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**SOUTHEAST REGIONAL AQUACULTURE ASSOCIATION, INC.**

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April 4, 2019

## **NSRAA Request for Proposals 2019 Season Chinook Beach Seine**

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 Chinook Salmon at the Bear Cove Special Harvest Area (Medvejie) for the 2019 season. 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 by NSRAA staff. Harvest days will be determined by NSRAA (licensor).

A bid for beach seine caught **Medvejie Chinook** is a single year bid. Harvest is expected for the early portion of the run from May 20 to June 20. Cost recovery operations seek to provide high quality fish to the winning bidder during the harvest. 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. The winning processor will need to sign a NSRAA licensing agreement for the CR fish.

Processors are required to supply totes and ice; this is essential to conducting the operation efficiently. Please provide a contact list for ice house, person to contact on harvest days, phone numbers for each.

Proposals for **Chinook** must be received at NSRAA's office by **5:00 p.m. ADT, Wednesday May 1, 2019** via fax 907-747-1470, email [steve\\_reifenstuhl@nsraa.org](mailto: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

**RFP for NSRAA Beach Seine Chinook Salmon 2019 Season**

**Medvejie Beach Seined Chinook – due Wednesday May 1, 2019**

Harvestable volumes of Chinook generally show up in late May at Bear Cove/Medvejie with the return increasing through June. 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 beach seine harvest will be curtailed. Meat quality is good throughout run. Medvejie Chinook forecast is 33,000 with approximately 10,470 fish returning to the terminal harvest area. The beach seine harvest period will likely yield about 2,000 fish for cost recovery.

**Bid Criteria**

This a single year bid for beach seined Chinook. NSRAA crew conducts the harvest, winning processor provides ice, totes, and processing of the bled, whole fish.

**My bid is: \$\_\_\_\_\_ / pound** (at point of capture in Bear Cove/Medvejie SHA).

Expected return to be harvested in the SHAs is 2,000 fish or 28,000 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 a small portion of darks.

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- **Chinook Beach Seine Bid: The deadline for receiving completed bids is at 5 p.m. ADT, on Wednesday May 1, 2019**

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

Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Authorized company official: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of authorized company official: \_\_\_\_\_

Date submitted: \_\_\_\_\_