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ATTENTION BAIT SUPPLIERS AND SALMON PROCESSORS

Bait for 2007 IPHC research 20,000 pounds semi-bright chum salmon - Proposals due March 30, 2007

The International Pacific Halibut Commission is requesting proposals from industry to provide bait for an experiment investigating hook-size and spacing during summer 2007.

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 20,000 pounds of bait to supply this experiment. The bait will be loaded in British Columbia, in Vancouver, Port Hardy, or Prince Rupert. The bait must be available beginning June 2, 2007. The port(s) at which the bait will be loaded will be determined by April 6.

Interested suppliers should submit proposals to provide the total amount. Proposals should include processing, shipping, and storage costs if applicable.

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 4:30 PM March 30, 2007**. 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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