



# PACIFIC SALMON COMMISSION

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## EXPRESSION OF INTEREST APPLICATION TEST FISH CONTRACTORS

The Pacific Salmon Commission (PSC) is an international organization created by a 1985 treaty between Canada and the United States. The PSC is responsible for supporting all aspects of treaty implementation, including certain test fisheries for Fraser River sockeye and pink salmon. Those test fisheries are executed annually through a network of contracted fishers and buyers.

Registered fishing vessel owners are invited to submit a non-binding Expression of Interest to document their interest in providing charter services for the Pacific Salmon Commission’s test fishing program. The Pacific Salmon Commission contracts gillnet, purse seine, troll vessels as well as reef net gear operators on an annual basis to perform sampling for the assessment of Fraser River sockeye and pink salmon (See Appendix 1). Note that this is not a request for proposal and procurement of charter services will be performed in a separate process.

The complete Request for Expression of Interest application form is also available for download on the Pacific Salmon Commission Website at [www.psc.org](http://www.psc.org). Enquiries regarding the expression of interest should be directed to [info@psc.org](mailto:info@psc.org).

### Submission Deadline

This Request for Expression of Interest is ongoing and will be accepted at any time. Submission received prior to February 1 (annually) will be used to gauge interest in the PSC’s contracts. Further instructions on how to submit an application are found in Appendix 2.

### Applicant Details

Applicant and Contact Information	
Applicant legal name	
Primary contact name	Telephone number
Applicant e-mail address	
Applicant mailing address	



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Fishery Interest				
<p>Below are the test fisheries operated by the Pacific Salmon Commission in Canada and the United States. Please indicate below which contract(s) you may be interested in applying for if a procurement process is initiated. Additional information on each of these test fishing programs can be found in Appendix 1.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Lower Fraser River (Area 29-16) gillnet test fishery at Whonnock Lower Fraser River (Area 29-13) gillnet test fishery at Brownsville Bar San Juan (Area 20) purse seine test fishery San Juan (Area 20) marine gillnet test fishery Gulf Troll (Area 29) troll test fishery Reef net (U.S. Area 7) test fishery San Juan (U.S. Area 5) marine gillnet test fishery</p>				
Vessel Information				
Vessel name			Vessel Registration Number (VRN) or MMSI	
Operator Information				
Operator name			Fisher Identification Number (FIN), if applicable	
Operator experience (years)			List all operator certifications	
	Seine	Gillnet	Troll	Reef Net
As Master				
As Crew				



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## Diversity and Inclusion

The Pacific Salmon Commission recognizes that many under-represented groups face unique economic challenges in a competitive market like fishing. Encouraging participation of underrepresented groups is an integral part of building strong and inclusive communities and helps the Pacific Salmon Commission provide inclusive programming to support all groups.

If you perceive that your operation/business supports inclusive growth by providing opportunities for under-represented groups, you may specify below:

## Authorization

Applicant legal name

Date (YYYY-MM-DD)



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## Appendix 1: Description of Test Fishing Programs

### Lower Fraser River (Area 29-16) gillnet test fishery at Whonnock

**Annual Frequency:** All years, assuming the test fishery is deemed useful for fisheries management.

**Test Fishing Period:** Begins in late-June and operates every day until early September or early October, depending on salmon abundance.

**Location:** DFO PFMA 29-16, Near Whonnock Harbour, Maple Ridge, B.C.

**Duties:** The contractor is expected to perform two (2), 20-minute drifts daily during the high slack tide and aid the Test Fishing Observer in the collection of scientific information required by the PSC. The contractor is expected to build and maintain a 7-panel, variable mesh salmon gillnet. The duties and costs associated with the building and maintenance of test fishing nets will be the responsibility of the contractor, except that net materials will be purchased and paid for by the PSC. All fish landed during the course of test fishing are PSC property and the contractor will be expected to land and deliver salmon caught to the PSC's designated buyer.

### Lower Fraser River (Area 29-13) gillnet test fishery at Brownsville Bar

**Annual Frequency:** All years, assuming the test fishery is deemed useful for fisheries management.

**Test Fishing Period:** Begins in mid-July and operates every day until mid-August or mid-September, depending on salmon abundance.

**Location:** DFO PFMA 29-13, Near Brownsville Bar Park, New Westminster, B.C.

**Duties:** The contractor is expected to perform two (2), 20-minute drifts daily during the high slack tide and aid the Test Fishing Observer in the collection of scientific information required by the PSC. The contractor is expected to build and maintain a 4-panel, variable mesh salmon gillnet. The duties and costs associated with the building and maintenance of test fishing nets will be the responsibility of the contractor, except that net materials will be purchased and paid for by the PSC. All fish landed during the course of test fishing are PSC property and the contractor will be expected to land and deliver salmon caught to the PSC's designated buyer.

