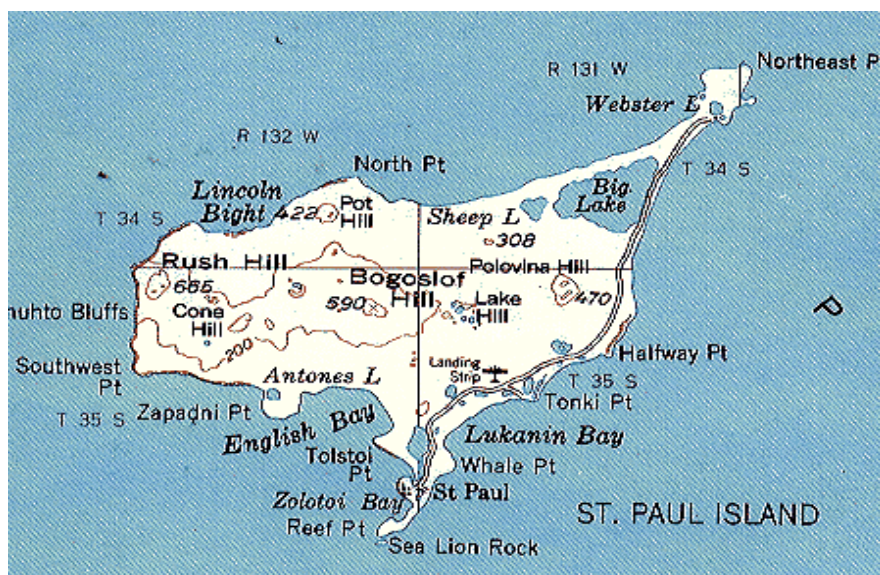


Request for Proposals-Disposal of F/V OCEAN CLIPPER, St Paul, Alaska

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Background

The Marine Conservation Alliance Foundation (MCAF) is requesting proposals for the removal and disposal of the F/V OCEAN CLIPPER from Reef Point on St Paul Island, Alaska (approximately 57-06'29" N 173-18'02" W). The vessel is located in the Northern Fur Seal (seal) Reef Rookery, a part of the Alaska Maritime National Wildlife Refuge. The 80 ft steel fishing vessel went aground on March 18, 1987. It poses a hazard to seal pups which become trapped and die inside the vessel during storms when sea water flows through openings in the hull. The seal is listed as depleted under the Marine Mammal Protection Act and is therefore a stock of concern for management purposes.



The F/V OCEAN CLIPPER ran aground on March 18, 1987. As early as May 15, 1987 fur seals were observed around the grounded vessel. Access to the vessel is limited and difficult. Via land, the vessel is ¼ mile from a primitive road. The terrain between the road and the vessel is rugged with an approximate 100 ft change in altitude. Via water, the vessel is isolated by a reef and shallow draft vessel access is more than 1,500 ft away.



Figure 1 F/V OCEAN CLIPPER (June 2009)

A 17th Coast Guard District situation report dated May 18, 1987 (Incident #6457 Entry #507211) reports that “All oil remaining on board the vsl removed by CG personnel via small boats without incident”.

Access to the rookery is limited to the period of December 1 through May 31. Bulls begin to enter the area in May and can be aggressive towards humans. Bulls can be seen in the foreground and near the stern of the vessel in Figure 1.

Strong winds are associated with the area and sea ice is commonly present into May. With this timeline, operations must utilize opportune weather windows.

Disposal of the vessel must be arranged for by the successful contractor. The St. Paul landfill will likely not accept material from the vessel.

The contractor must provide a minimum of \$2, 000,000 of general liability insurance naming MCAF as an additional insured.

Special Conditions. This contract is being funded in part or in all by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) commonly known as the stimulus package. Recipients of these funds are required to comply with the act and provide information to MCAF in a timely manner to facilitate ARRA reporting requirements. Additional reporting requirements may be imposed as NOAA/OMB clarify reporting requirements. Specifically, MCAF subcontractors shall:

- a. Organizations earning \$500,000 or more in federal funds are required to have a single point federal audit performed. Funding from this grant must be reported the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards (SEFA) submitted by your organization.
- b. Document permission from land owner to access property access and provide a copy to MCAF.
- c. Provide a copy of your safety plan to MCAF before beginning work.
- d. Referral of False Claims to Department of Commerce Inspector General. Recipients and sub-recipients awarded funds made available under the Recovery Act shall promptly refer to the Department of Commerce Inspector General any credible evidence that a principal, employee, agent, contractor, sub-recipient, subcontractor, or other person has submitted a false claim under the False Claims Act or has committed a criminal or civil violation of laws pertaining to fraud, conflict of interest, bribery, gratuity, or similar misconduct involving those funds. Referrals can be made online at <http://www.oig.doc.gov/oig/hotline/000016.html> or by calling 1-800-424-5197.
- e. A representative of the Inspector General may make an unannounced inspection of any project and review all relevant documentation.
- f. The grant award numbers are as follows:
 - i. CFDA Number **11.463**
 - ii. Federal Award Number **NA09NMF4630309**
Please include these two numbers on all invoices.
- g. Within 30 days of work completion, submit a detailed report describing disposal actions, costs, number of people employed, and hours worked.



Figure 2 F/V OCEAN CLIPPER (June 2009)

Scope of Work

1. Remove the derelict F/V OCEAN CLIPPER and any associated debris from the St Paul Island Reef Point Rookery during the period December 1, 2009 to May 31, 2010.
2. Dispose of the vessel and all associated debris off island in accordance with state and federal law.
3. Conduct removal and disposal in a manner that is consistent with NOAA NEPA categorical exclusion (NAO 216-6)

Bid Submission

1. Submit bids and a detailed work plan (including disposal), including timeline, to MCAF to arrive no later than September 18, 2009 via email, fax, or mail. The work plan must be in sufficient detail for NOAA to determine if the work plan falls within the Categorical Exclusion.
2. Include a description of your organization's salvage experience in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands, major equipment you have in the region, and qualifications of key staff.
3. If the removal will be conducted from the sea, indicate if you are member of the American Salvage Association.

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