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Jobs are Alaska's Future



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### Recruiting for More Than 750 Alaskan Seafood Workers Begins Now

(Anchorage) –Seafood processing industry employers are recruiting now through December for more than 750 Alaska workers needed for the winter fisheries including pollock, opilio crab and Pacific cod seasons, according to the Alaska Department of Labor & Workforce Development. Seafood processing work is expected to begin in early January at shore-based plants including Dutch Harbor and on large at-sea processing ships, and continue through mid-March to mid-May or longer.

“Experienced seafood workers who live in any of the six Community Development Quota areas in Western Alaska are especially urged to apply for these jobs,” said Commissioner Greg O’Claray. “These seasonal seafood processing jobs are an excellent opportunity for young and rural Alaskans to earn money quickly and 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 [www.jobs.state.ak.us](http://www.jobs.state.ak.us) (click on “ALEXsys”). For most jobs, applicants must be available for in-person interviews at the Anchorage Job Center Midtown, 3301 Eagle Street.

In-person recruitments begin with UniSea Inc. on Nov. 16 in Anchorage and continue through Dec. 7. Specific interview dates for companies and locations are listed below. Successful applicants must pass a pre-employment physical, drug screening and criminal background check for some jobs.

At-sea processing jobs are among the highest paid for seafood workers. Pay is by percentage of catch or by case rate based upon the market value of the product being produced, with a guarantee of at least minimum wage. Workers must be age 18 for many companies and workplace locations where workers are housed in bunkhouses and at-sea. Some exceptions allow 16- and 17-year-olds if the job doesn’t require they operate or clean power-driven machinery.

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The majority of processing jobs involve the value-added preparation of fresh seafood, including filleting, canning and freezing. Typical starting pay for onshore workers is \$7.15 per hour and overtime pay is \$10.72 per hour. There are also room and board and travel incentives. Companies generally provide room and board and transportation to the location. Return transportation is provided once workers complete the season.

The in-person interview schedule is as follows:

<b>Job Location</b>	<b>Company</b>	<b>Openings</b>	<b>Date of In-Person Interviews</b> (Anchorage Job Center Midtown unless otherwise noted)
Dutch Harbor	UniSea Inc.	350	Nov. 16
Dutch Harbor	Harbor Crown Seafoods	25	Phone Interviews: Apply Prior to Dec. 20
Dutch Harbor	Westward Seafoods	350	Anchorage Dec. 5
At-Sea Ships	American Seafoods	20	Dec. 7
At-Sea Ships	Starbound	5	Dec. 7
At-Sea and Land	Trident Seafoods	50	Dec. 7
At-Sea Ships	Alaska Ocean	10	Dec. 7
At-Sea Ships	Arctic Storm	5	Dec. 7

Additional employment information is in Anchorage by calling the Anchorage Job Center Midtown Seafood Employment Office at 907-269-4775 or toll-free statewide at 1-800-473-0688.

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