



THE SUQUAMISHTRIBE

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Request For Proposals

Design and Construction of a 27 ft. Landing Craft Research
Vessel

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SECTION 1. GENERAL INFORMATION

1.01 Significant Dates

Posted Date: April 27, 2026

Closing Time and Date: 5:00pm May 29, 2026

1.02 Description of Proposals Sought:

The Suquamish Indian Tribe (Suquamish Tribe or Tribe) hereby announces this RFP to solicit proposals to establish a contract for the design and construction of a 27' aluminum landing craft vessel for fisheries research activities on Puget Sound in Washington State.

1.03 Response Format:

Proposals should be prepared simply, providing a straightforward and concise delineation of the Contractors' approach and capabilities necessary to satisfy the criteria listed in Section 3. The proposal may not be longer than 10 pages, single-spaced with no less than 12-point font. Emphasis in the proposals should be on completeness, clarity of content, and adherence to the structure required by this RFP. Contractors that deviate from the required format may be deemed non-responsive.

1.04 Response Date and Location

Proposals must be provided in Portable Document Format (.pdf) and received on or before **5:00 p.m. Pacific Time on May 29, 2026**. Submittals shall be sent via e-mail to: srae@suquamish.nsn.us

Include "**Suquamish Research Vessel**" in the submission e-mail subject line. A response will be sent to verify successful transmission of the message and associated submittal.

SECTION 2. REQUESTED SERVICES

2.01 Duration of Services

The Tribe anticipates the service period for this work to be completed no later than **May 31, 2027 or negotiated with the project leads**.

2.02 Scope of Work

Phase I. Pre-Production Design

In this phase, the Contractor will undertake the development of Working Plans for review by the Tribe. Working Plans shall be provided to the Tribe in PDF format and shall be of sufficient detail for vessel construction and shall provide detailed material and equipment selections. After final approval of the working plans the Tribe shall issue a Notice-to-Proceed to Phase II. Any deviation from the working plans during the construction phase must be approved by the Tribe in writing.

Phase II: Production

This phase will consist of vessel construction, inspections, and sea-trial. Work on this phase by the Contractor shall not commence until final approval of Working Plans and issuance of a Notice-to-Proceed by the Suquamish Tribe representative. All construction work undertaken in advance of the Tribes review and approval shall be at the Contractor's risk. The Tribe shall not accept the vessel with any deficiencies noted at the final inspection that are not corrected.

The Contractor shall provide the following “As Built” drawings to the Tribe prior to delivery:

- General Arrangements
- Under-Deck Wiring/Hose Conduit Arrangements
- Fuel Tank Design, Foundation and Securing Details
- Hydraulic Systems Arrangement.

Vessel Specifications

These Specifications provide general descriptions and requirements for the design and construction of a 27’ high-speed aluminum mono-hull landing craft research vessel for the Suquamish Tribe. The Specifications assume the Contractor is competent and knowledgeable of common system and detail requirements in the various control, machinery, cargo, stowage and other spaces aboard this vessel. Accordingly, the Contractor shall be responsible for providing and installing systems, equipment, and details necessary to deliver a serviceable and outfitted vessel that is ready for service.

The intended area of operation for this vessel is Puget Sound, located in Washington State. The vessel will be used to conduct various fisheries research activities. The vessel will be used in all types of weather including high heat, snow, rain, sleet, fog, and high winds.

The vessel will be trailered. As such, the total height of the vessel and trailer (including instrumentation antennas mounted on pilothouse roof) **must** be less than 13’.

General Specifications

Hull Length	27’
Beam	8’-9’
Propulsion	Two, gas, outboard 200 HP or greater, with stainless props
Fuel Capacity	120 US gallons
Bottom Plating	1/4” 5086
Transom and Sides Plating	3/16” 5086
Deck Plating	3/16” 5052
Cab	Walkthrough

Regulatory Bodies

This vessel shall comply with all the applicable laws of the United States and the requirements of the various regulatory bodies and rules listed below in force at the time of Delivery insofar as

they may have jurisdiction.

