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LONGLINE VESSELS FOR NSEI SABLEFISH SURVEY

Juneau The Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Groundfish Project, is soliciting a list of names and contact information of those interested in chartering for the Northern Southeast Inside (NSEI) longline sablefish survey. Chartered longline vessels will be contracted to the department for 14 days with an anticipated start date of July 31, 2010. **NSEI permit holders or vessel owners are requested to express their interest in receiving a bid packet by no later than 12:00 NOON, Wednesday, February 17, 2010.**

The longline survey is used to assess the relative abundance of sablefish in the Chatham Strait area. Three vessels will be chartered simultaneously to conduct portions of the sablefish longline survey. Chartered vessels will be required to have a NSEI sablefish permit holder on board at the time of fishing. The amount of fish harvested during the survey equal to the 2010 Personal Quota Share (PQS) of the permit holder on board will be sold by the permit holder. All sablefish in excess of the PQS will be sold by the department to offset survey costs. Permit holders will be required to sell their quota share to the processor who successfully bids on purchasing the survey fish. The survey encompasses 15 sets each in the northern and middle portions and 14 sets in the southern portion of Chatham Strait. Chartered vessels will fish one of three survey portions as assigned by the department. It is anticipated that the charter will take 7 days for fishing plus travel time but weather or mechanical problems could extend that time. Interested bidders must provide a skipper with a minimum of three years experience operating a vessel in the NSEI sablefish longline fishery. In addition at least three crewmembers with three years of experience longlining sablefish must be provided. Two department employees will be aboard each of the charter vessels to monitor the survey and sample the vessel's catch. Meals and bunks will be required for ADF&G staff for the duration of the survey.

Charter bids cannot exceed \$19,000.00. Interested parties must contact the Fish and Game office in Douglas prior to **12:00 NOON, Wednesday, February 17, 2010**. Names and contact information left by phone, fax or email will be accepted.

This is not a solicitation for bids. Bid packets will be sent to all qualified permit holders expressing interest. For more information or a bid packet contact Deidra Holum at 907-465-4218.

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