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Some Seasonal Jobs in Strong Supply

JUNEAU, Alaska—Seafood processing companies are recruiting Alaskans to fillet, can, freeze and prepare Alaska's wild salmon, pollock, crab and cod for the worldwide market. There are about 500 seafood processing job openings across the state that companies need to fill quickly.

"Some seasonal jobs are in strong supply right now," Labor Commissioner Click Bishop said. "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."

The minimum age for jobs with many seafood companies is 18. Prior experience is often not required for entry-level processing jobs, which start at \$7.75 hour. Overtime opportunities depend on the harvest level. Some 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.

"The heavy demand for seafood workers will continue through August as additional runs open and seafood is processed around the state," said Nelson San Juan, seafood employment specialist with the Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development.

The Department of Labor provides a mandatory seafood orientation Monday through Thursday at 10 a.m. at the [Anchorage Job Center-Midtown](#), 3301 Eagle Street. Job seekers who are considering traveling to the Anchorage Job Center-Midtown to apply for seafood industry jobs can contact the Anchorage Seafood Unit at 907-269-4775.

Information on seafood processing jobs is available at all Alaska Job Centers or by calling toll free in Alaska 800-473-0688. Seafood job descriptions and application information are available on ALEXsys, Alaska's Online Job Bank, at Jobs.Alaska.Gov. Seafood recruiting events are posted on the "Job Fair" link.

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