

PWSC Internship Program

Join us at Prince William Sound College in Valdez and take advantage of our Internship Program in partnership with the Bureau of Land Management. Internships are designed to increase students' awareness of conservation and exposure to careers in natural resource management.

Eligibility:

- Degree seeking (taking at least 6 credits) students at PWSC

Benefits include:

- Stipends For credit: \$6,000 with cost of tuition – up to 3 credits
For non-credit: \$6,000
- College credit up to 3 credits
- Housing through BLM
- Learn about the cultures and natural resources of South Central Alaska.
- Enjoy hiking, rafting, fishing and camping while serving our public lands in Alaska.
- Build professional relationships and work experience in natural resource career fields
- Open pathways to future employment and career opportunities
- Experience the outdoors and beauty of Alaska

FISHERIES TECHNICIAN JOB GULKANA RIVER CHINOOK SALMON COUNTING TOWER

Opening/Closing Dates: Resumes will be accepted from December 1, 2016 – until filled.

Stipend: For credit: \$6,000 with cost of tuition – up to 3 credits and for non-credit: \$6,000.

Duties: The primary duty is to conduct hourly counts of Chinook salmon passing the two towers. The hourly fish counts are recorded on daily forms for each tower. Counts of passing fish are made from a tower approximately ten feet above ground. Water clarity, depth, temperature, and counts of rainbow trout and sockeye salmon are also recorded. Additional tasks include daily maintenance of equipment and other duties as assigned.

Employment Period: The position runs from 5/16 to 8/15, approximately. Crews are scheduled to work one week on and one week off. Crews remain in the camp for eight days. Work days are expected to be 10 hours long.

Training provided by BLM: 1st Aid, CPR, and Bear Safety training will take place at the Bureau of Land Management in Glennallen prior to the start of the project. ADF&G crew leaders will provide on-site training for fish counting procedures and identification.

Field Camp Conditions: This is a remote field camp, accessed by boating upriver from the Sourdough campground. The field camp is a small cabin equipped with a propane stove and refrigerator, 4 bunk beds with mosquito nets, a table, and wood stove. Sleeping quarters may be available in the cabin or in a tent. Food is provided and cooking is done independently or together. Camp and cabin is kept neat and clean. There is a potential for bear encounters and exposure to a high number of mosquitoes.

Desired Skills: Experience collecting and recording fisheries or other biological data. Strong communication and hand writing skills, ability to work with minimal supervision, ability to live and work in a remote setting; including ability to get along with others in close quarters for an extended period of time (up to week at a time), and ability to stay calm during bear encounters.

Contact Person: If interested in finding out additional information about the job contact Vicki Heisser at 907-834-1667 or email: vheisser@alaska.edu.

Submit a resume by mail or email to:

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