

## Business of the Month – February 2, 2016 – Pacific Seafood



Headquartered in Clackamas, Oregon, Pacific Seafood operates the largest vertically-integrated, independently-owned seafood company in North America, utilizing state-of-the-art processing and distribution facilities from the Gulf of Alaska to the Gulf of Mexico and throughout the Western United States. Pacific Seafood boasts 20 Processing Facilities, 11 Aquaculture Facilities, 16 Distribution Centers, three restaurants and hires over 2,800 employees.

Founded by Frank M. Dulcich in 1941, Pacific Seafood started out as small family owned retail shop in Portland, OR, and has since become a leader in the seafood industry with 75 years of experience processing fresh and frozen Dungeness Crab, Cooked and Peeled Shrimp, Wild King Salmon, Albacore Tuna, Groundfish, (Rockfish, Soles and Cods), Surf Smelt, and Pacific Whiting.

Thirty years ago Pacific made a decision to open a facility in Eureka. The company was growing and strategically Eureka was a perfect fit for Pacific Seafood. The acquisition allowed Pacific Seafood to service San Francisco and Los Angeles customers on a daily basis. Most importantly they decided to do business in Eureka because of the quality people and great fisherman, it was a great partnership. Currently, the Eureka location at One Commercial Street, employs between 100 to 200 employees depending on the season.

Pacific Seafood has made many commitments to being a green company. One hundred percent of the company's by-products are utilized in either fertilizer or pet and fish food. Water conservation devices are used on all production lines. In an effort to conserve energy by minimizing temperature loss, the company uses refrigeration compressors and large electrical motors that run through advanced Logix systems with frequency drive motors, and high speed doors. Additionally, the company doesn't allow employees to use Styrofoam beverage cups in their plant.

Pacific Seafood envisions a strong future and legacy for the company; by engaging the next generation of seafood professionals to run the company. They are hoping to promote continual expansion in aquaculture, value-added consumer packaged products, and improvement in infrastructure and processes at the locations where they are in operation, such as Eureka.

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