

Position – Postdoc in Statistical Ecology - Washington State University, Dr. Leslie New Lab (Vancouver, WA)

A postdoctoral research associate position is currently available at Washington State University, Vancouver WA in the lab of Dr. Leslie New. This is 24-month, non-tenure track, and full-time position. The incumbent will conduct research into estimating the effects of disturbance on marine mammals, particularly large whales, using the approach outlined in the population consequences of disturbance (PCoD) framework, with a focus on the behavioral aspects of the framework. The work is being carried out in collaboration with the Costa Lab at UC Santa Cruz, so the incumbent will be expected to work closely with collaborators at a variety of locations.

The position requires a PhD in statistics or in ecology, marine biology or a related field with a strong quantitative focus. Candidates' research must show a strong background in quantitative methods and they should be proficient with R; those with a background in ecological statistics, Bayesian methods, energetics models and/or population and behavioral modelling are particularly encouraged to apply. Interest or knowledge of marine mammals and marine biology is a plus, but is not required. Furthermore, candidates should be self-motivated, have effective written and oral communication skills and be able to interact with a diverse team of faculty, researchers and students.

Interested applicants should send a cover letter, CV, academic transcripts and the names and contact details of three references to leslie.new@wsu.edu by **1 June 2015**. Start date will be as soon as possible after the offer is made.