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National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration Veteran Conservation Corps Internship

General Description

The Snohomish River watershed supports wild populations of all Pacific Salmon species, including the second largest remaining run of wild ESA listed Puget Sound Chinook. The Snohomish River estuary has been identified as a "Waters to Watch" site by the National Fish Habitat Partnership and has been considered as a "Priority Landscape for Demonstrating Climate-Ready Conservation Networks".

NOAA has taken a lead role in current and future estuary restoration in the Snohomish River estuary through the development of comprehensive monitoring plans for a number of projects throughout the estuary. NOAA researchers have supported over 15 years of fish and environmental sampling across the estuary, and this ongoing monitoring effort presents a unique opportunity to evaluate individual, interactive, and cumulative effects of large delta restoration projects. With three large restoration projects scheduled between 2015 and 2020, continuation of these monitoring efforts will provide valuable monitoring data that will be used to evaluate restoration performance and to inform future restoration planning, design, and adaptive management.

This internship will help researchers at NOAA's Northwest Fisheries Science Center Mukilteo Research Station to monitor salmon recovery efforts in the Snohomish River estuary. Monitoring will include sampling fish assemblages, sediment dynamics, hydrology, and vegetation throughout the Snohomish River estuary. This partnership will not only help NOAA collect valuable long-term ecological monitoring data to evaluate restoration effectiveness, but will also provide opportunities for healthy self-directed connections to some of Washington's greatest natural resources. In addition, the intern will have opportunities to work on other ongoing field projects at the NWFSC, which will provide an opportunity to broaden field experience for the intern.

This internship will begin on March 1, 2017 and includes a stipend of \$1280/month to cover living expenses.

Required Skills, Knowledge, and Abilities

This position requires the applicant to be a United States military veteran. Minimum qualifications are not established for this position; however applicants with the following skills, knowledge, and abilities will be given preference.

- Work outdoors in any weather condition
- Work on small boats in calm and rough seas
- Use hand tools and operate small power tools
- Ability to lift up to 50 lbs
- Apply appropriate safety practices in the field
- Motivated and enthusiastic

Preferred Qualities

- Familiarity working on small boats
- Works well under supervision and self-guided tasks
- Familiarity with freshwater and marine fishes of Washington waters
- Experience using MS Excel

Trainings

- First Aid Training
- VCC crew members will have the opportunity to attend professional and personal development workshops

To apply for this position

Please send a resume and cover letter explaining your interest in this position to Kim Pham, Veterans Conservation Corps Internship Coordinator, kim@dva.wa.gov.

For more information feel free to contact

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