

Let's Go Fishing: An industrial film showing commercial salmon fishing and canning in BC from 1948.  
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This black and white video shows several lines of female workers standing at double rows of sinks facing each other, washing fish. When a worker finishes washing a fish, she places it on a conveyor that is in the middle of the two rows of sinks. The fish move along the conveyor.

Narrator: "The "Iron Chink" does a good job of cleaning, but despite this, every fish is examined individually."

The video shows the hands of a worker wearing white gloves. With one hand, the worker holds the salmon. In the other hand, the worker holds a knife which is used to scrape the inside of the salmon.

Narrator: "Women inspectors, shining with cleanliness, proud of their part in preparing this food product, look over each fish as it comes from the "Iron Chink". This job is done under running fresh water. The inside of each salmon is scrubbed. A knife flicks off any bits of blood and skin left over by the machine."

The film shows salmon moving down a conveyor.

Narrator: "By this time, the fish is ready for the can, and the assembly line process starts once more."