



Invitation to Tender

Oyster Translocation Project – Portsmouth Harbour

The Southern Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority (IFCA) manage the sea fisheries off Hampshire, Dorset and the Isle of Wight. Southern IFCA, with funding from the Defence Infrastructure Organisation, is seeking services from fishing vessels local to Portsmouth Harbour to take part in an innovative 'oyster translocation project'.

The project will put in to practice a translocation protocol for native oysters, prior to the proposed capital dredge in Portsmouth, so as to mitigate the impacts of development on the seabed and oyster populations. This protocol is designed to assist sustainable development of the marine environment and local fisheries.

Southern IFCA is inviting masters of commercial fishing vessels to provide tender for 5 days fishing for oysters prior to the Portsmouth Capital Dredge in areas which will be impacted by the dredging (defined in Figure 1). These oysters will then be provided to Southern IFCA for relaying in high density brood stock areas.

Tender: You are invited to submit a tender for the provision of services to fish areas defined in Figure 1 for oysters for a period of 5 days after the oyster season starting on the 15th of November (dates may be adjusted to account for local conditions).

Within the application you should include:

- Details of the vessel – (PLN, name, size, description etc.)
- An estimated quote for the provision of 5 days fishing (including crew cost, wages, fuel and inclusive of VAT).
- Copies of fishing licence, Southern IFCA permit, MCA certificates and associated survey documents.
- Skippers and crew of vessels taking part in the project are required to demonstrate that they have the relevant qualifications and training in accordance with legal requirements and best practice. The skipper and master should also demonstrate a track record in the oyster fishery.
- Details of the fishing set up aboard your vessel, including number of dredges used.
- A risk assessment for the oyster dredging activity.

Tenders will be considered on the basis of the above criteria.

Further requirements

- Vessels may be required to have a fisheries observer on board or use a vessel monitoring system.
- Other species of interest caught in the dredge may also need to be translocated as part of the project.

Please send electronic copies of your application to enquiries@Southern-IFCA.gov.uk or paper copies to: 64 Ashley Road, Parkstone, Poole, BH14 9BN. Marked (Private) for the attention of Patrick Cooper

Deadline: Midday 30th October 2015

Figure 1:

