



Advisory Announcement
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HAWK INLET SEINE TEST FISHERY

Juneau.... The Alaska Department of Fish and Game is soliciting bids to charter a purse seine fishing vessel to conduct test fishing along the Hawk Inlet Shoreline on or about June 26, July 3, July 10, and July 17, 2020. If midweek commercial seine openings occur, fishing dates can be adjusted by mutual agreement between the contractor and the State.

The test fishery will be used to evaluate the run strength and timing of northern inside migrating pink salmon returning to Districts 11 and 15. The charter vessel will be required to fish one day each week for four weeks. Each fishing day will include a minimum of four twenty-minute sets. Each week, sets will be made at four predetermined locations between Point Marsden and Point Retreat. All fish caught will become the property of the State of Alaska. Interested bidders must have prior experience seining in this area and the charter vessel must be equipped with refrigerated seawater or slush ice tanks to maintain the fish in good quality before delivery. Up to three department employees may be aboard the charter vessel while fishing to monitor and sample the vessel's catch.

Charter bids should be based on a percentage of the total value of the catch and the contract will be awarded to the bidder with the lowest percentage of the total value. For each week fished, the successful bidder will be guaranteed a minimum of \$1,500.00 and a weekly maximum of \$7,500.00. For example: a bid of 60% given a harvest value of \$7,000.00 will result in \$4,200.00 paid to the contractor and \$2,800.00 paid to the department.

Bids must be received at the ADF&G office in Juneau prior to **3:00 p.m., Wednesday, June 10, 2020.**

To obtain further information regarding this charter and to obtain bid forms, please contact Dave Harris or Scott Forbes in Juneau at (907) 465-4250.

Under Alaska's Health Mandates 10, 11, 12, and 17, commercial fishing is an Essential Business and is part of Alaska's Essential Services and Critical Infrastructure. Commercial fishermen should ensure that all travel and other activities in support of commercial fishing operations follow protocols in Alaska COVID-19 Health Mandates. COVID-19 Health Mandates may be found here: <https://gov.alaska.gov/home/covid19-healthmandates/>

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