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## Seafood Workers Needed Immediately Companies Need 1000+ Salmon Processors

Salmon processing companies want to hire Alaskans immediately to fillet, can, freeze and prepare Alaskan wild salmon for worldwide markets. "This is an opportune time to work at a seasonal job. Young people are especially encouraged to apply, as these jobs offer an opportunity to earn money quickly while building a work history," said Greg O'Claray, Commissioner of the Alaska Department of Labor & Workforce Development.

At the Anchorage Job Center Midtown at 3301 Eagle Street, seafood recruiters Lisa Good and Nelson San Juan report that seafood company hiring managers are now busy calling to fill hundreds of jobs in places like King Cove, Pedersen Point, Togiak, Naknek, Egegik, Cordova and on floating processing vessels in Bristol Bay.

The minimum age policy for jobs with many seafood processing companies is 18 at locations where workers are housed in bunkhouses. Some exceptions allow hiring applicants who are 16 or 17 if they have their own housing and are not required to work with knives or machinery.

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 is often an opportunity to work overtime, depending upon the harvest level.

Often times, workers hired for the earlier salmon runs in Bristol Bay would like to relocate to other processing locations when their initial contracts are completed. The Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development supports a Traveling Seafood Workforce Program. An employment specialist will be in Naknek July 5-9 to help with these job relocations.

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 all Alaska Job Centers or call toll free in Alaska at 1-800-473-0688. Seafood jobs information is also available on Alaska's Job Bank at:

[www.jobs.state.ak.us](http://www.jobs.state.ak.us)

As of May 24, there are 15 locations with 1066 job openings seafood processing companies hope to fill quickly.

### Locations of seafood job openings:

Bristol Bay					
Floating Processors	100	Hoonah	5	Naknek	150
Bethel	25	Juneau	30	Petersburg	50
Cordova	400	Kenai	10	Seward	61
Haines	15	Ketchikan	60	Sitka	20
Homer	20	Kodiak	70	Togiak	50

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