

SOUTHERN SOUTHEAST REGIONAL AQUACULTURE ASSOCIATION

Request for Proposals (RFP)

2020 McLean Arm Rearing Program

Southern Southeast Regional Aquaculture Association, Inc., (SSRAA), is soliciting bids from interested parties to conduct rearing operations for the spring of 2020 season at its McLean Arm rearing site located in southern Southeast Alaska.

SSRAA is a regional non-profit aquaculture association based in Ketchikan, Alaska. SSRAA's mission is to enhance and rehabilitate salmon production in Southern Southeast Alaska to the optimum social and economic benefit to salmon users. SSRAA operates eight production salmon hatcheries/facilities and five remote release rearing sites. SSRAA rears and releases approximately 190 million chum, 7.5 million coho, and 2.1 million chinook smolt annually.

Location of Project

McLean Arm is located near the southern tip of Prince of Wales Island and is approximately 40 miles southwest of Ketchikan, Alaska at coordinates 54° 48'48" N / 132° 04'48" W. This is a remote site only assessable by boat or float plane.

Description of Project

The site will be comprised of five 40'X40' net pens and a 24'X50' barge for fish food and equipment storage. The barge will have a structure utilized for dry storage and temporary quarters for visiting SSRAA employees whom may be conducting periodic site visits. Approximately nine (9) million chum fry will be reared and released in 2020. The project dates will run annually from approximately mid-January through late April or approximately 105 days. Based on environmental conditions and rearing performance, the dates of operations could vary slightly year to year. Length of work day will typically vary from between 6-10 hours/day.

Scope of Contractor Services Required

- Provide an adequate live-aboard vessel, skiff and outboard, fuel, food and living supplies, and all other expenses associated with crew wages, and operation of equipment provided by contractor.
- Provide a minimum of two people, from approximately mid-January to late April for the rearing of fry per size goals and release objectives prescribed by SSRAA staff.
- Contractor will provide 24 hours/day, 7 days'/week presence at rearing site for security.
- Assist with mobilization of the site including: barge prep, loading fish food and all equipment and supplies in Ketchikan and deploying rearing nets, and general site set-up at McLean Arm.
- Fish culture duties will include: feeding fish to achieve desired growth and health performance, net cleaning, weekly growth sampling, removing rearing mortalities, and performing end-of-season fish health assessments and compiling post season rearing summaries.
- Maintain rearing records to include: recording daily water temps, weekly growth sampling, daily feed amounts fed, daily mortalities, weekly fish inventory, keeping a daily diary of all activities, and other pertinent data/records as specified by SSRAA staff.

- Perform weekly and monthly monitoring per SSRAA's ADEC General Discharge Permit.
- Maintenance duties will include: servicing all SSRAA equipment, maintaining and repairing nets and net pen structures, and maintaining barge and other infrastructure.
- Conduct scheduled daily welfare checks and daily/weekly operational status updates to specified SSRAA personnel.
- Perform miscellaneous fish culture tasks and maintenance to infrastructure as needed or required by SSRAA staff.
- Upon completion of rearing operations, assist with end-of-season demobilization of site including: pulling rearing nets for cleaning, general clean-up of barge, equipment, rearing site, trash removal to Ketchikan, and gear maintenance and storage.
- Maintain and provide proof of vessel and crew insurance.

SSRAA Responsibilities

- Provide oversight and on-site training of standard rearing procedures and provide clear expectations of goals to be accomplished.
- Provide all equipment and supplies needed for rearing operations that are not listed under the Contractor Services above.
- Provide communications gear such as satellite phone, cell signal booster equipment, inReach, or single side band equipment.
- Provide SSRAA personnel as needed to assist in specific tasks or general operations as needed.
- Mobilize barge to and from McLean Arm by contracted licensed tow boat.
- SSRAA maintains comprehensive liability insurance and will name contractor as additionally insured.

Interested applicant should complete the attached Proposal Form, detailing a lump-sum bid price for the 105-day contract and a daily rate in case additional days are necessary, names and qualifications of crew to perform work, specifications and capabilities of the live-aboard vessel and skiff, communications ability, and other relevant information that would assist SSRAA in selection of a contractor.

SSRAA reserves the right to reject any or all proposals received; to negotiate different terms and conditions which may differ from the initial proposals received; and to award any access licensing contracts in a manner which is determined to be the most beneficial to SSRAA.

Please direct all responses to this RFP and/or any questions to:

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All proposals must be submitted by no later than 4:00 pm June 1st, 2019

SSRAA McLean Arm Rearing RFP Form - Please complete all sections

Personnel

Contractor Name: _____ Dates Available: _____

Experience (fisheries, maritime, fish culture, etc.):

Additional Crew: _____ Dates Available: _____

Experience (fisheries, maritime, fish culture, etc.)

Live-aboard Boat and Equipment

Name of vessel: _____ Construction: _____ Year Built: _____

Power: _____ Length and Width: _____ Speed: _____ # Berths: _____

Fuel Capacity/Types: _____ Skiff Size /HP: _____

Electronics/Communications Gear: _____

Administrative

Lump sum bid amount, all inclusive: _____

Daily rate if additional time is needed: _____

Insurance agent and policy type/limits: _____

Narrative - *Add additional pages as necessary*
