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### Recruiting for Alaska Seafood Workers

(Anchorage, AK) – Seafood processing companies are recruiting now through December for more than 300 Alaska workers needed for the winter seafood season including pollock, opilio crab and Pacific cod seasons, according to the Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development.

Seafood processing work is expected to begin in early January at shore-based plants, including in Dutch Harbor, and on large at-sea processing ships. The work will continue through mid-March to mid-May or longer.

“Experienced seafood workers who live in Western Alaska are especially urged to apply for these jobs,” said Labor Commissioner Click Bishop. “These seasonal seafood processing jobs are an excellent opportunity for rural Alaskans to earn money and for young adults to begin building a work history.”

Job applicants may apply at any of the 24 statewide Alaska Job Centers. Information about job openings can be found online at [jobs.alaska.gov](http://jobs.alaska.gov). (Click on “ALEXsys,” the Alaska Labor Exchange System.) For most jobs, applicants must be available for in-person interviews at the Anchorage Midtown Job Center at 3301 Eagle St.

The in-person interviews are Dec. 3 to Dec. 19; specific dates for each location are listed below. Successful applicants must pass a pre-employment physical, drug screening and criminal background check for some jobs.

The majority of processing jobs involve the value-added preparation of fresh seafood, including filleting, canning and freezing. Starting pay for onshore workers is \$7.15 an hour (the Alaska minimum wage), plus overtime. The pay for at-sea positions is a percentage of catch or a per-case rate, based on the product’s market value. All methods guarantee at least the hourly minimum wage. Companies often provide room, board and transportation.

The companies require workers to be at least 18 for workplace locations where workers are housed in bunkhouses and at-sea. In some cases, 16- and 17-year-olds may work in onshore jobs that don’t require workers to operate or clean power-driven machinery.

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The interview schedule is as follows:

<b>Job Location</b>	<b>Company</b>	<b>Number of Openings</b> (subject to change)	<b>Date of In-Person Interviews</b> (Held in the Anchorage-Midtown Job Center unless otherwise noted)
King Cove	Peter Pan Seafoods	70	Dec. 3
Dutch Harbor	UniSea Inc.	80	Dec. 4
Kodiak	Western Alaska Fisheries	15	Early January – Kodiak Job Center
Dutch Harbor	Westward Seafoods	75	Dec. 4 – Peninsula Job Center, Kenai
At-sea ships	American Seafoods	30	Dec. 6
At-sea ships	Starbound	5	Dec. 6
At-sea and land	Trident Seafoods	25	Dec. 6
At-sea ships	Arctic Storm	5	Dec. 6
At-sea ships	Glacier Fish	2	Dec. 6
Dutch Harbor	Westward Seafoods	40	Dec. 19

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