## Request For Proposals Deal Lake Commission Monmouth County, New Jersey Carp, Koi and Goldfish Removal Services

The Deal Lake Commission is seeking bids from qualified contractors to provide services specific to the removal of invasive carp, koi and goldfish from select areas of Deal Lake. This work will be conducted over a three (3) week period in accordance with the stipulations and limitations set forth by the NJDEP in Permit No. 19-033, which was issued on June 15, 2019 and remains in effect through August 30, 2019. Specifically, the permit limits the removal of only the noted species of fish (carp, koi and goldfish) by means of trap net(s). The trap net(s) are to be appropriately baited to attract carp to the nets. Any by-catch (non-targeted fish) must to be returned to the lake.

The project area is limited to the Harvey Brook (northern) arm of the lake near the shoreline abutting the Deal Lake Golf Course (Figure 1). The DLC will work with the selected contractor to finalize the locations where the trap net(s) are to be set.

The targeted area will be fished sequentially over a maximum 1-week (5 working-day) period. The contractor will be responsible for providing, erecting and setting the trap net(s) in the designated project area. The DLC will provide volunteers to aid the contractor in erecting the nets, baiting the nets (if needed) over a 3-4 day period, making periodic observations of the nets over the 5-day fishing period and assisting with the removal the captured carp, koi and/or goldfish from the trap net(s). The DLC will also make arrangements for the final disposal of the collected carp, koi and/or goldfish.

Access to the lake is via the public boat launch located on 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue near the Main Street intersection (Figure 1). Please note that there are a number of low bridges crossing between the boat launch and the targeted fish collection area. There is also road access for transportation of material and fish removal at the location just off the Deal Golf course.

All captured carp, koi and/or goldfish will be disposed of properly and in a humane manner. No carp, koi and/or goldfish will be returned to the lake. Any by-catch (non-targeted game or forage fish) are to be immediately returned to the lake. The selected contractor will work closely with the DLC to arrange for the removal of the collected fish from the baited trap net(s), but will not be responsible for the final disposal of the collected fish.

Proposals shall be clearly typed using the accompanying bid form. All proposals shall be transmitted electronically to the Deal Lake Commission's Clerk (*ijoseph@oceantwp.org*) by close of business July 16, 2019. Along with their bid, interested contractors are to submit the specifications of their fish harvesting equipment and proof of insurance. Client references representative of similar fish collection and harvesting work conducted by the contractor are optional but encouraged. A public announcement of the winning bid will be made at the July 18, 2019 meeting of the Deal Lake Commission. The successful contractor will be selected and notified by email on July 19, 2019. The DLC anticipates that the removal of the noted invasive species from the lake will commence as soon as July 25 and conclude no later than August 30, 2019.

If there are questions concerning this RFP, please contact Don Brockel, Chairman of the Deal Lake Commission, brockel@optonline.net.

## **Contractor Bid Form**

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References of similar completed projects (Optiona	l)				

If the contractor has any exceptions or has applied any qualifiers or limitations to their bid said exceptions, qualifiers and/or limitations are to be listed below:

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Figure 1 - Approximate Net Deployment Location(s) in Northern Arm of Deal Lake

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