



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
NOAA MARINE AND AVIATION OPERATIONS
Silver Spring, Maryland 20910-3282

May 2, 2007

- DAN HARDIN _____
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Commander (mli)
Thirteenth Coast Guard District
915 Second Avenue
Seattle, WA 98174-1067

Dear Sir:

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) has contractual arrangements, pending acceptable evaluation, to charter the fishing vessel, *Ocean Prowler*, for conducting research during the time period June 1, 2007 to September 1, 2007. The Commandant, U.S. Coast Guard (G-MVI-4) has directed that we coordinate charter vessel examinations directly with the appropriate District Commander or local Marine Safety Office.

It is requested that an examination of the vessel be conducted under the existing USCG/NMFS Memorandum of Understanding and in the policy detailed in the USCG Marine Safety Manual. It is anticipated that the vessel will be available for inspection in Seattle in mid-May 2007. Vessel operations are planned to take place in the Gulf of Alaska and Bering Sea up to 200 miles offshore. The enclosed information sheet provides additional details about the vessel, purpose of the charter, dates, number of persons to be aboard, and the vessel's points of contact for arranging the examination.

Your support and assistance in providing the examination is greatly appreciated. I have initiated contact with your Marine Safety Office in Seattle directly regarding this request. It is my understanding that a date for inspection of the vessel has been arranged. Please contact me at 301-713-7666 if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

William R. Cunningham
Safety Environmental Compliance Division

Enclosure

cc: F/AKC4 - Chris Lunsford
WC3 - Paul Reed



REQUEST FOR USCG EXAMINATION OF CHARTER VESSEL

DATE: May 2, 2007

CONTRACT NO: _____

NAME OF VESSEL: F/V Ocean Prowler

OFFICIAL NUMBER: 321751

LENGTH: 154 feet

OWNER (NAME): Ocean Prowler Partnership

(ADDRESS): PO Box 509

Petersburg, AK 99833

(PHONE): 907-772-4835

OWNER'S CONTACT: Mr. Jerry Kennedy, Sr. PHONE: 360-385-1658

CHARTER PERIOD: From June 1, 2007 to Sept. 1, 2007 Total days: 93 days

OPTION PERIOD (IF ANY): n/a days CONTRACT AMNT (w/ fuel): \$ n/a

DATES VESSEL AVAILABLE FOR EXAMINATION: May 10-15, 2007

VESSEL LOCATION FOR EXAMINATION: Seattle, WA

PURPOSE OF THE CHARTER: To conduct longline survey of sablefish in the Gulf of Alaska and Bering Sea.

AREA OF CHARTER OPERATION: Gulf of Alaska and Bering Sea

DISTANCE OFFSHORE: up to 200 nmi.

COMPLIMENT: up to 18 (crew and scientific party)

CONTRACT SPECIALIST:

NAME: Paul Reed
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7600 Sand Point Way NE
Seattle, WA 98115-6349
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PROGRAM OFFICE CONTACT:

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CHARTER CLEARANCE NUMBER: 050207-F-01-S

PASSED REQUEST TO USCG: Dispatcher MSO, Seattle, by fax 5/2/07

REQUESTED BY: Bill Cunningham (NOAA, OMAO3) PHONE: 301-713-7666