

Mendocino County Fish & Game Project Proposal Summary Sheet

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The deadline for receiving proposals is 5:00pm, December 22, 2017.

Project Title: Proposal to Purchase Two (2) Kayaks for Inland Mendocino County State Game Wardens.

Amount Requested (\$): Appx. \$3,400.00_____

Contractor: California Department of Fish and Wildlife _____

Type of Contractor: State Resource Agency, Law Enforcement Division_____

Contact Person: Warden Donald H. White, Badge # 804. _____

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Fish and Game Code Section 13103 Category:

(g) Purchase and maintain materials, supplies, or equipment for either the department's ownership and use or the department's use in the normal performance of the department's responsibilities.

Objectives:

To protect all of California's wildlife and to apprehend poachers and polluters by utilizing kayaks on remote rivers and streams.

Specie(s) Benefited: All wildlife species in Mendocino County.

Work Schedule: California Game Wardens patrol year round and are on call 24/7.

Site Location (include reference to nearest city, town, and/or prominent landmark, GPS Coordinates):

All inland Mendocino County rivers and streams.

Please also fill out the following, if applicable:

Stream: All inland Mendocino County rivers and streams.

Tributary to: See "Major Drainage System".

Major Drainage System: Russian River and Eel River watersheds.

Two (2) Kayaks for Inland Mendocino County State Game Wardens.

This document will present the Mendocino County Fish and Game Commission with valuable background information and the proven need for kayaks.

Please consider this proposal as a request per FGC 13103(g).

Overview:

For hundreds of years, people have been using canoes, kayaks, and boats to hunt and fish in California. Every year, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife's CalTIP program receives numerous calls regarding violations that occur on remote rivers and streams in Mendocino County. Some examples of observed violations include, unlawful take of salmon, illegal fishing, hunter trespass, water diversions, illegal marijuana grows, and other major resource violations. Accessing these extremely remote areas are often very difficult without having proper equipment.

Benefits of kayaks:

By utilizing kayaks, wardens will be able to access these remote areas in order to perform their duties and apprehend poachers. Wardens will have the ability to use more undetected and stealthy tactics when approaching potential suspects by using the kayaks. Further, wardens will be able to more effectively enforce laws and regulations on the Eel River and Russian River watersheds.

Additionally, wardens are tasked with assisting mutual aid agencies in searching for missing persons within Mendocino County. CDFW's operations policy requires that wardens make it a priority to assist with any search for a missing person within their districts. Every year, wardens have performed searches where kayaks would have been a vital tool to have. Examples include, missing subjects in rivers, streams, lakes, ocean, and other remote areas. By utilizing kayaks, wardens will be able to assist the public in a much greater capacity to insure their safety.

Reason for Proposal:

The CDFW chain of command has approved the use of kayaks for department members. Unfortunately, due to current district funding, the department cannot approve the funds to purchase the kayaks and associated equipment. The 2017/2018 fiscal funding accounts are considerably lower than years in the past. Approximately 10,000 dollars is allotted per warden for the fiscal year. This money is used for vehicle maintenance, boat maintenance, fuel costs, training, hotels, and equipment purchases. Most years, CDFW is over budget without purchasing any equipment.

Equipment overview

Native Slayer 12 Pro Kayak

<http://www.cabelas.com/catalog/product.jsp?productId=2488446&categoryId=0&parentCategoryId=0&subCategoryId=0&indexId=0&itemGUID=3d330c1dac10a05d4da145399172370d>

Bending Branches Whisper Paddles

<http://www.cabelas.com/catalog/product.jsp?productId=1658160&categoryId=0&parentCategoryId=0&subCategoryId=0&indexId=0&itemGUID=3dafd1abac10a05d4da14539fb37d668>

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Thank you for your time and consideration,

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