



Shrimpers say cap on foreign workers hurts business

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BROWNSVILLE, Texas -- Shrimpers in Brownsville say the federal government's cap on temporary foreign workers is forcing some shrimp boats to remain idle as they try to find crews.

Dolby Linwood's two boats often stay docked because he can't find qualified workers for the trips which often take between 30 to 50 days.

It's a journey he says few local workers are willing to make.

The federal government limited the number of H2B visas to 66,000 in the wake of the Sept. 11 terror attacks.

It's left shrimpers without enough foreigners for a crew.

H2B visas for 2004 were filled by March 2003.