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**ATTENTION BAIT SUPPLIERS AND SALMON PROCESSORS**

**Bait for Year 2007 IPHC Survey Vessels  
251,500 pounds semi-bright chum salmon - Proposals due October 27, 2006**

The International Pacific Halibut Commission is requesting proposals from industry to provide bait for summer halibut surveys during 2007. The Commission will consider direct purchases from salmon fishers, if the fisher can make proper processing arrangements.

The only bait used for the Commission's standardized stock assessment survey is Chum salmon. Due to the scientific nature of the study, our bait quality requirements and standardization exceed those normally provided by industry as "bait chums". The Commission's minimum acceptable bait quality is #2 semi-bright (ASMI grade A through E), H&G, IQF, Chum salmon with "meat colored" flesh. The preferred size grade is 6 to 9 pound chums but smaller fish may be considered. The salmon must have been caught and processed no earlier than June of 2006. We require information on the month of capture and the run for each unit/tote of bait purchased. Bait may be inspected for quality prior to accepting a proposal.

The Commission plans to purchase 251,500 pounds of bait to supply stock assessment survey operations from the end of May through August. Interested parties may submit proposals to provide all or a portion of the total amount. Proposals should include processing, shipping, and storage costs if applicable. The bait may be stored at a central location and shipped in May of 2007, or may be shipped and stored in the approximate amounts and at predicted locations listed below. Delivery ports are subject to change based on vessel and plant logistics.

<b>Oregon/Washington</b>		<b>Canada</b>		<b>Alaska</b>	
Port	~lbs.	Port	~lbs.	Port	~lbs.
Vancouver/Bellingham	21,000	Vancouver/Port Hardy	18,000	SE Alaskan Ports	30,000
		Prince Rupert	30,000	Yakutat	4,500
				Homer/Seward	47,000
				Kodiak	34,500
				King Cove/Sand Point	16,000
				Dutch Harbor	50,500

If the proposal does not include shipping and/or storage, the proposal will be evaluated in consideration of the necessary shipping and storage costs to the Commission. Another point used in evaluating proposals will be the possibility of deferring all or a portion of payment until bait is removed from the storage facility. The Commission will not necessarily accept the lowest or any of the bids received.

Proposals must be received **by 1700 hrs. October 27, 2006**. Interested suppliers should send a letter of proposal to the IPHC, Attn. Eric Soderlund; P.O. Box 95009, Seattle, Washington 98145-2009; Phone (206) 634-1838, ext. 230 or Fax: (206) 632-2983.

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