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Recruiting for More Than 1400 Seafood Workers Begins Now

JUNEAU – State labor officials are encouraging both experienced and entry-level seafood processing workers to apply now to begin filling more than 1,400 processing jobs for Alaska's 2007 commercial herring, salmon and pollock seasons.

“The busiest processing season is almost here and it's important for workers to contact their local Alaska Job Center,” said Department of Labor & Workforce Development Commissioner Click Bishop. “These seasonal jobs are an excellent opportunity for Alaskan workers to establish a work history, earn money quickly and move up the seafood career ladder.”

Major openings include 350 processing positions for the two-week Bristol Bay herring season in May in Naknek with Yardarm Knot Fisheries, Togiak Fisheries and Pederson Point (Divisions of North Pacific Seafoods Inc.). Additional processing jobs for work beginning in May and June include 50 positions at Westward Seafoods, Inc. in Dutch Harbor, 100 openings at UniSea Inc. in Dutch Harbor, 300 positions at Petersburg Fisheries (Icicle Seafoods Inc.) and at-sea processing jobs with American Seafoods Company, Trident Seafoods, Aleutian Spray Fisheries, Starbound LLC, Pacific Longline Company, Alaska Ocean Seafood, Inc., and Arctic Storm Management Group, LLC.

Openings also exist for technical positions including: cold storage foreman, quality control technicians, cooks, electrician, plant manager, production manager, plant engineer, fish house lead machinist, fresh fish coordinator, refrigeration mechanics/engineers, and maintenance specialist. Additional processing job openings are expected and will be announced as the season continues. Large salmon season recruitments will begin in May.

Several companies are accepting faxed applications statewide and will interview by telephone with verifiable references. To apply for current seafood job openings:

- Contact the Alaska Job Center Network, at 269-4770, ext. 7 in Anchorage, or toll free statewide at 1-800-473-0688.
- Visit the your nearest Alaska Job Center or view jobs online at www.jobs.state.ak.us and click on “Seafood Jobs,” “ALEXsys.”

The Alaska Job Center Network provides a current summary of seafood processing job opportunities and interview schedule. (See attached page)

Current summary of seafood processing job opportunities and interview schedule

Location	Openings	Companies Hiring	In-Person Interview Dates
Seward	50	Icicle Seafoods	April 18, Anchorage Midtown Job Center (AMT)
At-Sea	50	At-Sea Processors Association	
		Job Fair	April 19, AMT
Naknek	150	Yardarm Knot Fisheries	April 24, 25, Kodiak Job Center
		Yardarm Knot Fisheries	April 23, 26, 27, AMT
Naknek	100	North Pacific Seafoods	May 2, 3, AMT
Togiak	100	North Pacific Seafoods	May 2, 3, AMT
Dutch Harbor	50	Westward Seafoods, Inc.	May 21, AMT
Dutch Harbor	100	UniSea Inc.	May 22, 23, AMT
Seward	40	Resurrection Bay Seafoods	See job posting at www.jobs.state.ak.us
Seward	20	Polar Seafoods, Inc.	See job posting at www.jobs.state.ak.us
Cordova	40	Ocean Beauty Seafoods	See job posting at www.jobs.state.ak.us
Petersburg	300	Icicle Seafoods	See job posting at www.jobs.state.ak.us
Homer	25	The Fish Factory	See job posting at www.jobs.state.ak.us