Request for Proposals
Charter Boats for Dig Afognak

Call for Proposals

The Native Village of Afognak is seeking qualified individuals to transport equipment, supplies, staff, and participants (including youth & Elders) to and from the remote Dig Afognak camp site during the 2025 camp season. NVA intends to hire multiple charters for each camp, to assist with the transport of supplies and up to 60 guests over multiple trips.

Proposal Due Date: March 31, 2025, received by 5:00pm

Proposal Submission Method: Email, mail, or hand delivery

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Professional Services Contract Executed: April 15, 2025

Project Start Date: May 1, 2025

Project Completion Date: August 30, 2025

Project Description and Scope-of-Work:

Dig Afognak is a remote culture camp located near Settlement Point on Afognak Island that operates from May-August. The Native Village of Afognak is seeking qualified individual(s) who meet the requirements to transport Dig Afognak staff and participants between Anton Larsen Bay dock and Dig Afognak during the 2025 Dig Afognak season. This will be accomplished through multiple tripes by several captains. All youth passengers will be accompanied by a responsible adult chaperone. The contractor must be flexible in their schedule to meet the needs of the Tribe and tides.

Staff will typically travel to camp with supplies the day before camp starts. The following camps are planned for 2025:

- Youth Camp I – June 26-30
- Koniag Camp – July 10-14
- Youth Camp II – July 18-22

- ANC Shareholder Camp – July 25-29
- Sobriety Camp – August 1-5

There will be several single-day events, including the following:
- Camp Start-up - TBD
- The Afognak People's Picnic – July 26 @ 2PM (Afognak Village)
- Camp Shut-down - TBD

Who we are:
The Native Village of Afognak is a federally recognized tribe, one of ten tribes in the Kodiak Archipelago and currently serves over 800 members. The people of the Native Village of Afognak are the descendants of the original Alutiiq inhabitants of the village of Ag'waneq which was located on the island of Afognak, three miles off the shore of Kodiak Island. The members of our tribe inhabited our ancestral village until the Great Earthquake and tsunami in 1964 in which the village was destroyed. A new community was constructed on the northeast coast of Kodiak Island, called Port Lions, and many residents of Afognak moved there permanently following the destruction of the original village. Many of our members reside in Port Lions, the city of Kodiak, as well as Anchorage and the lower 48. Today, the Native Village of Afognak operates a cultural immersion camp during the summer months on Afognak Island.

Proposal Requirements:
- Proof of insurance
- Cost per charter and number of passengers allowed
  - Please specify if the captain is able to also haul freight and the rates for freight to camp and back.
- Description of the boat and equipment to be used for the project
- Description of years of experience and knowledge of the route
- Copy of Captain's License
- Specify availability on the dates listed above
- Any other documentation that may be beneficial to the Tribe
- If chosen, a list of all subcontractors will be required within 5 working days of being selected as a contractor. Captain and subcontractors are required to pass a criminal background check.

Draft Scoring Criteria:
Proposals will be scored based on the following criteria. The scoring criteria are subject to change without notice at the discretion of the Tribe.

The following proposal components will be rated from 1-10 with 1 being the lowest:
- Years of experience
- Cost per trip
- Availability
- Knowledge of route/location
- Boat and equipment dependability
- Life jackets for all passengers

- Tribal members