### San Juan (Area 20) purse seine test fishery

**Annual Frequency:** All years, assuming the test fishery is deemed useful for fisheries management.

**Test Fishing Period:** Begins in late-July and operates every day until mid-August or mid-September, depending on salmon abundance.

**Location:** DFO PFMA 20-1, Port Renfrew, B.C.

**Duties:** The contractor is expected to perform six (6) sets daily in the vicinity of the Blue Line, at prescribed depths intervals or distances from shore and aid the Test Fishing Observer in the collection of scientific information required by the PSC. The contractor is expected to provide and maintain all equipment necessary for the test fishing, and pay for all operational costs, repairs and maintenance of the vessel, its fishing gear, and equipment including an 875 mesh deep, West Coast seine net. All fish



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landed during the course of test fishing are PSC property and the contractor will be expected to land and deliver salmon caught to the PSC's designated buyer in Port Renfrew, B.C.

### San Juan (Area 20) marine gillnet test fishery

**Annual Frequency:** All years, assuming the test fishery is deemed useful for fisheries management.

**Test Fishing Period:** Begins in mid-July and operates every night until mid-August or mid-September, depending on salmon abundance.

**Location:** DFO PFMA 20-3, Port Renfrew, B.C.

**Duties:** The contractor is expected to perform two 3-hour drifts on a nightly basis and aid the Test Fishing Observer in the collection of scientific information required by the PSC. The contractor may be expected to supply and maintain a minimum of two 300 fathom long, 90 mesh-deep salmon gillnets. All fish landed during the course of test fishing are PSC property and the contractor will be expected to land and deliver salmon caught to the PSC's designated buyer in Port Renfrew, B.C.

### Gulf Troll (Area 29) troll test fishery

**Annual Frequency:** Expected every 4 years (2026, 2030, etc.), assuming the test fishery is deemed useful for fisheries management.

**Test Fishing Period:** Begins in mid-August and operates approximately 3 days per week until late-September, depending on salmon abundance.

**Location:** DFO PFMA 29, Strait of Georgia

**Duties:** The contractor is expected to troll from 08:00 to 16:00 each day and aid the Test Fishing Observer in the collection of scientific information required by the PSC. The contractor is expected to provide and maintain all equipment necessary for the test fishing, and pay for all operational costs, repairs and maintenance of the vessel, its fishing gear, and equipment. All fish landed during the course of test fishing are PSC property and the contractor will be expected to land and deliver salmon caught to the PSC's designated buyer.

### Reef net (Area 7) test fishery

**Annual Frequency:** All years, assuming the test fishery is deemed useful for fisheries management.

**Test Fishing Period:** Operates periodically throughout July, August, and September, depending on salmon abundance.

**Location:** Puget Sound Salmon Management and Catch Reporting Area 7

**Duties:** The contractor is expected to observe and report hourly fish migrating through their reef net gear, identifying fish by species. The contractor is expected to provide and maintain all equipment necessary for the test fishing, and pay for all operational costs, repairs and maintenance of the vessel, its fishing gear, and equipment. Fish observed are not to be retained unless under the direction of the PSC.

### San Juan (Area 5) marine gillnet test fishery

**Annual Frequency:** Expected every 4 years (2026, 2030, etc.), assuming the test fishery is deemed useful for fisheries management.



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**Test Fishing Period:** Begins in mid-July and operates for approximately 10 days, depending on salmon abundance.

**Location:** Puget Sound Salmon Management and Catch Reporting Area 5

**Duties:** The contractor is expected to perform two 3-hour drifts on a nightly basis in the vicinity of Pillar Point, WA, and aid the Test Fishing Observer in the collection of scientific information required by the PSC. The contractor is expected to supply and maintain a ni90 mesh-deep salmon gillnet. All fish landed during the course of test fishing are PSC property and the contractor will be expected to land and deliver salmon caught to the PSC's designated buyer.



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## Appendix 2: Submission guidelines

### Project Submission and Pacific Salmon Commission Contact Information

To submit the application and for general inquiries, send an email to: [info@psc.org](mailto:info@psc.org)

In the subject line, use the following format to assist the Pacific Salmon Commission in processing your application.

**Email Subject Line Format:** Test Fishery EOI – [Name] – [Vessel Name]

**Example:** Test Fishery EOI – John Doe – Pequod

Submissions will also be accepted by mail to:

600-1155 Robson Street  
Vancouver, B.C., Canada  
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Attention: Test Fishing Expression of Interest

This Request for Expression of Interest does not constitute a solicitation. The PSC reserves the right to change or cancel the requirement at any time during the EOI and/or subsequent solicitation process. The PSC also reserves the right to require compliance with additional conditions as and when issuing the final solicitation documents. Submitting an EOI does not automatically guarantee receipt of the solicitation documents when issued.