

Let's Go Fishing: An industrial film showing commercial salmon fishing and canning in BC from 1948. Video AAAA1216 courtesy of the Royal BC Museum and Archives.

This black and white video shows female workers wearing gloves and aprons standing at a table that is piled with salmon steaks. The workers are placing individual pieces of salmon onto a conveyor which moves the steaks to the filling machine. The view changes to a close-up of the filling machine. Through a window in the machine, the salmon steaks can be seen moving as a piston moves up and down beside the window.

Narrator: "From the bin, the cut pieces are placed on a conveyor, which is part of the filling machine, for packing into the cans. These filling machines are mechanical marvels - placing the cut pieces of salmon in cans to within an ounce of the pre-determined weight."

Workers take empty cans out of crates and place the cans onto a conveyor which takes them into the filling machine. The video shows the cans moving along the chute towards the machine.

Narrator: "The cans are fed to the filling machine from the floor above. The fish come in one way, the cans in another, and then the filled cans are discharged at the bottom of the machine. It's quick and steady work. These machines operate at about 120 cans a minute. "

Filled cans are seen coming out of the filling machine.