

Position Announcement:

Marine Resources Program Assistant- Washington Department of Ecology- Washington Conservation Corps Individual Placement position with Snohomish County Public Works- Surface Water Management's (SWM) Marine Resources Program.

Primary duties include assisting SWM staff with project planning and implementation, targeted public education and volunteer outreach, recruiting and coordination. The successful candidate will work in collaboration with Marine Resources Steward, Communication Specialist II, Salmon Recovery staff, Marine Resources Committee, project partners, citizen & student volunteers. The position requires a combination of office and field work.

The Marine Resources Program Assistant will assist SWM staff in project planning and implementation on the following projects:

- Sound Stewards Program - Recruit and coordinate Sound Steward volunteers to update and implement stewardship plans at Picnic Point County Park. Duties include volunteer coordination, land management, and creating/updating park stewardship/management plans.
- Plastics in the Marine Environment- Assisting with surveys of plastics in the marine environment and developing and conducting community outreach through materials and presentations
- Jetty Island Beach Expansion Monitoring Project- Recruiting and coordinating volunteers to perform cutting-edge beach monitoring of a large-scale beach nourishment project
- Mussel Watch Program- Recruiting and coordinating volunteers to implement a water quality monitoring program that tests mussel tissues for 100 different contaminants at up to 10 stations in Puget Sound. Also coordinate and conduct a training workshop for prospective agencies and organizations interested in participating in the regional project.
- Recreational Crabber Education Project- Coordinating the development of a social marketing project aimed at reducing the number of lost recreational crab traps in Snohomish County. Also includes recruiting and coordinating volunteers to educate over 600 recreational crabbers to use Best Management Practices to benefit the Dungeness crab fishery.
- Beach Naturalist/Expo Education- Update Beach Expo materials and coordinate Beach Expo events at public beaches during summer months
- Landowner Workshops- Assist with coordinating workshops for marine shoreline landowners to improve household and property stewardship
- Website Management- Maintain the Marine Resources Program and Snohomish/Camano Nearshore Cooperative websites
- Support Staff to the Marine Resources Committee- assist with records management, preparing for meetings, developing meeting summaries,

Desirable expertise & skills:

Volunteer recruitment and coordination, event coordination, project management, general habitat restoration/management experience, scientific research skills and familiarity with MS Office.

Start: October 5, 2009 - 12 Months full time (40 hours per week) through September 30, 2010.

Compensation: \$8.55/hour and receive a \$4,725 AmeriCorps Education Award upon successful completion of one year of service (1700 hours). Basic medical benefits are provided and educational loan forbearance is available while in the WCC.

Qualifications: Candidates must be 18 to 25 years old at the time of hire. The ideal candidate is a natural science graduate or a person with an interest in on-the-job experience. We are seeking an independent worker who is an articulate, self-motivated leader, and is people and team-oriented. A willingness to work outside in inclement (as well as fantastic) weather, and on rough terrain is essential. Candidates must have their own transportation to work in Everett, WA (approximately half hour commute from Seattle). Applicants must be U.S. citizens.

For more information about the Washington Conservation Corps Individual Placement (IP) Program, visit:

http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/sea/wcc/wcc_jobs.htm

For other information, contact Stef Frenzl, Marine Resources Steward at 425-388-6466 or stef.frenzl@snoco.org.

To apply: please submit the online application form:

http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/sea/wcc/wcc_jobapp.htm