

REQUEST FOR QUOTATION FORM - *Eastern Gulf of Mexico*

Deepwater Horizon Oceanic Fish Restoration Project

Form valid from September 7 – October 19, 2021



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 Eastern Gulf of Mexico to submit a quote for participation in the 2022 repose period (January 1 – June 30, 2022) of the *Deepwater Horizon* Oceanic Fish Restoration Project.

The full length of the project depends on the level of participation needed to meet restoration goals. The 2022 repose will likely be the last year of the project although a final decision has not yet been made. Project participants may be eligible to take permanent possession of alternative gear following the final repose year. More information will be provided in spring 2022. Complete the *Request for Quotation Form – Eastern Gulf of Mexico* (green) if, as of September 7, 2021, the official hailing port – as listed on the pelagic longline vessel’s USCG Certificate of Documentation – is in either Florida or the Atlantic Coast. If your hailing port is listed in the Western Gulf of Mexico (Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, or Alabama), please complete the *Request for Quotation Form – Western Gulf of Mexico* (blue) available online here: <https://www.nfwf.org/programs/deepwater-horizon-oceanic-fish-restoration-project/information-interested-participants>.

FORM SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

An interested pelagic longline vessel owner (henceforth referred to as “Offeror”) must mail this completed form in time to arrive at NFWF by **October 19, 2021**. Forms received by NFWF after this deadline will not be considered. 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:

National Fish and Wildlife
Foundation 1133 15th Street, 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 _____

Business Phone _____ Alternative Phone (optional) _____

Email _____ Vessel ID Number _____

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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.

_____ **I acknowledge** that by completing this Request for Quotation form that, if selected, I will voluntarily refrain from pelagic longline fishing during the entire 2022 repose period (January 1 – June 30, 2022), with the option to renew annually pending compliance and performance review if the project continues.
(initial)

SECTION 2B: 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 2022 repose period.

No, I do not wish to use alternative fishing gear and will only participate in the 2022 repose.

_____ **I understand** preference may be given to those applicants willing to participate in the alternative gear portion of the project.
(initial)

If you selected yes above, please indicate the alternative gear type(s) you prefer to use. (Check up to two boxes.) NFWF will consider your indicated preferences in assigning gear types, but we cannot guarantee that you will receive your preferred gear. 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. If your contract is renewed, you will be expected to maintain the same alternative gear types.

Greenstick Gear

Deep Drop Rod and Reel Gear

Buoy Gear (if selected, complete Box 1)

BOX 1 – BUOY GEAR

If you selected buoy gear above, you have the option of using buoy gear to target swordfish and/or tuna. Please initial below.

_____ **I understand** that in order to use buoy gear I must possess either a directed swordfish permit or an Exempted Fishing Permit (EFP). I must apply to NOAA for an EFP in order to target BAYS (bigeye, northern albacore, yellowfin, and skipjack) tuna or to target swordfish if I do not possess a directed swordfish permit and must comply with all EFP terms. NFWF cannot guarantee permit approval.
(initial)

Visit <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/atlantic-highly-migratory-species/atlantic-highly-migratory-species-exempted-fishing-permits> for details regarding Exempted Fishing Permits.

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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. You must have access to another fishing vessel to select this option. Please check the relevant box.

Yes, I am interested in using an alternative vessel and have access to an alternative vessel during the 2022 repose period.

No, I do not have access to and/or I am not interested in using an alternative vessel.

SECTION 3: FINANCIAL INFORMATION AND ADDITIONAL TERMS

*To be eligible to receive federal funds through this project, you must provide the following financial information concerning IRS Form W-9 in addition to completing the Request for Quotation form. **Failure to provide this information may render you 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 Request for Quotation 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 (s)he is eligible for award of a contract resulting from this solicitation and 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://sam.gov/content/exclusions>.

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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 six-month repose period (January 1 – June 30, 2022), and I have the option to renew my Participant Agreement annually upon review of my compliance and performance.
- I bear the sole responsibility to ensure the completed Request for Quotation form is received by NFWF by October 19, 2021. If NFWF does not receive this Request for Quotation form by October 19, 2021, I will be ineligible to participate in the *Deepwater Horizon* Oceanic Fish Restoration Project in 2022.
- 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 publicly.
- If selected for participation, failure to sign a Participant Agreement will preclude participation in the 2022 repose and may adversely affect future participation in the project as relevant.
- If selected for participation, I must obtain and maintain required insurance as specified in the included 2022 Repose Package which may exceed my current insurance coverage.
- If selected for participation, 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 selection for participation in the project.

I acknowledge that:

- An initial pelagic longline vessel inspection is a requirement for participation. At least one-week advance notice will be given prior to vessel inspection. If upon initial inspection, the pelagic longline vessel does not meet the criteria as described in the 2022 Repose Package, an offer of participation will be null and void. Annual vessel inspections will be required upon renewal.
- If selected for participation, HMS 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 and compliance (if applicable).
- The vessel owner's enforcement and observer program history will be checked by NOAA.

I certify that:

- I have reviewed and understand all the information provided in this Request for Quotation form and the entire 2022 Repose Package.
- All 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 _____

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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 2022 repose period (and future repose years should you continue to participate).

If you are selected to participate in the 2022 repose, you may have the opportunity to renew your contract for one year pending NFWF review of compliance and performance; your future compensation will be based on this quote.

Offeror's Name _____ Business Name _____

Address of Record _____

Business Phone _____ Email _____ Vessel ID # _____

Monthly Rate \$ **× 6 Months = Quote* \$**

***Total** compensation for participation in the six-month repose (January 1 – June 30, 2022).

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 2022 and agree to voluntarily refrain from using pelagic longline gear during a six-month repose period from January 1 – June 30, 2022. Submission of this Request for Quotation form does not guarantee selection for participation in the project if this offer is accepted.

I understand that if selected, I may have the option to renew for an additional year without reapplying, and my future compensation will be nonnegotiable and equal to the above written quote.

By completing the sections above and signing below, I acknowledge that I have fully and completely reviewed this Request for Quotation form and the entire 2022 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 Participant 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 Participant Agreement, including insurance requirements. I understand that if this quote is selected, failure to sign a Participant Agreement will preclude my ability to participate in the 2022 repose and adversely affect future participation in the project as relevant. 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 _____, 2021.

