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REQUEST FOR QUOTES

Date Issued: March 10, 2026

Response Deadline: March 31, 2026 at 17:00 ADT

Tentative charter dates: 25 June – 5 August, 2026 *and* 25 June – 5 August, 2027.

Note: Two-year bids are encouraged, but single year bids may be accepted.

Vessel Charter Bid Title: Pacific cod beach seine survey

SYNOPSIS:

This is a combined synopsis/solicitation for a vessel to include all equipment, skiff, materials (including fuels), and labor in support of a 2-year NOAA funded juvenile Pacific cod beach seine survey in the central and western Gulf of Alaska. The vessel shall provide transportation and support for up to two Alaska Coastal Observations and Research (ACOR) biologists to facilitate fish collections with a beach seine. The charter will take place for up to 35 days between June 25, 2026 and August 5, 2026, and an identical charter is intended to occur between June 25, 2027 and August 5, 2027. Actual trip timing and length will depend on weather conditions, vessel capabilities (speed, weather conditions vessel can operate in), funding, and tides. All trips will originate and end in Kodiak, Alaska.

SCOPE OF WORK, CREW AND EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS:

In order for offers to be considered responsive, offerors must meet these minimum requirements for crew experience and vessel operational qualifications and document them in the proposal.

CREW EXPERIENCE AND QUALIFICATIONS:

1. Marine experience (including navigation, transit, and beach landings) in the waters of Kodiak, the Alaska Peninsula, and the Shumagin Islands as listed in Table 1 of this RFQ. Documentation of experience must include specific knowledge

about access to the shorelines and beaches in the region, including years of experience, time at sea, landings, and local tide and tidal current conditions as appropriate.

2. Safe and knowledgeable skiff handling to deploy up to two (2) ACOR biologists on/off remote beaches. In addition, safe and knowledgeable skiff handling to deploy a beach seine 25 meters off of beach, setting it for 100 meters along shore, and returning to the beach for net retrieval. Must be experienced with beach landings in swell conditions.

Offerors must provide a personnel roster that identifies key individuals who will actually work on the contract during 2026 resulting from this RFQ and provide the title and resume of key personnel. Offerors must provide a comprehensive narrative documenting the prior experience of key individuals. In the event of a crew change in 2027, the award will be contingent on the title and resume of key personnel submitted to the ACOR board of directors by March 1, 2027.

VESSEL OPERATIONAL SPECIFICATIONS:

1. Vessel must meet U.S. Coast Guard standards for vessels for safe operations at sea in the geographic area of Kodiak Island, the Alaska Peninsula, and the Shumagin Islands.
2. Name and detailed description of the vessel designated to be used under this contract, and a vessel survey that is not more than three (3) years old at the time of vessel bid submission.
3. Current color photographs of the vessel, auxiliary craft, deck equipment, holds and of inside spaces shall be provided with the firm's quote.
4. The vessel shall be made available for inspection by ACOR personnel after bid submission and prior to contract award.
5. Name, type, and proof of U.S. Coast Guard license, and a description of the experience of the captain shall be provided with the firm's quote. Captain shall have at least three (3) years of experience operating watercraft of the size being offered in and shall have familiarity with waters of the central and western Gulf of Alaska including Kodiak Island, the Alaska Peninsula, and the Shumagin Islands.
6. Vessel must provide proof of \$500,000.00 Protection and Indemnity (P & I) with pollution endorsement. If those limits are not currently carried onboard the vessel, proof that the vessel is able to obtain this insurance, in the form of a letter from a marine insurance broker or underwriter, shall be provided prior to

contract award.

