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Request for Proposals 2018 Season NSRAA 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 SHA (~40 miles to south of Sitka) for the 2018 season. 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: chum CR bids are requested for harvest in NSRAA's Crawfish Special Harvest Area (SHA) as specified in regulation. The cost recovery operations' goal is to provide high quality fish to the winning bidder during the harvest. 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 skippers that you plan to employ in the harvest.

Proposals for **Chum salmon** 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 forecast Chum salmon in the following
Special Harvest Areas:**

Crawfish Inlet Chum – due Wednesday April 25, 2018

Crawfish Inlet located about 40 miles south of Sitka is a new NSRAA chum salmon program. Last year we observed marine survival of ~7% on the 3 year olds. A forecast of 681,000 chum (Medveje fall stock) age 3 and 4 year old is expected in 2018. With an observed 40% exploitation rate in 2017, this yields an estimated 409,000 adult fish returning to the Crawfish terminal area for cost recovery this season. Estimated harvest pounds is 3,000,000, but it could be considerably more or less. Cost Recovery will be conducted from early August through early September as opportunity presents. SHA boundaries will be announced through ADF&G emergency order (EO) but are expected to include Crawfish Inlet from the mouth of the bay to head end. Commercial trolling will be allowed in Crawfish Inlet, although seine & gillnet fisheries are precluded for 2018 & 2019. The winning bidder is expected to conduct harvest when chum accumulate to approximately 10,000 fish. In addition, the successful bidder is expected to harvest all terminal chum above the estimated 3 million pounds if that should occur. If a bidder cannot manage a larger quantity in total or on a daily basis, NSRAA has the option to seek another buyer to alleviate any bottleneck in harvest.

Bid Criteria

This is a single year bid. Two harvest boat minimum.

What is the price per pound (royalty payment) to NSRAA?

My bid is: _____ \$ _____ / pound (at point of capture in Crawfish SHA).

- **Chum Salmon Bids: 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: _____