

# Informing Occupational Injury and Illness Prevention Strategies Among Alaskan Seafood Processors

**WE'RE INVITING OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH MANAGERS/DIRECTORS TO PARTICIPATE IN AN INTERVIEW (BY PHONE OR IN-PERSON) ABOUT THEIR SAFETY PROGRAMS.**

*You are being recruited because of your work in the Alaskan seafood processing industry.*

## BACKGROUND

**WE HAVE A RESEARCH PROJECT TO IDENTIFY STRATEGIES FOR PREVENTING NONFATAL INJURIES AND ILLNESS IN THIS INDUSTRY.**

The first two parts of this project involve:

- (1) **analyzing US Coast Guard reports** of nonfatal injuries among factory workers onboard processor and catcher/processor vessels operating in Alaska,
- (2) **analyzing Alaskan workers' compensations claims** data on nonfatal injuries and illnesses in onshore facilities.

This information will characterize injuries and illnesses in the Alaskan industry and identify hazards. However, statistics on injuries and illnesses only tell us one side of the complex safety and health story.

**We want to hear directly from industry leaders!**

## GOALS

By interviewing managers/directors as the third part of this research project, **we would like to learn how their safety and health programs keep the workforce safe and healthy.**

**Interview questions DO cover:**

- Safety and health program characteristics
- Program challenges and successes
- Regulatory and economic factors that influence programs
- Workforce characteristics.

**Interview questions DO NOT cover:**

- Specific workers
- Examples of occupational injuries or illnesses
- Statistics on occupational injury & illness records.

## PARTICIPATION

Your participation in a telephone interview is **voluntary**. Your involvement in the study and your responses will be kept **confidential**.

When we report the study results, all participants' responses will be grouped together, so that each participant's individual answers and company information will **not be identifiable**.

- You will have a chance to **review** the preliminary results from your interview before they are grouped with other results and the study is completed.
- Phone interviews will last from **30 - 90 minutes**, depending on how much detail you want to provide for each answer. You may answer questions as briefly or in as much detail as you would like. You may skip questions or end the interview **AT ANY TIME**.
- **To participate in the study, you must be proficient in English, at least 18 years of age, and work as an occupational safety and health manager/director in the Alaskan seafood processing industry.**

## CONTACT US

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