



PACIFIC SALMON COMMISSION

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EXPRESSION OF INTEREST APPLICATION TEST FISH BUYERS

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.

Licensed Fish Buyers are invited to submit a non-binding Expression of Interest to document their interest in purchasing fish from the Pacific Salmon Commission's test fishing program. The Pacific Salmon Commission contracts gillnet, purse seine, and troll vessels 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 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. Enquiries regarding the expression of interest should be directed to 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
Email address	
Applicant mailing address	



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Fishery Interest

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.

Lower Fraser River (Area 29-16) gillnet test fishery at Whonnock
Lower Fraser River (Area 29-13) gillnet test fishery at Brownsville Bar
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

Organization Information

Organization Name	Organization Address
Seafood Industry Licence Type	Licence Number



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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 test fishery consists of one (1) gillnet vessel performing two (2), 20-minute drifts daily during the high slack tide. All fish landed during the course of test fishing are PSC property and the buyer will facilitate the delivery and purchase from the PSC all salmon retained by the PSC's chosen contractor. The buyer will also be expected to use their administrative resources to assist the PSC in the payment of the test fishing contractors.

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 test fishery consists of one (1) gillnet vessel performing two (2), 20-minute drifts daily during the high slack tide. All fish landed during the course of test fishing are PSC property and the buyer will facilitate the delivery and purchase from the PSC all salmon retained by the PSC's chosen contractor. The buyer will also be expected to use their administrative resources to assist the PSC in the payment of the test fishing contractors.

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 test fishery consists of up to two vessels fishing with troll gear from approximately 08:00 to 16:00 each day. Up to 115 sockeye will be landed during the course of test fishing as PSC property. The buyer will facilitate the delivery and purchase from the PSC all salmon retained by the PSC's chosen contractor(s). The buyer will also be expected to use their administrative resources to assist the PSC in the payment of the test fishing contractors.

Reef net (U.S. 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.



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Location: Puget Sound Salmon Management and Catch Reporting Area 7

Duties: The test fishery consists of up to four reef net fishing gears retaining sockeye and/or pink salmon on behalf of the PSC. All fish landed during the course of test fishing are PSC property. The buyer will facilitate the delivery and purchase all salmon retained by the PSC's chosen contractor.

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.

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 test fishery consists of one (1) gillnet vessel performing two 3-hour drifts on a nightly basis in the vicinity of Pillar Point, WA. All fish landed during the course of test fishing are PSC property and the buyer will be expected to facilitate the deliver and purchase from the PSC all salmon retained by the PSC's chosen contractor.



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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

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 – [Company Name and Location of Interest]

Example: Test Fishery EOI – Wild Fish – Whonnock

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 secretariat reserves the right to change or cancel the requirement at any time during the EOI and/or subsequent solicitation process. PSC secretariat 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.