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### PACIFIC COD VESSEL CHARTER BIDS SOUGHT BY AFDF

The Alaska Fisheries Development Foundation is seeking bids from vessels interested in participating in a project designed to reduce halibut bycatch during the Pacific cod trawl season. Vessels would alternately use two trawls, a traditional "Kodiak Combo" trawl and an experimental trawl with a modified footrope and a separator panel in the belly of the trawl, designed to release halibut.

The charter will take place in the Gulf of Alaska during the commercial cod season. Vessels can fish commercially, but would be compensated for time lost switching trawls and for the risk of reduced catches using the experimental net. AFDF is looking for a trawler with 350 to 900 horsepower and two reels on deck. The skipper of the vessel must have at least five years experience fishing for Pacific cod in the Gulf of Alaska. Bids are due at AFDF on October 2, 1992. Bid descriptions are available from the Alaska Dragger's Association, the Fishery Industrial Technology Center and the Alaska Fisheries Development Foundation. Contact AFDF at (907) 276-7315.