

# **SOUTHERN SOUTHEAST REGIONAL AQUACULTURE ASSOCIATION**

## **Request for Proposals (RFP) for Fry Transport and Freight Vessel**

Southern Southeast Regional Aquaculture Association, Inc., (SSRAA), is soliciting bids from interested and qualified parties to provide a vessel and skipper to conduct the transportation of live fry and smolt and provide freight services during the periods of approximately January 15<sup>th</sup> through March 15<sup>th</sup> of each year. This charter agreement would begin in January of 2020. The successful bidder would primarily be servicing SSRAA's northern facilities including but not limited to: Neets Bay, Anita Bay, Petersburg, Burnett Inlet, Whale Pass, and Port Asumcion. SSRAA would prefer a contractor to enter into a 3 to 5-year agreement to provide these services.

SSRAA is a regional non-profit aquaculture association based in Ketchikan, Alaska with a mission 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, 12 million coho, and 3.1 million chinook smolt annually.

### Location of Project

Most trips would typically originate out of Ketchikan, Alaska and the vessel will be expected to provide fish transport and freight hauling services throughout SSRAA's operating range in Southern Southeast Alaska.

### General Description of Services Required

Services required primarily consist of transporting fry and smolt from SSRAA land based hatchery facilities to various rearing locations located throughout southern southeast Alaska. The vessel would also be utilized for transporting general freight and fish food to various SSRAA locations. During the charter period of mid-January to mid-March, SSRAA anticipates that there will be eighteen (18) work days in which the vessel would be underway. This does not include any lay-up days due to weather or other unanticipated delays. It is anticipated that the entirety of each year's work would be accomplished in 40 days but the start day will fluctuate from year to year.

### Contractor and Vessel Requirements

- Available for charter approximately mid-January through mid-March
- Provide a seaworthy and well maintained vessel which has all necessary documents, permits, and Coast Guard certificates.
- Must have all USCG required safety equipment on board sufficient for the number of passengers
- Provide crew member/relief skipper as needed for extended trips
- Have a minimum 125,000-175,000 pound hold(s) capacity (sum total for all holds)
- Vessel with dual holds would be the preferred configuration
- Must have deck gear capable of lifting 2,500 pound loads for loading and discharging cargo

- Must have enough deck space to transport a minimum of 20 pallet fish food (26,000 pounds)
- Must provide access to hold areas for net and life support systems installation and removal
- Electrical capacity to run transport circulation pumps (120 and 240V single phase power)
- Accommodations for up to three SSRAA employees but typically only one rides boat during transports
- Must have and maintain vessel and crew insurance
- Must have reliable communications equipment such as Msat, satellite, or cell phone
- Vessel must have the ability to flood hold(s) for discharging fry/smolt
- Must make minimum of 8 knots while tanked down
- Occasionally coordinate and facilitate freight pickups and deliveries as needed

### SSRAA Responsibilities

- During the term of the charter period, vessel fuel and oil expenses will be paid by SSRAA
- Provide a hatch coaming to fit vessel and provide all other transport related equipment
- Install nets, oxygen stones, aerators, and other fish life support equipment as needed
- Provide food and provisions for SSRAA employees while onboard the vessel
- Provide at least one SSRAA employee to ride all fish transport trips. Dedicated freight trip would typically not require a SSRAA employee to be on board

Interested applicant should complete the attached Charter Vessel RFP Form, detailing a lump-sum bid price for the contract period and a daily rate in case additional underway days are necessary, names and qualifications of crew to perform work, specifications and capabilities of the vessel, communications capabilities, and other relevant information that would assist SSRAA in selection of a charter vessel.

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 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019**

**SSRAA Charter Vessel RFP Form**

**Please complete all sections (add additional pages as needed)**

**Personnel**

Contractor Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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Additional Crew Members: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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**Charter Vessel and Equipment**

Name of vessel: \_\_\_\_\_ Construction: \_\_\_\_\_ Year Built: \_\_\_\_\_

Power: \_\_\_\_\_ Length and Width: \_\_\_\_\_ Speed: \_\_\_\_\_ # Berths: \_\_\_\_\_

Fuel Capacity/Types: \_\_\_\_\_ Hold Size(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Electronics/Communications Gear: \_\_\_\_\_

**Administrative**

Lump sum bid amount, all inclusive: \_\_\_\_\_

Daily charter rate: \_\_\_\_\_

Insurance agent and policy type/limits: \_\_\_\_\_

**Narrative** - Add additional pages as necessary

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