DEEPWATER HORIZON OCEANIC FISH RESTORATION PROJECT

The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF), acting in cooperation with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), invites eligible pelagic longline vessel owners in the Western Gulf of Mexico to submit a quote for participation in the 2018 repose period (January 1 – June 30, 2018) of the *Deepwater Horizon* Oceanic Fish Restoration Project.

Complete the *Request for Quotation Form – Western Gulf of Mexico* (blue) if, as of September 18, 2017, the official hailing port – as listed on pelagic longline vessel's USCG Certificate of Documentation – is in either Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, or Alabama. If your hailing port is listed in the Eastern Gulf of Mexico (Florida and the Atlantic Coast), please complete the *Request for Quotation Form – Eastern Gulf of Mexico* (green) available online here: http://www.nfwf.org/pll/Pages/participants.aspx.

FORM SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

An interested pelagic longline vessel owner (henceforth referred to as "Offerors") must mail this completed form in time to arrive at NFWF by **October 31, 2017**. The form may be delivered via U.S. mail or by an express mail service. The offeror bears the sole responsibility of ensuring the package arrives to NFWF by the designated date and bears any risk associated with the delivery method chosen. NFWF is not responsible for mail or deliveries that are lost or misdirected. NFWF will deem the form to be "submitted" only upon receiving this fully completed form.

Mail To:
The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation
C/o Michael Lagua
1133 15th St. NW, Suite 1000
Washington, DC 20005

SECTION 1: CONTACT & VESSEL INFORMATION

Please provide current contact information for the pelagic longline vessel owner. Provide the vessel identification number for the pelagic longline vessel. A separate form must be completed for each unique vessel.

Offeror's Name _____

Business Name _____

Address of Record _____

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Business Phone _____ Alternative Phone (optional) _____

Email _____ Vessel ID Number _____

SECTION 2: PARTICIPATION

Please complete this section to indicate your interest in participating in various components of the project.

SECTION 2A: REPOSE

All participants must participate in the repose. Please initial below.

_____ *(initial)*

I acknowledge that by completing this Request for Quotation form that I am agreeing to voluntarily refrain from pelagic longline fishing during the entire 2018 repose period (January 1 – June 30) if selected.

SECTION 2B: USE OF ALTERNATIVE GEAR

The use of alternative gear is a separate, opt-in portion of the Deepwater Horizon Oceanic Fish Restoration Project. Please check the relevant box and initial below.

☐ **Yes, I would like to use alternative gear during the 2018 repose period.**

☐ **No, I do not wish to use alternative fishing gear and will only participate in the 2018 repose.**

_____ *(initial)*

I understand preference will be given to those applicants willing to participate in the alternative gear project.

If you selected yes above, please indicate which alternative gear type(s) you wish to use. *(Check up to two boxes)*
If selected for participation, NFWF will cover costs for alternative gear components, installation, and training for up to two gear types. You may select a single gear type or two different gear types; you may not select all three.

☐ Greenstick Gear ☐ Deep Drop Gear ☐ Buoy Gear *(if selected, complete Box 1)*

BOX 1 – BUOY GEAR
Complete if you selected buoy gear above. You have the option of using buoy gear to target swordfish and/or tuna. Please check the relevant boxes.

I am interested in using buoy gear to target swordfish. ☐ Yes ☐ No
Must possess a valid directed swordfish permit to be eligible for this option.

I am interested in using buoy gear to target tuna. ☐ Yes ☐ No
Must apply to NOAA for an Exempted Fishing Permit (EFP) - and comply with EFP terms - to be eligible for this option. NFWF cannot guarantee EFP approval. Visit http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/sfa/hms/compliance/efp/index.html for details.

SECTION 2C: USE OF AN ALTERNATIVE VESSEL

If you choose to use alternative gear, you may apply to use an alternative fishing vessel instead of your pelagic longline vessel. Please check the relevant box.

