

## *News Release*



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**ATTENTION BAIT SUPPLIERS AND SALMON PROCESSORS**  
**Bait Needed for 2016 IPHC Stock Assessment Survey**  
**275,000 pounds semi-bright chum salmon**  
**Contact IPHC by August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

The International Pacific Halibut Commission is acquiring bait for the 2016 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 2015.
- Invoices submitted for payment no later than March of 2016.

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](mailto:ed@iphc.int) by **August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015**. 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 26<sup>th</sup>, 2015**. If you have any questions, please contact Ed Henry at (206) 634-1838 ext 7686.

For 2016, 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 1<sup>st</sup> and August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2016. This will assist the IPHC in determining possible significant in-season purchases.

## Considerations

During May of 2016, bait will be shipped to ports specified by the IPHC for the 2016 stock assessment survey. Predicted bait needs in 2016 are listed below:

<b>Port</b>	<b>lbs.</b>	<b>Port</b>	<b>lbs.</b>
Alitak	8,600	St. Paul	8,600
Dutch Harbor	45,000	Valdez/Cordova	45,000
Homer/Seward	43,000	Yakutat	43,000
Juneau	8,600	Newport	8,600
Ketchikan	20,000	Bellingham	20,000
King Cove	11,000	Prince Rupert, BC	11,000
Kodiak	26,000	Port Hardy, BC	26,000
Petersburg	4,500	Vancouver, BC	4,500
Sand Point	23,000		
Sitka	4,500		

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

<b>Size</b>	<b>Quality</b>	<b>Quantity (lbs)</b>	<b>Price per pound</b>	<b>Preseason storage location</b>

**Can you provide chum salmon during the 2016 season?**

If you are also able to provide chum salmon between June 1<sup>st</sup> and August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2016 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.

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