

Request for Proposals
Main Bay and Wally Noerenberg Hatchery
Barrier Net Transportation, Deployment, Installation, and Removal
March 29th, 2019

1. INTRODUCTION

Project Overview

Prince William Sound Aquaculture Corporation (PWSAC) is a non-profit corporation founded in 1974 by a local commercial fishermen's organization to optimize Alaska's wild salmon resources. PWSAC produces hatchery-born, ocean-raised wild salmon for the commercial, sport, personal use, and subsistence fisheries in the Prince William Sound and Copper River regions. With headquarters in Cordova, Alaska, PWSAC operates four remote salmon hatcheries in Prince William Sound and one on the Copper River in Paxson. Approximately 600 million salmon fry and smolt are produced annually for release into Pacific waters. The returning adults benefit all user groups.

PWSAC is soliciting proposals for professional services to provide transport, deployment, install, and removal of the barrier net at Main Bay Hatchery (MBH) and the Wally Noerenberg Hatchery (WNH) for the 2019 season. The awarded contractor will furnish an appropriate vessel as well as all necessary personnel, equipment and diver support to transport and install the PWSAC barrier seine from Armin F. Koernig to both Main Bay and Wally Noerenberg hatchery site(s).

MBH is located at the head of Main Bay, Prince William Sound, approximately 40 miles southeast of Whittier. WNH is located in Lake Bay on the southern end of Esther Island in Prince William Sound, approximately 20 miles east of Whittier.

2. PROJECT BACKGROUND

a) Location of Delivery

- Transport and Deployment: The barrier net(s) will be staged, palletized on the Armin F. Koernig (AFK) pier dock. The contractor will transfer from the AFK pier dock and transport the net(s) to the corresponding hatchery. There, the contractor will work directly with the on-site hatchery manager to see that the net is deployed and secured properly prior to leaving the area.
- Installation: The contractor will supply surface support and diver to install the barrier seine following deployment. Each end, as well as the middle section (MBH only) of the net are to be secured to the corresponding shore anchor and the lead line sewn into the heavy chain anchors that denote the deployment area. This is to secure the barrier net so that it is minimally affected by weather and tide. Every effort should be taken to avoid damaging the seine and allow the maximum amount of area for entering brood salmon. Any tears or breaks that occur during the season, the contract awardee will have preferential first option on scheduled repairs.
- Removal: The contractor will deploy a diver to untie and remove the barrier net from Main Bay and Wally Noerenberg and transport the net to the Armin F. Koernig Hatchery (AFK) pier dock. The contractor will work directly with the hatchery manager to transfer the net from its vessel to the AFK dock upon arrival.

b) Completion Schedule

Wally Noerenberg Barrier Net

- Deployment (Chum): on or before June 1, 2019.
- Removal (Chum): July 15, 2019.

- Deployment (Pink): July 15, 2019
- Removal (Pink): September 1, 2019

Main Bay Barrier Net

- Deployment (Sockeye): on or before June 15, 2019.
- Removal (Sockeye): on or before July 15, 2019.

c) Contract Performance

Every effort will be taken to see that execution of contract (installation and removal) will not coincide with fishing openers, however, PWSAC needs will take priority over openers in situations of conflict. Penalties will be applied in the event of non-performance.

3. PROCUREMENT PROCESS

a) General

PWSAC has elected to proceed with a competitive bid process with an open invitation to interested parties to submit proposals.

b) Method of Contracting

PWSAC will issue a contract to the best value bidder (i.e. cost of contract, capabilities of equipment, ability to execute around openers, etc.). A sample contract agreement is enclosed. By submitting a bid, the bidder acknowledges they have read and understood this sample agreement as well as all other materials in this RFP and are prepared to work with PWSAC to execute the agreement.

c) Selection Process and Schedule

Proposals must be received not later than 4:00 p.m. (AKDT) on April 26th, 2019, via email to the contact person below:

Casey Pape, Operations Manager
E-Mail: casey.pape@pwsac.com

Proposals shall be evaluated based on cost, responsiveness, and the qualifications of the bidder. Contracts will be awarded to the best value bid. PWSAC will determine whether a bidder is qualified based on:

- a) Demonstrated experience and faithful execution of contract in similar operations;
- b) List of technical capabilities of the contractor; and
- c) The bidder's capacity to perform in service of PWSAC in a timely matter with limited notice.

PWSAC will provide an Intent to Award statement to all of the responsive bidders no later than 1:00 p.m. (AKDT) on May 3rd, 2019.

PWSAC may reject all bids or proposals submitted for procurement if PWSAC determines it is in the best interest of the Corporation.

In submitting a bid, the bidder warrants that all information submitted and representations made are complete and accurate, and acknowledges that it has carefully examined and understands this RFP and all attachments, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, and proposes to perform the work and services identified and described in the RFP, including all betterments, for the price quoted in the proposal.

4. PROPOSAL REQUIREMENTS

The Proposer shall submit the following:

a) Cover Letter

Identify the parties and provide a list of all professionals, and subcontractors (if applicable).

b) References

Provide a minimum of two owner references from previous similar projects that the bidder have completed. Include contact information for the project owners.

c) Subcontracting

Due to the remoteness of the site and functions performed by the barrier seine, a variety of skills and expertise are required to fulfil this RFP. Bidders are encouraged to subcontract portions of the work in order to achieve the desired proposal criteria. Bidders are asked to submit a work plan detailing what portions of the project they intend to perform and those they wish to subcontract.

Entities interested in completing portions of the work are encouraged to submit a bid for the portion of work to be completed. These proposals will be evaluated for feasibility and usefulness and submitted bids will be followed up with questions by PWSAC management.

d) Price Proposal

A stipulated lump sum proposal is preferred.