☐ **Yes, I am interested in using an alternative vessel during the 2018 repose period.**

☐ **No, I am not interested in using an alternative vessel.**

SECTION 3: FINANCIAL INFORMATION AND ADDITIONAL TERMS

In order to be eligible to receive Federal funds through this project, applicants must provide financial information as a component of the Request for Quotation form. ***Failure to provide this information may render the offeror ineligible for participation in the project.***

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Print a completed copy of IRS Form W-9 - *Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification* (https://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/fw9.pdf), and submit with the RFQ form. **Request for Quotation forms received without a W-9 may not be considered.**

SPECIAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

By submitting a Statement of Qualifications in response to this solicitation, the offeror warrants and represents that it is eligible for award of a contract resulting from this solicitation and that it is not subject to any of the below circumstances:

- Has any unpaid Federal tax liability that has been assessed, for which all judicial and administrative remedies have been exhausted or have lapsed, and that is not being paid in a timely manner pursuant to an agreement with the authority responsible for collecting the tax liability, where the awarding agency is aware of the unpaid tax liability, unless the agency has considered suspension or debarment of the corporation and made a determination that this further action is not necessary to protect the interests of the Government; or
- Was convicted (or had an officer or agent of such corporation acting on behalf of the corporation convicted) of a felony criminal violation under any Federal or State law within the preceding 24 months, where the awarding agency is aware of the conviction, unless the agency has considered suspension or debarment of the corporation and made a determination that this further action is not necessary to protect the interests of the Government; or
- Is listed on the General Services Administration's, government-wide System for Award Management Exclusions (SAM Exclusions), in accordance with the OMB guidelines at 2 C.F.R Part 180 that implement E.O.s 12549 (3 C.F.R., 1986 Comp., p. 189) and 12689 (3 C.F.R., 1989 Comp., p. 235), "Debarment and Suspension, " or intends to enter into any subaward, contract or other contract using funds provided by NFWF with any party listed on the SAM Exclusions in accordance with Executive Orders 12549 and 12689. The SAM Exclusions can be found at https://www.sam.gov/portal/public/SAM/.

SECTION 4 - DESIGNATION OF ANOTHER TO COMPLETE FORM ON MY BEHALF

Community liaisons are available to assist in the completion of Sections 1-5 and submission of this Request for Quotation form. ***The liaisons may not assist in the completion of Section 6****. If you choose to designate a liaison to complete and submit the form on your behalf, please complete and sign the statement below. Otherwise, leave blank.*

I, _____ *(Offeror)*, give consent for _____ *(Community Liaison)* to assist in the completion and/or submission of this Request for Quotation form on my behalf.

Offeror Signature _____ Date _____

Community Liaison Signature _____ Date _____

SECTION 5: APPLICANT UNDERSTANDING, AUTHORIZATION, AND CERTIFICATION

I understand that:

- By submitting this Request for Quotation form, if selected for participation, I will enter into a Participant Agreement with the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation stipulating that I will refrain from pelagic longline fishing for a 6-month repose period (January 1 – June 30, 2018).
- I bear the sole responsibility to ensure the completed Request for Quotation form is received by NFWF by October 31, 2017. Failure to submit this Request for Quotation form by this date will render me ineligible to participate in the *Deepwater Horizon* Oceanic Fish Restoration Project in 2018.
- The information provided in response to the Request for Quotation form, including the quote in Section 6, may be aggregated for analytical and communications purposes; however, no individualized information will be shared publically.
- If selected for participation in the project, failure to sign a Participant Agreement may preclude participation in the 2018 repose and future participation in the project.
- If selected, I must obtain and maintain any liability insurance as required by law and may be required to secure additional insurance.
- If selected, NFWF cannot guarantee approval of Exempted Fishing Permits for use of buoy gear to target tuna or for the use of an alternative fishing vessel.
- By submitting this Request for Quotation form, I am not guaranteed participation in the project.