- American Boat and Yacht Council (ABYC)
- American Bureau of Shipping (ABS)
- American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME)
- American Society of Testing & Materials (ASTM)
- American Welding Society (AWS)
- Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
- Federal Communications Commission (FCC)
- Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE)
- International Maritime Organization (IMO)
- International Organization for Standardization (ISO)
- National Academy of Sciences (NAS)
- National Fire Protection Association (NFPA)
- National Electrical Manufacturer's Association (NEMA)
- Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA)
- Underwriter's Laboratories (UL)
- United States Coast Guard (USCG)

Materials and Workmanship

All apparatus (machinery, equipment, piping, etc.) is to conform to best marine practice for vessels of this class. The Tribe will give consideration to items differing in detail from those described herein, provided that these differences will not impair the efficiency, reliability, and durability of the apparatus and its suitability for the vessel.

All work is to be performed to high-quality marine construction standards. All welding shall be in accordance with welding procedures approved by the American Bureau of Shipping, Rules for Building, and Classing High Speed Aluminum Vessels. All weld spatter, soot, and construction scars shall be removed or faired. All sharp edges and corners shall be dressed to prevent hazards to personnel and equipment.

Materials shall be ordered to recognized standard sizes wherever such apply to facilitate replacement or repair. All materials and equipment shall be new and of good commercial quality.

Sea Trials

1. Vessel shall undergo testing (Sea Trials) after completion to verify proper function and performance of all systems.

Documentation

1. Operation and Maintenance Manual.
2. OEM technical literature for all supplied equipment.
3. As-built vessel drawings.

4. As-built electrical system drawings.
5. As-built hydraulic system drawings.
6. Certified Scale Weight of the vessel and trailer.
7. Original Bill of Sale and Manufacturer's Statement of Origin conveying free and clear title(s).

SECTION 3. SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS

3.01 Required Information

The Contractor's Proposal must include the following:

1. Introduction Cover Letter
 - a. Submit a letter of introduction signed by a person authorized by your firm to obligate your firm to perform the commitments contained in this RFP.
2. Schedule
 - a. Provide a schedule and estimated timeline for the construction phase of the vessel between receiving a Notice-to-Proceed from the Tribe and final delivery.
3. Firm Qualifications
 - a. Experience in the design and construction of at least three (3) landing-craft type vessels 26 feet or longer in length within the last five (5) years.
 - b. Bidder shall submit proof of any applicable insurance.
4. Fee Proposal
 - a. Provide an itemized fee proposal that includes a total fee with a not-to-exceed figure; itemized costs may be used to negotiate changes in the Scope of Work if necessary. The Tribe intends to award this contract to the firm that it considers will provide the best overall program services. The Tribe reserves the right to accept other than the lowest priced offer and to reject any proposals that are not responsive to this request.
5. Warranty
 - a. Provide copies of all warranties being offered for the vessel. The proposer shall warrant all workmanship and materials for at least 12 months following delivery.

SECTION 4. PROPOSAL EVALUATION

4.01 Evaluation Procedures

A Selection Committee will evaluate proposals. The selection will consider how well the Contractor's proposal meets the needs of the Tribe as described in the Contractor's response to each requirement listed in Section 3. In evaluating the proposals, the Tribe will use a criteria evaluation process. Evaluations will be based on criteria as outlined in Section 4.02. All proposals will be evaluated using the same criteria and weighting. Any proposal that does not

contain each element described in this RFP, fully completed, as appropriate, may be judged to be incomplete and may not be considered further.

4.02 Scoring and Evaluation Factors

The evaluation factors reflect a wide range of considerations. While cost is important, other factors are also significant. The objective is to choose the entity capable of providing reliable and effective services within a reasonable budget.

Evaluation will be based on the following criteria:

1. Project Design Approach (including scope of work and timeline) – 30 points
2. Qualifications and experience of Offeror – 20 points
3. Cost Estimate (itemized) – 30 points

Maximum points: 80

4.03 Contract Award and Execution

The apparent successful Contractor/Offeror will be expected to enter into a contract with the Tribe. No party may incur any chargeable costs prior to the execution of a final contract.

The Tribe reserves the right to award a contract for all or any portion of the requirements proposed by reason of this request, award multiple Contracts, or to reject any and all proposals if deemed to be in the best interests of the Tribe and to re-solicit for proposals, or to reject any and all proposals if deemed to be in the best interests of the Tribe and to temporarily or permanently abandon the procurement.

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