

REQUEST FOR BIDS 2013

For the 2013 fishing season, the Huu-ay-aht First Nation (HFN) is soliciting bids for the following licences and quota:

Huu-ay-aht First Nation Licences

<u>Species</u>	<u>Length/quota</u>	<u>Licence #</u>
Halibut	20.35 m	FL09
Halibut Quota	8,822 lbs	
Rockfish	12.90 m	FZN10
Salmon Gillnet Area D	11.25 m	FAG54
Prawn	10.62 m - 300 traps	FW06
Salmon Troll AI Area G	12.80 m	FAT69
Salmon Troll A Area G	12.65 m	AT798

The halibut quota in this table is for the 2012 season and will be different in 2013. For those interested in submitting bids, please be aware of the:

Huu-ay-aht First Nation Process and Criteria for Choosing Contractors for Leasing HFN Fishing Licences and Quota

Step 1, Before January 15

Fisheries Manager issues a request for bids for the lease of HFN licences and quota.

Step 2. Before February 1

Fisheries Manager receives bids via fax or e-mail, which include information such as:

- Name of individual or company,
- Bid price for licence/quota for 1 year, (for halibut: \$/pound)
- Name of boat and length,
- Name of captain and deckhands,
- Summary of fishing experience,
- Member of HUU-ay-aht, other Nuu-chah-nulth, or other First Nation,
- Willingness to hire a HFN member,
- Harvest of food fish (how much?, delivered when and where?)

In the past, the HFN Fisheries Committee always decided to lease HFN licences and quotas for one year only. However, if you wish to submit a proposal for a longer time period, please submit a separate bid.

Step 3, Before February 5

Fisheries Manager summarizes the bid information received for each licence and quota.

Step 4, Before February 15

HFN Fisheries Committee members, during a meeting or by telephone or e-mail, decide by consensus to which applicant to attribute license and/or quota for one year.

Decisions will be made based on the following criteria:

- Bid Price,

- Name of captain and deckhands,
- Training opportunity for HFN member,
- Appropriate vessel and equipment,
- Existing and complementary licences and/or quota,
- Dependability and track record.

Within these criteria, HFN's desire is to contract in the following order of preference:

- 1) All HFN crew,
- 2) Other Nuu-chah-nulth First Nation crew,
- 3) Other aboriginal First Nation crew,
- 4) Non aboriginal crew.

If the HFN leases license/quota to non HFN harvester, the following may be negotiated:

- Hiring of an experienced or inexperienced HFN member for training,
- Other benefits to HFN, such as donation of food fish.

Step 5, Before March 1

Fisheries Manager prepares contracts, Director of Lands and Natural Resources reviews contracts. Contract is mailed/faxed/e-mailed to chosen applicant. Contract is signed by contractor and returned to HFN Fisheries Department. The HFN Executive Director signs contract and returns to contractor.

Step 6, Before Start of Fishery

Contractor sends payment for licence/quota lease, as outlined in the contract.

HFN Finance Department notifies Fisheries Manager when payment is received.

Fisheries Manager completes paperwork such as applications, reallocations and amendments with the Department of Fisheries and Oceans Licensing.

Fisheries Manager prepares Excel spreadsheet summarizing information such as: Species, licence number, contractor name, income, date contract signed, date payment received.

For information and to submit bids before 16:00 on February 1, 2013:

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