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April 17, 2020

NSRAA Request for Proposals 2020 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 and Crawfish Inlet Special Harvest Area (SHA) for the 2020 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 **Bear Cove and Crawfish Inlet 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 the ice-house person, with phone numbers, to contact on harvest days.

Proposals for **Chinook** must be received at NSRAA's office by **5:00 p.m. ADT, Friday May 1, 2020** 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 fluid and cursive, written in a professional style.

Scott Wagner
General Manager NSRAA

RFP for NSRAA Beach Seine Chinook Salmon 2020 Season

Bear Cove and Crawfish Inlet Beach Seined Chinook – due Friday May 1, 2020

Harvestable volumes of Chinook generally show up in late May at Bear Cove with the return increasing through June. The late-May to late June component offers a higher proportion of brights and semi-bright, although once quality slips to semi-bright and darks, the beach seine harvest will be curtailed. Meat quality is good throughout run. Bear Cove Chinook forecast is available for beach seine harvest is 2,000 fish and the Crawfish Inlet return beach seine harvest estimate is 500 fish. This is the first year there should be harvestable volumes of Chinook returning to Crawfish Inlet. The beach seine harvest period will likely yield about 2,500 fish total between the sites 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 and Crawfish Inlet SHA).

Expected return to be harvested in the SHAs is 2,500 fish or 35,000 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.

- **Chinook Beach Seine Bid: The deadline for receiving completed bids is at 5 p.m. ADT, on Friday May 1, 2020**

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: _____