I acknowledge that:

- An initial PLL vessel inspection is a requirement for participation. At least 1-week advance notice will be given prior to vessel inspection. If upon inspection, the pelagic longline vessel does not meet the criteria as described in the 2018 Repose Package, an offer of participation may be null and void.
- If selected for participation, permits cannot be sold and must remain with the applicant vessel for the duration of the agreement.
- If selected for participation, I must have sufficient Gulf of Mexico Individual Bluefin Quota (IBQ) in my vessel account during the repose period to make a pelagic longline set in the Gulf of Mexico, and I cannot trade IBQ assigned to the vessel identified in this offer for the duration of the agreement, but I may acquire additional quota for the vessel.
- Evaluation will include consideration of the quote provided in Section 6, my willingness to participate in the alternative gear portion of the project, and past participation (if applicable).
- The vessel owner's enforcement and observer program history may be checked by NOAA.

I certify that:

- I have reviewed and understand all of the information provided in this Request for Quotation form and the entire 2018 Repose Package.
- All of the information I have provided on this form and in any accompanying documentation is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature _____ **Date** _____

SECTION 6 – QUOTE

Only the pelagic longline vessel owner (Offeror) is to complete Section 6*. This section must be completed in its entirety in the presence of a designated notary public and without undue influence. The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation will reject quotes that fail to comply with these requirements. Insert a dollar amount that you would be willing to accept as compensation for not fishing with pelagic longline gear during the 2018 repose period (January 1 – June 30, 2018). Please write clearly.*

Offeror's Name _____ Business Name _____

Address of Record _____

Business Phone _____ Email _____ Vessel ID # _____

Quote $ [ ] **Total** compensation for participation in the 6-month repose (January 1 – June 30, 2018). Do NOT indicate a monthly rate.

QUOTE SIGNATURE: To be completed by vessel owner only.

I, the Offeror, submit the above written quote as an irrevocable offer to the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation for participation in the *DEEPWATER HORIZON* OCEANIC FISH RESTORATION PROJECT for 2018 and agree to voluntarily refrain from using pelagic longline gear during a 6-month repose period from January 1 – June 30, 2018. Submission of this Request for Quotation form does not guarantee selection for participation in the project.

By completing the sections above and signing below, I acknowledge that I have fully and completely reviewed this Request for Quotation form and entire 2018 Repose Package. I attest and warrant that I am the owner of the pelagic longline vessel denoted above and that I am fully able to enter into a Participation Agreement. I expressly represent to the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation that I fully understand the consequences of a quote submission and pledge to abide by the terms and conditions of a Participation Agreement. I understand that if this quote is selected, failure to sign a Participation Agreement may preclude my ability to participate in the 2018 repose and future participation in the project. I expressly warrant and attest that all information included herein is accurate.

Declaration of Non-Collusion - The undersigned certifies (or declares) that this quote is genuine and not sham or collusive, or made in the interest or on behalf of any person, firm, or corporation not herein named; that the offeror has not directly or indirectly induced or solicited any other offeror to put up a sham quote, or any other person, firm or corporation to refrain from submitting a quote, and that the offeror has not in any manner sought by collusion to secure any advantage over other offerors. Failure to adhere to this declaration will result in disqualification from participation in the project.

In witness whereof, I, the Offeror, have executed this Request for Quotation form, in accordance with the requirements as specified above, on the date written below.

Signature _____ **Print** _____ **Date** _____

NOTARIZATION: Quotes must be sworn to and notarized below.

I certify that I know or have satisfactory evidence that _____ is the person who appeared before me and said person acknowledged that he/she signed this REQUEST FOR QUOTATION FORM: SECTION 6, on oath stated that he/she was authorized to execute this instrument and acknowledged it to be the free and voluntary act of his/hers for the uses and purposes mentioned in the document.

County of _____ State of _____

Subscribed and sworn this date _____ , 2017.

Notary Signature _____

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