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**Request for Proposals 2021 Season NSRAA Crawfish Inlet and West
Crawfish Chum Salmon**

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 Crawfish Inlet and West Crawfish (~40 miles to south of Sitka) for the 2021 season. In cooperation with ADF&G and at the request of local Area Management Biologist (AMB), NSRAA will be prepared to harvest small groups of chum bound for Crawfish Inlet that may hold in the upper arms of West Crawfish Inlet in August and September. It is expected that these will be small, surgical harvests. 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).

Crawfish Inlet and West Crawfish: chum CR bids are requested for harvest in NSRAA's Crawfish Inlet Special Harvest Area (SHA) as specified in regulation or immediately adjacent to the SHA in West Crawfish at the request of ADF&G AMB. The cost recovery operations' goal is to remove high quality fish in Crawfish Inlet and when chum salmon returns stall in areas adjacent to the SHA to reduce straying potential. Bid amount will be the number of pounds you are willing to harvest for \$6,750,000.00. The winning processor is required to sign a NSRAA licensing agreement for the CR fish.

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. Please provide a list of boat names and captains that you plan to employ in the harvest with your bid.

Proposals for **Chum salmon** must be received at NSRAA's office by **5:00 p.m. ADT, Friday April 30, 2021** 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

**Request for Proposal for NSRAA Chum salmon at Crawfish Inlet and West
Crawfish Inlet**

Crawfish & W. Crawfish Inlet Chum – due Friday April 30th, 2021

Crawfish & West Crawfish Inlet are located approximately 40 miles south of Sitka, Alaska. In 2021 a forecast of 1.92 million chum (Medvejie fall stock) is predicted. Preference is that the majority of the harvest will occur at the head of Crawfish Inlet.

If drought conditions return as they did in 2018 and 2019, and/or chum return behavior is similar in 2021 compared to 2020, there may be schools of chum stalled in Shamrock Bay, the two arms of West Crawfish Inlet, or further west in West Crawfish Inlet. In order to reduce straying with a return of this magnitude, NSRAA will work closely with and at the request of ADF&G to surgically harvest groups of stalled chum in these areas. It is expected that these harvests might need to be conducted in late August through mid-September as conditions require. Harvest boundaries will be announced through ADF&G emergency order (EO) but are expected to include very small portions of West Crawfish. Commercial trolling will not be disrupted to the greatest extent practical. The winning bidder is expected to conduct harvest within 24 hours when ADF&G makes the request to NSRAA to harvest in West Crawfish Inlet, at which time NSRAA will coordinate with the processor. If a bidder cannot manage a harvest on the required day, NSRAA has the option to seek another buyer to alleviate any bottleneck in harvest or to alleviate straying concerns.

Bid Criteria

This is a single year bid. The minimum number of boats required is not specified but the winning bidder will be expected to prevent the buildup of fish in either West Crawfish or Crawfish Inlet to reduce the potential for straying and maintain high meat quality.

What is the number of pounds you are willing to harvest for \$6,750,000.00?

My bid is: _____ **pounds** (at point of capture in West Crawfish and Crawfish Inlet SHA). The lowest number of pounds to net \$6,750,000.00 is the primary basis for a winning bid.

- **Chum Salmon Bid: The deadline for receiving completed bids is at 5 p.m. ADT, on Friday April 30, 2021**

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: _____