

News Release



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ATTENTION BAIT SUPPLIERS AND SALMON PROCESSORS
Bait Needed for 2015 IPHC Stock Assessment Survey
320,000 pounds semi-bright chum salmon
Contact IPHC by August 13th, 2014

The International Pacific Halibut Commission is acquiring bait for the 2015 stock assessment survey. Due to the scientific nature of the study, IPHC bait quality requirements and standardization exceed those normally provided by industry as bait chums.

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 4/6 lbs and 6/9 lbs; 9/up lbs may 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 toted in ~1,000 lb fiber totes.
- Information on the month of capture, the run for each unit/tote of bait purchased, and tote weight is required. Also, the labeling of totes as IPHC specific product before shipment would be preferred.
- The salmon must have been caught and processed no earlier than June 2014.
- Invoices submitted for payment no later than March of 2015.

The IPHC will consider quantity offered, size, quality, and price per pound, and preseason storage location when making purchases. To be included in purchase negotiations, complete the enclosed form and submit it to Ed Henry via fax: (206) 632-2983; or e-mail ed@iphc.int by **August 13th, 2014**. The Commission will evaluate proposals as they are submitted; however, the Commission is not required to accept the lowest or any of the bids received. Bid acceptance will be released to the parties by August 20th, 2014. If you have any questions, please contact Ed Henry at (206) 634-1838 ext 7686.

For 2015, the IPHC has been investigating spatial expansion of the stock assessment survey. As part of our planning, the commission would also like bidders to provide information on timing, quantity, and location availability of chum salmon between the dates of June 1st and August 31st, 2015. This will assist the IPHC in determining possible significant in-season purchases.

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Considerations

During May of 2015, bait will be shipped to ports specified by the IPHC for the 2015 stock assessment survey. Predicted bait needs in 2015 are listed below:

Port	lbs.	Port	lbs.
Alitak	10,000	St. Paul	10,000
Dutch Harbor	52,000	Valdez/Cordova	5,200
Homer/Seward	50,000	Yakutat	16,000
Juneau	10,000	Newport	16,000
Ketchikan	26,000	Bellingham	16,000
King Cove	12,400	Prince Rupert, BC	10,000
Kodiak	30,000	Port Hardy, BC	10,000
Petersburg	5,200	Vancouver, BC	10,000
Sand Point	26,000		
Sitka	5,200		

If you would like to be included in purchase negotiations, please complete the following table:

Size	Quality	Quantity (lbs)	Price per pound	Preseason storage location

Can you provide chum salmon during the 2015 season?

If you are also able to provide chum salmon between June 1st and August 31st, 2015 please expand on estimated quantity, timeframe, and location.

Are there other services you can offer with your bid?

If you can provide additional services with your bid or you can provide in season bait chums, please include an explanation with your response. Vendors who are able to provide cold storage from time of purchase until shipment may be preferred.