



Advisory Announcement
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Prince William Sound Herring Announcement #2

The Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) is soliciting bids to conduct a test fishery harvesting herring with purse seine or drift gillnet gear near Kayak Island during spring of 2024.

The Request for Quotation (RFQ) format for this test fishery will be done in three lots at a maximum of 50 tons of herring/lot. Lots are intended to provide the opportunity for separation of fishing effort and provide opportunity for up to three permit holders; there is no geographic or temporal separation required and vessels may fish more than one lot at a time. All harvest, defined as harvestable biomass during the opening window of the fishery, must come from the area around Kayak Island (Figure 1). The department is seeking to generate a maximum of \$15,000 from a herring test fishery at Kayak Island. Revenues generated from the herring test fishery will be used to supplement Area E herring stock assessment and management. The minimum bid amount the department will consider is \$100/ton. The department will accept bids for up to 50 tons of herring/lot for an overall maximum harvest of 150 tons. Interested parties can bid on multiple lots. **Quotes will be accepted until 12:00 p.m., Friday, April 5, 2024.** The harvest of herring under this contract will be conducted during the period April 8, 2024 – April 20, 2024. The vessel/s used to harvest may be required to assist the department in assessing the distribution of the herring biomass on Kayak Island to determine where the largest concentrations are located. One or two department biologists may be on board during harvesting.

The State of Alaska will be paid at the base price for any overages of any herring above the original quote amount up to 20%. The State will be paid two times the base price of the original quote on any herring that exceed 20% of the original bid incurred during the fishery (base price is a maximum \$5,000/lot divided by tons herring quoted for that lot).

Quotations will only be accepted from a current CFEC permit holder in the Prince William Sound Herring Sac Roe Purse Seine Fishery or Sac Roe Drift Gillnet Fishery. Interested bidders must be a licensed captain and have prior experience fishing in the Prince William Sound Area. In addition, successful bidders will be responsible for their own supplies including food, fuel, and net. All fish harvested will become property of the State.

ADF&G, Commercial Fisheries staff in Cordova will coordinate management and supervision of this program. RFQ bid forms are available from the Cordova, ADF&G office upon request.

The successful bidder will be responsible for supplying the following:

1. A herring seine or drift gillnet vessel(s) capable of fishing in weather common to the Kayak Island area.
2. A current CFEC Prince William Sound Herring Sac Roe Purse Seine or Sac Roe Drift Gillnet permit holder must be on board any vessel fishing in the test fishery.
3. A commercial herring seine or drift net and all associated fishing gear and equipment.
4. Vessels capable of tendering herring, if needed.

5. All personal and fishing related expenses including food, fuel, crew, and living arrangements.
6. A current Alaska Business License.
7. The department may take biological samples of herring for Age-Sex-Length and disease prevalence either from the catcher vessel, the tender (if used) or at the delivery location.

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