

News Release



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ATTENTION BAIT SUPPLIERS AND SALMON PROCESSORS
Bait Needed for 2017 IPHC Stock Assessment Survey
230,000 pounds semi-bright chum salmon
Contact IPHC by August 19th, 2016

The International Pacific Halibut Commission is acquiring bait for the 2017 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 2016.
- Invoices submitted for payment no later than March of 2017.

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 19th, 2016**. 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 **September 2nd, 2016**. If you have any questions, please contact Ed Henry at (206) 634-1838 ext 7686.

For 2017, 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, 2017. This will assist the IPHC in determining possible significant in-season purchases.

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Considerations

During May of 2017, bait will be shipped to ports specified by the IPHC for the 2017 stock assessment survey. Estimated port specific bait needs are listed below:

Port	lbs.	Port	lbs.
Adak, AK	24,000	Sitka, AK	7,000
Alitak, AK	6,000	St. Paul, AK	3,000
Dutch Harbor, AK	40,000	Valdez/Cordova, AK	8,000
Homer/Seward, AK	32,000	Yakutat, AK	7,000
Juneau, AK	7,000	Newport, OR	12,000
Ketchikan, AK	13,000	Bellingham, WA	5,000
King Cove, AK	10,000	Prince Rupert, B.C.	11,000
Kodiak, AK	45,000	Port Hardy, B.C.	12,000
Petersburg, AK	3,000	Vancouver, B.C.	7,000
Sand Point, AK	3,000		

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 2017 season?

If you are also able to provide chum salmon between June 1st and August 31st, 2017 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.