

Position – Seasonal Field Technician/Boat Operator for Seabird Ecology/Restoration Project at East Sand Island

The Department of Fisheries and Wildlife at Oregon State University has an immediate opening for 1 Field Technician with a Seabird Ecology/Restoration Project that has been studying the diet and behavioral ecology of Caspian terns, Double-crested cormorants, and several gull species in coastal and southeast Oregon, the upper Columbia River basin, and northern California for over 15 years. Current studies within the project include on-colony behavioral and productivity observations, ground and aerial surveys to determine nesting and foraging distribution, diet sampling, leg banding and satellite telemetry to document inter-colony movement and foraging patterns, and non-lethal techniques for management of piscivorous waterbirds. The project is a collaboration with researchers from the U.S. Geological Survey - Oregon Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit and Real Time Research, a private consulting firm. Positions provide excellent field research experience, and employees can expect to learn a great deal about seabird biology. Further information about the project can be viewed at www.birdresearchnw.org.

LOCATION: This position is based in Astoria, Oregon.

DATES: Full time seasonal position with a desired starting date of 1 April, 2015. Anticipated ending dates are July 31, 2015. Work period may be extended beyond the anticipated end dates as needed; flexibility on start and end dates is desirable.

SALARY: \$2200.00 monthly base salary, shared housing and some food is provided.

REQUIREMENTS: Applicants must possess and maintain a current, valid Driver's License. Seasonal technicians will be employed through a temporary hiring agency and will be required to pass a drug screening and background check.

PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS: Applicants should have a strong interest in avian ecology, feel comfortable working on small boats, and have good swimming skills. Strong preference will be given to applicants with knowledge and demonstrated experience of motor boat operation and an ability to work on or near the desired (1 April) starting date. Current Department of Interior motor boat operator certification (MOCC) a plus. Additional preference for candidates with

knowledge and/or experience with seabird behavior and fish identification, and possession of a bachelor's degree in Wildlife Science or a related field.

DUTIES: Primary duties require the operation of motorboats and collection of field data for on-going Caspian tern studies at East Sand Island, near Astoria, Oregon. Safe trailering, launch and retrieve, and boat operation in the Columbia River estuary (and possibly other coastal estuaries and inland waters) will be a duty of the successful applicant. The position will also require the applicant to participate in the collection of Caspian tern diet samples and the management of diet data. This position will require long hours of data collection, often in suboptimal conditions (wet, cold, windy, or hot), with infrequent and irregular time off. Some work is physically strenuous and involves crawling on knees, bending over or stooping, and sitting for extended periods of time using binoculars and spotting scopes. All duties must be performed with a high degree of quality, uniformity, and timeliness. The employee must work as a team member and may be required to live and work in close quarters and in isolated settings for extended periods of time. Some camping on East Sand Island may be required. Field Technicians may also be asked to participate in aerial surveys of nesting seabirds. In addition to the duties list above, all employees will be expected to assist with field site preparation and maintenance, which can be physically demanding at times. Selected candidates may provide support to graduate student projects.

APPLICATIONS: A complete application must consist of an attached SINGLE DOCUMENT (Word or PDF) containing; 1) a one page cover letter addressing your qualifications as they relate to the specific requirements, qualifications, and duties described above, 2) a professional resume, and 3) telephone numbers and email addresses of three references familiar with the applicant's professional qualifications. Application Documents must be named with the following format; Lastname_Firstname_2015_ESI_Tech. MS word files preferred. For full consideration apply by **April 1, 2015.**

SUBMIT TO: Peter Loschl and Tim Lawes at avian.jobs@oregonstate.edu with subject line: seabird 2015 ESI field tech

Email submissions preferred or send hard copies to:

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If you have specific questions regarding this position, please contact Peter Loschl **pete.loschl@oregonstate.edu** or Tim Lawes **timothy.lawes@oregonstate.edu**.

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