

Fisheries Internship Opportunity
April through June 2014



Do you like to work outside, walk around in streams, handle fish, support the stewardship of our rivers, and develop the skills and experience to do this as a JOB?

Then check out the Fisheries Internship positions being offered!

APPLICATION DEADLINE: 17 February 2014

Background

The US Forest Service and other groups recently restored salmon habitat on Twelvemile Creek that was impacted from past logging activities. To understand the effectiveness of that work, we are now monitoring the effects of the restoration work on fish.

Specifically, we are operating a "screw trap" on the creek that allows us to count and assess the health of Coho Salmon smolts.

Your job

We are looking for up to 3 interns to work in the field from approximately April 1 through June 5. You will work closely with the trap crew at Twelvemile Creek and be expected to spend a minimum of 15 full days at the field site. Your specific field schedule will be arranged with the field crew leader. You will also be required to spend 1-2 days for field site training by the US Forest Service. Specific dates are to be determined, but it will probably be in late March.

The ideal intern is willing to work hard, learn a lot, and have an interest in pursuing a job in fisheries.

Benefits of the Internship

- Work with and learn from fisheries professionals.
- Gain an understanding of stream habitat restoration and how it effects fish populations.
- Learn valuable skills that will help you qualify for other fisheries work.
- Play an active part in being a steward of our streams and fish.
- Earn a stipend of \$1000 for the season.
- Upon successful completion of the season, you will be eligible for a scholarship to complete an Occupational Endorsement with the UAS Fisheries Technology Program. This is an 11-credit program that can be completed with an internet connection. The

value of this scholarship is up to \$2,400 and you will end up with a certificate to take to future employers! Scholarship funds provided by the Alaska Conservation Foundation.

More details

- The Craig and Thorne Bay Ranger Districts of the US Forest Service and the Sitka Conservation Society operate the field site. You will be supervised by the field site crew leader and Forest Service Fish Biologists.
- You will need to sign a volunteer form with both the US Forest Service and Sitka Conservation Society.
- This internship opportunity is provided by the Sitka Conservation Society with a grant from the National Forest Foundation
- You will be responsible for your transportation to and from the field site at Twelvemile Creek, and for your food costs. The stipend is meant to cover these costs.
- Some equipment will be available for use, such as waders.

For more information, or to obtain or submit an application, contact:

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