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Analysis and Regulatory Development for Revisions to the American Fisheries Act and Halibut and Sablefish Individual Fishing Quota Catch Shares Programs in the Federal Fisheries Off Alaska

RFP Q&A

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- 1) *Are there specific analyses that the contractor will be working on, or is this RFP more of an “on call” request?*
a. *If there are specific analyses, can PSFMC provide additional details?*

A: We anticipate assistance on two analytical documents currently under consideration by NMFS and the Council, these include preparation of discussion papers and eventually RIRs that analyze the impacts of proposed action to revise the halibut and sablefish IFQ program.

- 2) *The RFP describes working with NMFS to develop the proposed and final rules. Do you anticipate that the contractor will need to have extensive experience in writing regulations? Or is it planned that this assistance be limited to preparation of additional analyses including the IRFA and FRFA of the cost recovery programs?*

A: Background in the regulatory process would be extremely beneficial but not a requirement.

- 3) *In the “Background” section of the RFP, reference is made to changes in biological conditions (in addition to economic and social conditions) affecting the fisheries managed under the program, but biological conditions or resources are not mentioned elsewhere in the RFP. Will the contractor team need to include expertise in biological sciences? Or will the required analytical expertise be limited to the “Human Environment” as it relates to fisheries and fishery management?*

A: Biological conditions are not anticipated to be a major component of the work. We anticipate that the impacts would primarily be social and economic, but the actions are still under development and the contractor will need to evaluate all potential impacts for purposes of analysis.

- 4) Under the section “Proposal Requirements and Scoring” it is noted that proposers will be scored on the basis of cost estimates provided in their proposal. However, the budget template includes places to enter hourly rates by person, but no place for an overall cost estimate. We have several related questions:
- a. Will this be awarded as a Time and Materials contract?
 - b. Are there known/specified tasks (or existing draft FMP amendments or regulatory amendments to be analyzed) that we should use for the development of an overall cost proposal?
 - c. If there are not known/specified tasks (i.e., specific tasks under this contract remain to be developed), is there an overall FTE estimate of the labor anticipated for the work that would facilitate understanding the order of magnitude of the effort likely to be involved?

A.

- a. This will be a Time and Materials sub-contract. An estimate of the total cost can and should be included within the body of the document.
- b. Examples of Regulatory Impact Reviews, Environmental Assessments, Initial Regulatory Flexibility Analysis, and related discussion papers will be posted with these responses. NOAA Fisheries also maintains a website that provides Guidance for Conducting Economic and Social Analyses of Regulatory Actions: http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/sfa/laws_policies/economic_social/index.html
- c. See response A. b.