

CASE STUDY: NORTHERN VICTOR

Industry: Seafood

Application: Fishmeal

Equipment:

Schutte Hammermill Model
WA-25-H hammer mill

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YOUR SIZE REDUCTION SOLUTION

Size Reduction Equipment Aboard Ship

Most of us have watched the exciting television show *Dangerous Catch* about life aboard fishing vessels in the Bering Sea. One such boat is the Northern Victor, owned and operated by Icicle Seafoods, Inc., a major Alaskan processor of Salmon, Pollock, Cod, Halibut, and Crab.

The Northern Victor, which primarily fishes for Pollock, has an on-board fishmeal factory which employs a Schutte Hammermill model WA-25-H for reducing the size of the fishmeal and bone prior to packaging. The fishmeal is then sold to markets throughout Asia. Without milling the particle size is too large, and contains large pieces of bone that negatively affect the sales price of the meal.

Joel Cowger, President of Aleutian Proteins, Inc. has purchased four Schutte Hammermill hammer mills over the past decade. Mr. Cowger's company recommends and supplies the equipment to the fishing industry, but also brokers the fishmeal sales themselves. As a result he has an intimate knowledge of what both the fishing industry and the consumer require.

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In addition Schutte Hammermill has provided engineering assistance to make its relatively large equipment fit into some tight confines.

“With space being at a premium aboard ship it was critical to select equipment that would meet both our production needs and space allotment, and Schutte Hammermill made this happen” stated Cowger.



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