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Attention College Students and Teachers:

Are you seeking seasonal (summer) or career employment with the seafood industry?

Seafood Products Association (SPA) member companies annually offer temporary and long term positions in Alaska where 62% of the U.S. seafood is produced. College students and teachers (with laboratory course work in food science or the biological sciences) who are available to work during the summer are encouraged to apply for technical positions. Technical positions involve attention to detail in the production of high quality and safe seafood for consumers to enjoy.

SPA companies hire a variety of technicians, processors and machinists. Technical employees will be involved with laboratory and other settings where a scientific or mechanical background is needed to ensure specifications and company policies are met for food safety, quality, security, company policy, and regulations. Each company sets its own job specifications. There are two seasons based on location:

- Bristol Bay - mid-June to late-July (ideal for teachers and semester students), and
- Greater Alaska - June to mid-September (suited for quarter system students).

Seafood processing jobs can be **rewarding**, especially when there are opportunities to work overtime hours and save money quickly. Work assignments can be **physically demanding** under typical food manufacturing conditions; the jobs require endurance. Seasonal employment varies among company locations.

For examples of typical technical positions in processing operations and assignments and a description of what the work can be like, visit SPA member Web sites and the SPA web site: <http://www.spa-food.org/Html%20Files/Careers/careers.html>

For Alaska employment, some companies are willing to provide transportation between Seattle and Alaska, room and board.

To apply for a summer position with SPA companies, send your resume indicating your science coursework, job experience, contact information and date of availability (ie., start and ending date for summer work) to the SPA company contacts listed at:

<http://www.spa-food.org/Html%20Files/Careers/employment.html>.

On the subject line, write: "Seeking summer technical position during [fill in your start and end dates of availability]." For further details on employment opportunities, working conditions, and how to apply, visit the Web sites above.