

Scientific Technician II

The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, Puget Sound Sampling Unit is seeking to hire two (2) **Scientific Technicians**. The duty station for these positions will be **Friday Harbor Marina on San Juan Island**. The positions are expected to run **June 25 through August 31, 2015**, with the possibility of extension.

Duty: Interview recreational anglers, sample salmon and marine fish catch, and summarize fisheries data.

Tasks Include: Properly implements interview procedures and sampling protocols, and accurately records data on appropriate forms. Observes, counts, and accurately identifies salmon and marine fish species. Samples all coho and Chinook salmon with electronic CWT detection devices (wand or tunnel detectors). Classifies, sorts, and enumerates marked tagged, marked untagged, unmarked tagged and unmarked untagged salmon. Retrieves snouts with CWTs from Chinook and coho to determine stock specific impacts for fisheries modeling. Samples catch to obtain stock composition (DNA), age structure (scales), length information (legal & sublegal proportions), and hatchery/wild fractions (mark-status proportions). Distributes and collects Voluntary Angler Trip Report forms that are essential for fisheries management. Interacts with the general public during data collection and provide basic information regarding fish resources as well as agency programs and activities.

Required Qualifications: Graduation from high school or GED, including one year of high school science and two years of experience as a Scientific Technician 1 OR

Graduation from high school or GED including one year of high school science and two years of laboratory or field experience as an assistant to a biologist, chemist or zoologist.

College course work involving major study in biology, zoology, fisheries, chemistry, natural sciences or closely allied field will substitute, year for year, for experience, provided the course work includes at least six semester or nine quarter hours of natural science classes.

Preferred/Desired Qualifications:

- Fisheries sampling experience
- Experience accurately recording information
- Experience communicating with the public
- Experience identifying fish
- College courses in science or related field

Salary: \$2,426 - \$3,213/month, depending on experience

Union: This position is covered by a collective bargaining agreement between the State of Washington, Department of Fish & Wildlife, and the Washington Association of Fish and Wildlife Professionals (WAFWP). As a condition of employment you must either join the union and pay union dues, or pay the union a representational or other fee within 30 days of the date you are put into pay status.

If interested, please contact **Steve Axtell @ 360-676-2146 by Friday May 22, 2015.**