

News Release



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ATTENTION BAIT SUPPLIERS AND SALMON PROCESSORS
Bait Needed for 2011 IPHC Stock Assessment Survey
300,000 pounds semi-bright chum salmon
Contact IPHC by August 1st, 2010

The International Pacific Halibut Commission is currently acquiring bait for the 2011 survey season. To be included in purchase negotiations, interested suppliers must contact Evangeline White at the IPHC via phone (206) 634-1838, ext. 202; fax: (206) 632-2983; or e-mail evangeline@iphc.washington.edu by August 1st. Please note that to provide a more timely process for suppliers, the Commission is changing its bait procurement procedure and will consider proposals on an as-received schedule. However, the Commission is not required to accept the lowest or any of the bids received. Purchases will be negotiated over two-week increments beginning immediately as bait needs are filled.

Due to the scientific nature of the study, IPHC bait quality requirements and standardization exceed those normally provided by industry as bait chums. Bait specifications are summarized below.

The IPHC will consider quantity offered, size, quality, price per pound, shipping and storage costs, and pre-season storage location when making purchases. Suppliers able to offer shipping and pre-season or in-season storage options are encouraged to do so. Consideration will also be given for bids incorporating the possibility of deferring all or a portion of payment until bait is removed from the storage facility. Bait may be inspected for quality prior to making a purchase.

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Chum salmon requirements:

- Headed and gutted (H&G)
- Individually quick frozen (IQF).
- The minimum grade is semi-bright #2s (ASMI grade A-E). Fish of a higher quality are acceptable but not preferred over the minimum quality.
- IPHC prefers 6/9s and 4/6s will be considered; 9-ups will not be considered.
- Bait may be inspected by IPHC staff prior to purchase to ensure that the flesh is firm and has been processed in a manner that maintains the required quality.
- Bait must be totes in ~1,000 lb fiber totes.
- Information on the month of capture and the run for each unit/tote of bait purchased is required.
- The salmon must have been caught and processed no earlier than June 2010.

1. During May of 2011, bait will be shipped to ports specified by the IPHC for the 2011 stock assessment survey. Vendors who are able to provide cold storage from time of purchase until shipment may be preferred, but there is no requirement to provide storage or transportation services.
2. Predicted bait needs in 2011 are listed below:

Port	lbs.	Port	lbs.
Alitak	11,000	St. Paul	8,000
Dutch Harbor	41,000	Valdez/Cordova	5,000
Homer/Seward	48,000	Yakutat	10,000
Juneau	5,000	Astoria	4,000
Ketchikan	23,000	Newport	7,000
King Cove	10,000	Bellingham	7,000
Kodiak	29,000	Prince Rupert, BC	18,000
Petersburg	10,000	Port Hardy, BC	14,000
Sand Point	22,000	Vancouver, BC	10,000
Sitka	5,000		

- Bids including transportation to and storage in these ports may be given preference.
3. Chums must have been caught and processed no earlier than June 2010.