VESSEL REQUIREMENTS:

1. Vessel shall be documented by the U.S. Coast Guard or registered with the State of Alaska and shall have all appropriate U.S. Coast Guard requirements for safety and seaworthiness. Proof shall be provided with the quote.
2. Vessel shall be capable of maintaining a cruising speed of at least 6 knots and be willing to operate in waters as shallow as 3 fathoms. Areas of safe anchorage will be identified by the vessel master.
3. Vessel shall be equipped with radar, GPS, depth sounder, EPIRB, safety equipment, medical kit, current nautical charts, two VHF radios, internet capability for daily email and weather reports, and enough U.S. Coast Guard approved immersion suits to outfit vessel crewmembers. ACOR biologists shall furnish their own suits.
4. The vessel shall provide at least one small craft (skiff) capable of making beach landings for up to 3 personnel with net and scientific gear. This skiff shall be able to travel at vessel speed of at least 15 knots and will be operated and maintained by the vessel crew. Additionally, a backup motor is required for the skiff.
5. The vessel shall provide freezer space for 2 large fish boxes of frozen fish samples.
6. A maintenance log of engines, hydraulic pumps, and any other equipment vital to minimize breakdowns shall be provided to ACOR upon request.
7. Any mechanical breakdowns in excess of 24 hours that cause rescheduling of the ACOR operational schedule shall require the contractor to deduct the operational costs (daily contract rate) for that period of time from their final invoice.
8. Vessel shall carry enough fuel, potable water, and food sufficient for up to twenty-five (20) days at sea without a port call. All port calls shall be prearranged with the ACOR biologist.
9. Vessel shall be a minimum of 40 feet in length.

GENERAL GUIDELINES:

1. All areas of the vessel shall be accessible to the ACOR staff, unless agreed to beforehand.
2. No alcohol or non-prescription drug use will be permitted on the vessel. Any prescription medications should be used as directed. Drug and alcohol testing may be pursued should the need arise due to crew, captain or ACOR crew

concern. Drug and alcohol testing is mandatory under Coast Guard reporting rules for serious marine incident or reportable marine casualty.

3. The vessel master or designee will, at all times, maintain radio contact with ACOR crews working ashore, according to a pre-arranged radio schedule to assure their safety. In event of a problem or an accident, immediate steps will be taken to assist ACOR staff.

4. Safety orientation shall be given on the first day by the vessel master to all biologists and crew members including location of exits, locations and operation of life rafts, communications, storage of immersion suits, vessel evacuation, and man overboard procedures and procedures for evacuation of vessel in the event of an emergency.

5. The length of the workday will be jointly determined each day by the captain and ACOR project leader. In the event of a disagreement, the ACOR project leader has final authority, except for work stoppage due to uncontrollable circumstances, such as unsafe weather or sea conditions, or other safety-at-sea considerations as determined by the captain. The captain will have ultimate authority and responsibility for the vessel and all personnel aboard and therefore retains the right to operate the vessel in a safe manner based on his/her best judgment. With this responsibility in mind, the captain must ensure that at least one crewmember is on the vessel to run a safe 18-hour operation. Low tides are often in early morning hours and sites may need to be accessed during these times. For this reason, it must be agreed upon beforehand that some reasonable and safe level of support is available at all daylight hours.

ACCOMMODATIONS:

1. Vessel shall have permanent bunks to sleep at least four (4) crew, with mattresses and bedding available for ACOR personnel (2) and vessel crew members.

2. Berthing area(s) shall be separate from the galley, wheelhouse, and deck areas, and shall be heated and have adequate ventilation.

3. Vessel shall be clean and provide quality living conditions. This includes being free from continuous noise levels greater than 80 db in the living and work areas and from undesirable and noxious odors.

4. Vessel lights, heat, hot water, sanitation facilities (including wash basins, toilet, and shower), galley, and cooking and eating supplies shall be appropriate to support ACOR and vessel crew members. Berthing spaces, heads, sinks, and showers will be thoroughly cleaned daily by a vessel crewmember.

