



Alaska Fisheries Development Foundation, Inc.

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NEW PROJECT OFFERS FINANCIAL INCENTIVE  
FOR NEW PRODUCTS USING FISH PROTEINS

ANCHORAGE, AK - Alaska Fisheries Development Foundation (AFDF) has issued a request for proposals for the design and test production of five value-added, non-analogue products using fish proteins. The five products will use either surimi, pollock mince, salmon mince, surimi/salmon mince combinations, or surimi/muscle meat combinations as the primary ingredient.

AFDF will offer up to \$25,000 and provide technical assistance for each product or concept designed for the project. Successful applicants will provide AFDF with product concept, production methods, and some formulation and economic data for the item produced. Applicants may bid on one or all of the five product categories. Products need not be foods, but must be high-volume, value-added products demonstrating a unique application for fish proteins.

Mel Monsen, AFDF executive director, said the purpose of the research project is to investigate new, marketable uses for Alaska's seafoods and fish protein blends. "Our goal is to encourage the discovery of new applications for surimi, pollock and salmon mince," Monsen said. "We hope to stimulate some innovative uses of Alaska's fish proteins. I believe we can also create new options for food engineers who are looking for highly functional proteins."

Alaska Fisheries Development Foundation is a non-profit research and development firm exploring new production techniques and product forms for Alaska's seafood resources.

Copies of the RFP are available from AFDF, 508 West 2nd Ave., Suite 212, Anchorage, AK 99501, or by calling Loretta Lure at (907) 276-7315. Proposals must be submitted to AFDF by July 1, 1987.

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