REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

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2027 Amendment 82 Aleutian Islands Pollock Harvest Partner

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Submit To	cnielsen@aleutcorp.com

The Aleut Corporation ("Aleut") is seeking information from qualified harvest partners regarding the harvest of Aleut's Amendment 82 Aleutian Islands directed pollock allocation for the 2027 season. Questions and responses should be directed to the Aleut contact identified below.

This RFI is intended to help Aleut assess market interest in the approximately 12,600 mt of pollock the allocation represents. It is a request for information only and does not create any obligation for Aleut or any respondent.

Aleut recognizes the operational demands of this fishery. The allocation has seen little harvest, and its challenges are understood. Aleut is seeking the right harvest partner to move beyond the status quo and realize benefits for shareholders and the Aleutian Islands region.

Purpose and Background

Section 803 of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2004 allocated the directed pollock fishery in the Aleutian Islands subarea (NMFS Areas 541, 542, and 543) to Aleut for the purpose of economic development in Adak. Amendment 82 to the BSAI Groundfish FMP implemented that allocation in 2005.

The size of the allocation is set annually. The Aleutian Islands pollock TAC is capped at 19,000 mt. NMFS then deducts 10 percent for the CDQ program and an incidental catch allowance for pollock taken in other Aleutian Islands groundfish fisheries. What remains is Aleut's directed fishing allowance.

Aleut does not lease or sell quota. Instead, Aleut nominates vessels and processors to NMFS for approval. Nominations must be submitted at least 14 days before fishing begins.

2027 Allocation Overview

As published in the final 2026 and 2027 harvest specifications, though subject to revisions:

Component	2027 (mt)
Aleutian Islands pollock ABC	46,437
Aleutian Islands pollock TAC	19,000
Less CDQ allowance (10%)	(1,900)
Less incidental catch allowance	(4,500)
Aleut directed fishing allowance	**12,600**
Reserved to vessels 60 ft LOA or less (50%)	**6,300**
Available to AFA-eligible vessels (50%)	**6,300**

Half of the allocation is reserved by statute to vessels 60 feet LOA or less. The volume available to an AFA vessel is therefore approximately 6,300 mt, not the full 12,600 mt. These figures reflect a rollover of the 2026 acceptable biological catch and will be superseded by the final 2027 and 2028 harvest specifications, expected in early 2027.

Aleut is seeking harvest partners for both components of the allocation (the under-60 share and the AFA share) and welcomes responses addressing either or both. The two components carry different eligibility requirements and different operational profiles, described below. Aleut will consider single operators, groups of vessels operating cooperatively, and proposals that pair a harvesting operation with a processing solution.

Partner Qualifications

Federal eligibility differs by vessel class:

Component	Eligible vessels	Federal permits required
Under-60 (6,300 mt)	Vessels 60 ft LOA or less. AFA eligibility is not required.	Federal fisheries permit and a valid fishery endorsement on U.S. Coast Guard documentation.
AFA (6,300 mt)	AFA catcher/processors, AFA motherships, and AFA catcher vessels over 60 ft LOA.	The above, plus a valid AFA permit for the applicable vessel class.

Other qualifications Aleut is looking for:

- An identified market. Catcher vessel respondents should identify the intended processor or describe how one would be secured.
- A motivated operator able to work safely and effectively in the Aleutian Islands region.
- A demonstrated record of compliance with applicable federal and state regulatory requirements.
- Ability to provide Aleut with catch data pertaining to Amendment 82 harvest, including retained and discarded volumes by species, location, and other performance indicators.

Operational Expectations

Aleut expects the selected partner to be able to address each of the following elements:

- A credible plan for the aggregated rockfish retention limit (including Pacific Ocean perch) of 5 percent of retained pollock.
- Compliance with Steller sea lion closure areas, harvest limits, and all PSC requirements.
- Meeting federal monitoring requirements, including observer coverage, catch monitoring, and certified scales.
- Close coordination with Aleut and NMFS throughout the season.

Commercial Terms

Aleut has not established final commercial terms and is using this RFI to solicit market interest and potential deal structures. Aleut anticipates consideration in the form of a royalty, either per metric ton of round-weight pollock or as a share of a defined value basis, benchmarked against prevailing BSAI pollock arrangements. Respondents should note that the fishery carries a federal cost recovery fee of up to 3 percent of ex-vessel value, payable by Aleut, and should indicate whether an offer is quoted gross or net of that fee.

Aleut seeks a durable arrangement that generates value for both parties. Aleut intends to structure the 2027 season as the basis for a continuing relationship, and in the event of a successful 2027 season Aleut may be willing to extend the partnership into future years. Respondents are encouraged to indicate whether they would be interested in a multi-year arrangement and to describe what terms or commitments would make one workable on their side.

Process

Aleut intends to keep this process simple:

1. **Expression of interest.** Interested parties contact Aleut by email or phone by the response date above, briefly describing who they are, qualifying vessels, and which component of the allocation they are interested in.
2. **Conversations.** Aleut will speak with each interested party about vessels and capacity, Aleutian Islands operating experience, compliance, and potential commercial structures.
3. **Documentation.** At Aleut's invitation, parties may be asked to provide supporting documentation, including vessel particulars and permits, compliance history, and a proposed harvest strategy, before Aleut decides whether to continue discussions or pursue negotiations.
4. **Nomination.** If Aleut and a partner reach agreement, the partner's vessels and/or processors will be nominated to NMFS for approval.

Aleut may request additional information, hold discussions with one or more parties, negotiate terms with a preferred partner, or elect not to proceed.

Evaluation

Aleut may consider, among other factors, each respondent's regulatory compliance history, Aleutian Islands operating capability, vessel qualifications and capacity, credibility of the rockfish and salmon bycatch approach, proposed commercial terms, insurance, willingness to share catch and biological data, and ability to coordinate effectively with Aleut and NMFS. Aleut is not obligated to select the respondent offering the highest consideration, and any selection will be based on Aleut's overall assessment of risk, value, operational reliability, and alignment with Aleut's objectives.

No Commitment and Confidentiality

Aleut reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to evaluate responses, request additional information, negotiate with any party, select one or more partners, reject any or all responses, or discontinue this process at any time. Nothing in this Request for Information obligates Aleut to select a respondent or enter into any agreement. All submitted information, written or oral, will be treated as confidential, except as needed for legal or regulatory review, coordination with NMFS, or as required by law.

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