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NSRAA Request for Proposals 2018 Season Coho

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 coho at Hidden Falls & Mist Cove Special Harvest Areas for the 2018 season. An RFP for chum has been announced; the call date is April 25, 2018. It is the responsibility of the winning bidder/processor to provide harvest boats 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).

A bid for **Hidden Falls and Mist Cove Coho** are linked in a single bid for 2018. The proposal may be for a single year or multi-year bid. Cost recovery operations seek to provide high quality fish to the winning bidder during the harvest. The processor will need to sign a NSRAA licensing agreement for the CR fish.

Processors are required to supply reliable tenders and harvest boat(s); this is essential to conducting the operation efficiently. Please provide a list of boat names and skippers that you plan to employ in the harvest of each species and/or site for which you submit a bid.

Proposals for **Coho** must be received at NSRAA's office by **5:00 p.m. ADT, Wednesday April 25, 2018** 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 forecasts Coho salmon in the following
Special Harvest Areas:**

Hidden Falls Coho & Mist Cove Coho – due Wednesday April 25, 2018

Harvestable volumes of Coho generally show up in late August in Kasnyku Bay and Mist Cove with the return tapering off by early October. The September component offers a higher proportion of brights and semi-brights, whereas the late September/early October component contains a higher proportion of semi-brights, blush & darks. Meat quality is good throughout run. Hidden Falls Coho returning to the terminal harvest area is expected to be approximately 105,000 fish while Mist Cove is forecast at 68,000 available for cost recovery.

Bid Criteria

This can be a single year or multi-year bid. One harvest boat minimum.

My bid is: \$ _____ / **pound** (at point of capture in Kasnyku and Mist Cove SHA).

Expected return to be harvested in the SHAs is 173,000 fish or 1,200,000 pounds (based on 7 lb. average). Actual terminal harvest could be considerably more or less, and if more, the processor is expected to harvest all the fish except at Hidden Falls where broodstock consisting of 4,000 fish are needed for the hatchery.

- **Coho Bid: The deadline for receiving completed bids is at 5 p.m. ADT, on Wednesday April 25, 2018**

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: _____