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April 1, 2021

## **NSRAA Request for Proposals 2021 Season Bear Cove and Crawfish Inlet Chinook**

Dear Interested Salmon Buyers:

The Northern Southeast Regional Aquaculture Association (NSRAA) based in Sitka, Alaska is seeking proposals for the licensing right to harvest Chinook Salmon at the Bear Cove and Crawfish Inlet Special Harvest Area (SHA) for the 2021 season. This harvest is a defined portion of the early Chinook run, historically from May 20 to June 20, Crawfish Inlet may run until end of June. For the 2021 season NSRAA is proposing 2 methods of potential harvest available for bid: traditional NSRAA operated beach seine, and processor provided gillnet vessel.

Cost recovery operations seek to provide high quality fish to the winning bidder during the harvest. The late-May to late June component offers a higher proportion of brights and semi-brights, although once quality slips to semi-brights and darks. The harvest may be curtailed due to reduced quality, low volume or brood stock needs.

The Bear Cove Chinook forecast estimated available for harvest is 3,200 fish with the Crawfish Inlet return cost recovery harvest estimate at 300 fish. This is the second-year of Chinook returning to Crawfish Inlet are forecast to be available. Expected combined return volume available for cost recovery harvest in the SHAs is 3,500 fish or 49,000 pounds (based on 14 lb. average). Actual terminal harvest could be considerably more or less, and if more, the processor is expected to take all the fish that are of bright and semi-bright with no more than a small portion of darks.

### **Bid Criteria**

This a single year bid for NSRAA Bear Cove and Crawfish Inlet Chinook. Harvest days, areas and methods (beach seine vs gillnet) will be determined by NSRAA (licensor) in consultation with the winning processor, as necessary to assure adequate brood stock goals are met, to minimize interception of early Hidden Falls stock chum salmon.

For traditional NSRAA beach seine harvest it is the responsibility of the winning bidder/processor to provide fish totes and ice each day of harvest. Beach seine harvested chinook will be delivered to processing plant/tender by NSRAA staff within the City of Sitka. An NSRAA crew will conduct the beach seine harvest, bleed the fish with a gill cut, and slush ice or flake ice the fish in the round.

For 2021 NSRAA would like to receive bids on processor provided gillnet catcher vessels. In 2020 NSRAA staff harvested Chinook at Crawfish Inlet by hand gillnet with relative success. It is our opinion that this catch method will be more successful at Crawfish Inlet with a dedicated gillnet vessel. In addition, in 2021 Bear Cove will see the first large return of Hidden Falls stock chum salmon for brood stock. It is anticipated that early chum may complicate the traditional

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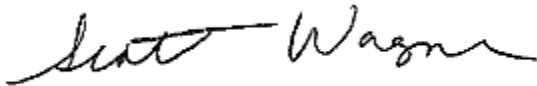
Medvejie channel beach seine operations making gillnet catch further out in the SHA more successful. NSRAA would like to work with the winning processor to explore this potential in the Bear Cove SHA in 2021.

The winning processor will need to sign a NSRAA licensing agreement for all cost recovery chinook.

Proposals for **NSRAA 2021 Chinook** must be received at NSRAA's office by **5:00 p.m. AKDST, Friday May 7, 2021** 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

**Bid Sheet**

**NSRAA 2021 Bear Cove and Crawfish Inlet Chinook Salmon**

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

Address \_\_\_\_\_

**Bear Cove and Crawfish Inlet Chinook Salmon Bid:**

**My NSRAA Beach Seine Chinook bid is: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ / pound**  
(at point of delivery in City of Sitka).

**My processor supplied gillnet harvest Chinook bid is: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ /pound**  
(at point of capture in Bear Cove and Crawfish Inlet).

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Name of Representative

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Title

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Signature

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Date

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The deadline for receiving completed bids is at 5 p.m. AKDST, on  
Friday May 7, 2021

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