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RESEARCH FISH SALES NOTICE November 2017 through March 2018

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The International Pacific Halibut Commission (IPHC or Commission) is conducting a field research project during the commercial Pacific halibut fishery's winter closure. For this work, IPHC has chartered the *F/V Kema Sue*, and plans to make a total of five (5) monthly landings in Kodiak from November 2017 through March 2018. Based on the research plan, we anticipate that approximately 500 lbs of halibut and incidental Pacific cod and rockfish (*Sebastes spp.*) will be landed around the middle of each month of this project's duration. Fish will usually be no more than 6 days old. The table below shows the predicted landings and timing based on the current research fishing plan. The Commission makes no guarantee as to the amount of fish caught; and there is a potential to land up to 1,200 lbs Pacific halibut on a trip.

Trip	Port	Predicted landing date	Predicted head-off weight (lbs)
1	Kodiak	14 November 2017	500
2	Kodiak	14 December 2017	500
3	Kodiak	18 January 2018	500
4	Kodiak	14 February 2018	500
5	Kodiak	13 March 2018	500
		Total	2,500

We are pre-selling all of the fish captured during this project as one unit. If bidding, you are committing to all offloads from this project listed in the table above. Prior to the offload, the buyer will be provided the projected hail weight of Pacific halibut by weight categories and by bycatch species. The buyer is responsible for providing accurate weigh scales and completing a fish ticket for each landing according to Alaska state regulations.

In awarding this sale, the Commission will consider: (1) price; (2) the number of years buyers have been buying and marketing Pacific halibut; (3) how fish are graded at the dock including the determination of No. 2 Pacific halibut and chalky fish; and (4) promptness in settlements following deliveries. Obtaining a fair market price will be a primary consideration in awarding this fish sale, but the Commission will also consider the factors listed above in its decision. The Commission is not required to accept the lowest or any of the bids received. Please call if you have questions with this bidding procedure.

Bid Submission: Please include the following in your bid:

- ❑ Price for Pacific halibut and condition. Price is for head-off weight, converted from the head-on scale weight, and by size-grade, e.g. 10/20, 20/40, 40+, or straight price for all size grades.
- ❑ Price for rockfish (*Sebastes* spp.) bycatch by species (most common are yelloweye rockfish, then roughey, redbanded, quillback, and canary)
- ❑ Grading location
- ❑ Deduction for #2s
- ❑ Deduction (if any) for Pacific halibut that are chalky
- ❑ Full contact information (phone, fax, email, address)
- ❑ Employer Identification Number (EIN), also called a federal tax ID number.
- ❑ If you have not purchased IPHC survey Pacific halibut in the recent past, please include two industry references.

If you are interested, **please submit an offer including the above details by mail, fax, or e-mail** to Eric Soderlund (eric@iphc.int). Bids must be received at the IPHC office in Seattle **by 12:00 p.m. (Pacific Daylight Time) on 1 November 2017.**

Inquiries should be directed to Eric Soderlund at (206) 552-7678.

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