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Jobs are Alaska's Future



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More than 1,000 Seafood Processing Workers Needed Immediately

(Juneau) – Salmon processing companies are recruiting Alaskans to fillet, can, freeze and prepare Alaskan wild salmon for worldwide markets. As of May 25, there are 1,010 seafood processing job openings across the state that companies need to fill quickly.

“Seasonal jobs are in strong supply right now,” said Greg O’Claray, Commissioner of the Alaska Department of Labor & Workforce Development. “Young people are especially encouraged to apply, as these jobs offer an opportunity to earn money quickly while building a work history, as well as travel and see Alaska.”

Age requirements for these jobs vary. Prior experience is often not required for entry-level processing jobs. Typical starting pay is \$7.15/hour plus overtime at \$10.72/hour. In some cases processors provide room and board for workers and will advance the cost of transportation or provide it depending upon completion of contract and the location of the work site. There are often overtime opportunities, depending upon the harvest level.

The Alaska Department of Labor & Workforce Development supports a Traveling Seafood Workforce program which helps relocate workers from earlier Bristol Bay salmon runs to new processing locations. The heavy demand for workers will continue into August as additional runs and salmon are processed around the state.

Information on seafood processing jobs is available at Alaska Job Centers or call toll free in Alaska 1-800-473-0688. Seafood job descriptions and application information are also available by going to www.jobs.state.ak.us and clicking on Seafood Jobs in the Quick Links menu.

Locations of seafood job openings:

Bristol Bay 50	Floating Processors 50	Naknek 145	Nome 50
Pederson Point 100	Bethel 25	Juneau 40	Valdez 40
Petersburg 90	Cordova 40	Kenai 50	Whittier 30
Seward 55	Haines 15	Ketchikan 60	King Cove 50
Sitka 20	Homer 20	Kodiak 70	
Togiak 50	Anchorage 25	Dutch Harbor 25	

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