SE Cove and Gunnuk Creek cost recovery licensing agreement will have first right to harvest additional poundage above the cost recovery goal at the awarded bid price converted to price per pound.

Return forecast breakdown by stat week is provided in following attachment.

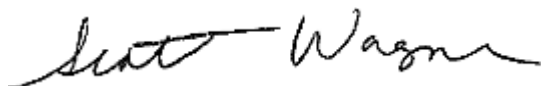
Processors are expected to supply reliable tenders and harvest boat(s); this is essential to get the job done in a timely and efficient manner.

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

Proposals for **SE Cove and Gunnuk Creek 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, 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, flowing style.

Scott Wagner,
General Manager NSRAA

Bid Sheet

NSRAA 2024 SE Cove and Gunnuk Creek Chum Salmon

Company Name _____

Address _____

SE Cove and Gunnuk Creek Chum Salmon Bid:

What is the number of pounds you are willing to harvest for **\$850,000.00**?

My bid is: _____ **pounds** (at point of capture in the SE Cove and Gunnuk Creek SHA). The lowest number of pounds to net **\$850,000.00** is the primary basis for a winning bid.

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.

GUNNUK CREEK CHUM - 2024 PROJECTED TIMING AND ESTIMATED HARVESTABLE RETURN

Week	2024 Week End Date	Weekly Return Avg	Percent	FORECASTED WEEKLY FISH			FORECASTED CUMULATIVE FISH		
				Low	Forecast	High	Low	Forecast	High
27	6-Jul	153	0.4%	401	838	1,208	401	838	1,208
28	13-Jul	403	1.0%	1,058	2,211	3,186	1,460	3,050	4,394
29	20-Jul	2,897	7.5%	7,598	15,873	22,870	9,058	18,923	27,263
30	27-Jul	11,394	29.6%	29,889	62,442	89,963	38,947	81,365	117,227
31	3-Aug	13,265	34.5%	34,796	72,693	104,733	73,743	154,057	221,960
32	10-Aug	9,891	25.7%	25,945	54,202	78,093	99,688	208,260	300,052
33	17-Aug	500	1.3%	1,312	2,740	3,948	101,000	211,000	304,000
		38,503	100%	101,000	211,000	304,000	101,000	211,000	304,000

Brood Needs (fish)	20,000	20,000	20,000
Est Harvestable (fish)	81,000	191,000	284,000
	101,000	211,000	304,000

Brood Needs (lbs)	135,735	135,735	135,735
Est Harvestable (lbs)	549,725	1,296,266	1,927,432
*lbs based off previous 5-year avg	685,460	1,432,001	2,063,167

SOUTHEAST COVE CHUM - 2024 PROJECTED TIMING AND ESTIMATED HARVESTABLE RETURN

Week	2024 Week End Date	Weekly Return Avg	Percent	FORECASTED WEEKLY FISH			FORECASTED CUMULATIVE FISH		
				Low	Forecast	High	Low	Forecast	High
25	22-Jun	59	0.0%	27	49	109	27	49	109
26	29-Jun	788	0.3%	359	654	1,461	386	703	1,570
27	6-Jul	10,508	4.1%	4,788	8,724	19,476	5,174	9,427	21,046
28	13-Jul	35,918	13.9%	16,366	29,820	66,575	21,540	39,247	87,621
29	20-Jul	79,336	30.6%	36,150	65,866	147,050	57,690	105,113	234,671
30	27-Jul	83,234	32.1%	37,926	69,103	154,276	95,616	174,216	388,947
31	3-Aug	34,560	13.3%	15,747	28,692	64,057	111,363	202,908	453,004
32	10-Aug	13,305	5.1%	6,062	11,046	24,660	117,426	213,954	477,664
33	17-Aug	1,260	0.5%	574	1,046	2,336	118,000	215,000	480,000
		258,968	100%	118,000	215,000	480,000	118,000	215,000	480,000

Brood Needs (fish)	-	-	-
Est Harvestable (fish)	118,000	215,000	480,000
	118,000	215,000	480,000

Brood Needs (lbs)	-	-	-
Est Harvestable (lbs)	800,835	1,459,148	3,257,632
*lbs based off previous 5-year avg	800,835	1,459,148	3,257,632