5. Vessel shall be capable of providing a hot water shower for ACOR staff every two days.
6. Vessel shall have a heated drying area separate from living accommodations and routine work areas, and must be capable of drying wet clothing, rain gear, etc. overnight for 2 people. The drying area must be large enough to hang these items away from walls.
7. Vessel shall have a flat, dry space available for setup and operation of at least 2 ACOR laptop computers.
8. Vessel shall have 110-volt AC electricity to recharge ACOR computers and VHF radios.
9. Vessel shall have freezer at -10°F or colder that can store up to 2 large fish boxes of frozen fish samples.

MEALS:

Three meals per day for up to two (2) ACOR crewmembers shall be provided. The intended work will require odd working hours and, thus, flexibility in meal times and provision of snack food throughout the day. Breakfast and lunch may be either hot or cold meals, but dinner shall be a hot meal. Meals shall be well balanced, nutritious, palatable, and varied. If special dietary needs (e.g., low-sodium, vegetarian, diabetic, etc.) are required, ACOR will notify the contractor at least 7 days prior to scheduled departure of the nature and number of special dietary requirements.

SCHEDULE/DEPARTURE:

1. ACOR personnel will meet the vessel in Kodiak, Alaska, to load equipment and supplies on the day before departure. ACOR staff will be responsible for furnishing materials and supplies to Kodiak City Dock in Kodiak, Alaska. Vessel is responsible for loading materials and supplies from pier onto the vessel, if requested by ACOR project leader.
2. For trip planning and billing purposes, a day is defined as a 24-hour period starting at a time agreed upon by the captain and the ACOR project leader prior to the beginning of the trip, when gear loading begins. The trip officially ends when all ACOR gear is off-loaded from the charter vessel. This is a fixed price contract and contractor shall invoice based on per day rate.

ACCEPTANCE CRITERIA:

Contractor's compliance will be measured by the specifications provided for the

vessel they will be providing and then how the vessel and crew meet the requirements. The ACOR board of directors may schedule a tour before acceptance. Acceptance to be determined by the ACOR board of directors or a suitable named representative who is also a disinterested party.

CONTRACT CLAUSES & PROVISIONS:

ACOR Board of Directors will award a contract resulting from this solicitation to the responsible offeror whose offer conforming to the solicitation will be most advantageous to ACOR, price and other factors considered. The following factors shall be used to evaluate offers:

1. A vessel survey that is not more than three (3) years old.
2. Name, proof of U.S. Coast Guard license, and a description of the watercraft experience of the captain.
3. Current vessel registration with the state of Alaska or US Coast Guard documentation.
4. Vessel suitability for the project.
5. Vessel experience in this type of work.
6. Price.
7. Vessel availability for both 2026 and 2027.

All bids will be sealed until March 31, and evaluation by the ACOR Board of Directors the first week of April, 2026.

POINT OF CONTACT:

This combined synopsis/solicitation is a request for competitive quotes. Offerors interested in submitting a quote, or requiring additional information on this solicitation should submit a quote electronically:

Eric Linscheid, ACOR board President, ACORboard@alaskacor.org

PROPOSAL SUBMISSION:

Offerors shall submit a quote to perform the work described above as a charter rate per-day basis for 2026 and for 2027, noting a % increase in price for 2027 daily rates. Please list any assumptions you have made, in enough detail to show your understanding of the scope, and to detail your approach. Please provide a breakdown of your costs into labor and expenses. Quotes must be received via email, prior to the closing date of this solicitation. Point of Contact: Eric Linscheid, ACORboard@alaskacor.org

Table 1: Bay locations (listed alphabetically) where beach seine sets may occur during both 2026 and 2027.

Bay	Latitude (N)	Longitude (W)
Agripina	57.1093	156.4602
Balboa	55.5780	160.5962
Baralof	55.2304	160.5484
Cook	57.7699	152.2765
Falmouth	55.0692	160.1136
Fox	55.6082	159.6321
Japanese	56.9531	153.6850
Kaiugnak	57.0536	153.6529
Kiliuda	57.3251	152.9059
Mitrofanina	55.9781	158.7152
Pt Wrangell	57.0589	156.6227
Rodman Reach	56.8779	154.2593
Sand Point	55.3204	160.5201