



Seafood Processors Worry Over H2B Visa Limit

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Congressman Frank Kratovil met with Eastern Shore lawmakers Friday.

Kratovil assured lawmakers he will work hard to get legislation passed that will allow foreign workers to come into the States on H2B visas. Right now, many of the seafood processors are without the H2B workers they need to pick their crabs. If they don't get them, Senator Richard Colburn says it will be devastating to the industry.

Colburn says, "If they go out of business then the watermen don't have a market and there will be no place for them to sell their crabs."

Normally Congress will allow 66,000 foreign workers to come into the U.S. on H2B visas. This year, the visas were tapped out before many seafood processors were even allowed to apply.