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Job Fair Offers Interviews/Jobs for the Upcoming Pollock "A" Season

(Anchorage) – The Alaska Department of Labor & Workforce Development will host the annual At-Sea Processors Association Job Fair from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 7, at the Anchorage Job Center Midtown, 3301 Eagle Street, Room 104. Applicants will have the opportunity to interview in-person for jobs with seafood companies processing pollock on at-sea ships. Pollock "A" is the state's largest commercial fishing season.

The At-Sea Processors Association provides Alaskan seafood processing workers with the opportunity to work on board quality U.S. flag catcher/processor vessels that meet the highest Coast Guard safety standards and participate in ground fish fisheries in the Bering Sea. Member vessels harvest, process, freeze and store seafood products on board, including fillets, surimi, roe and fishmeal. At-sea processing employees are among the highest-paid workers in the seafood processing industry.

American Seafoods Company, Trident Seafoods, Arctic Storm, Alaska Ocean Seafood Inc., and Starbound LLC companies will be on hand to conduct in-person interviews.

Seafood processing work is physically demanding from 12 to 16 hours per day. Companies generally provide room, board and transportation upon completion of contract. New applicants can apply in person beginning at 9 a.m. at the Job Fair.

Successful applicants will also be required to pass a pre-employment physical, drug screen and criminal background check. The majority of at-sea processing workers are paid by percentage of catch or by what is called a case rate based on the market value of the product being processed.

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