



## **Position Description – Washington Conservation Corps Individual Placement**

Mid-Columbia Fisheries Enhancement Group (MCFEG) is looking for an energetic individual to fill a Washington Conservation Corps (WCC) Individual Placement opening. Mid-Columbia Fisheries is a non-profit organization dedicated to restoring and protecting salmon and steelhead populations in the Yakima basin through habitat restoration, environmental education, volunteer coordination and data collection.

### **Title: Project Technician**

#### **Description**

The AmeriCorps Washington Conservation Corps (WCC) program provides the opportunity to gain hands-on experience in the environmental field while serving your local community. This is a full-time, temporary 6-month position expected to begin April 1, 2015 and end September 18, 2015. The WCC Individual Placement is sponsored by Mid-Columbia Fisheries Enhancement Group. This position is ideal for an outgoing, organized, detail-oriented and independently motivated person with experience working with the public and a passion for the outdoors and environmental education.

#### **Responsibilities and Duties**

- April-May: salmon education to adults and children, volunteer management, office assistance.
  - Volunteer management – organize and host volunteer work events, such as tree planting, garbage clean-up and pet waste pick-up projects. Duties consist of recruiting community volunteers, coordinating site preparation, coordinating logistics and supplies, outreach to volunteers about safety and the importance their work and site clean-up after event.
  - Education and Outreach – attending conservation events and performing outreach and education to people of all ages about salmon, steelhead and bull trout.
  - Office assistance – duties include assisting with permitting, restoration planting design and supporting day-to-day operations of Mid-Columbia Fisheries.
  - Field work – duties include planting native plants, invasive and non-native weed removal, mulching and surveying.
- June-September: Bull Trout Task Force.
  - Bull Trout Task Force (BTTF) – serve as the crew lead for the Bull Trout Task Force. The BTTF is a unique project that provides an on-the-ground crew to mitigate recreational impacts to bull trout. Bull trout are listed as Threatened under the Endangered Species Act. The BTTF aims to protect and restore Yakima Basin bull trout through outreach to the recreating public, removal of recreation dams, hosting campground presentations and performing population monitoring. As a crew lead, duties include: supervising volunteer interns, working weekends and traveling to bull trout streams throughout the Yakima Basin, collecting and organizing data and assisting agency biologists with tasks such as fish salvage, monitoring dewatering, maintaining temperature loggers, spawning and snorkel surveys. Additional information about the Bull Trout Task Force can be found on our website: <http://midcolumbiarfeg.com/what-we-do/education-outreach/bull-trout-task-force/>.

### **Skills and Qualifications**

- WCC members must be 18-25 years old at the time of hire, exceptions are made for recently returning military veterans.
- A college degree in the biological or environmental field is preferred, but not required.
- A valid driver's license, clean driving record and the ability to drive agency vehicles.
- Must successfully pass a criminal background check.
- Demonstrated experience working with the public.
- Passion to perform outreach to people of all ages.
- Willing to work outside in all types of weather.

### **Location and Schedule**

This position is located in Ellensburg, WA and includes frequent travel to various areas of the Yakima basin during the summer months. April-May schedule will generally be Monday-Friday, 8-hours per day. One or two Saturday work days may be required during April or May. **June-September work will be focused on the Bull Trout Task Force project; the work schedule is Friday-Monday, 10-hours per day.**

### **Compensation and Benefits**

- WCC members earn \$9.47/hour and receive a \$2,822 scholarship upon successful completion of 900 hours within the 6-month term.
- Educational loan forbearance is available on qualified loans while in the WCC.
- One week of paid formal training is offered. Topics may include: wildland firefighting (red card), ethnobotany, wilderness first responder, wilderness advanced first aid, hazardous waste operator and other topics.
- One paid 8-hour job shadow is allotted.
- WCC members are often offered food assistance through DSHS.

### **To Apply:**

Please send one hard copy and one digital copy of a cover letter, resume, references and any materials you wish to share to: Cassandra Anderson, Outreach Coordinator, [cassandra@midcolumbiarfeg.com](mailto:cassandra@midcolumbiarfeg.com), 413 N. Main St., STE K Ellensburg, WA 98926. In addition, applicants must complete the online WCC application at: <https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/wccapp/>

### **Contact Information**

Please contact Cassandra Anderson at [cassandra@midcolumbiarfeg.com](mailto:cassandra@midcolumbiarfeg.com) or (509) 310-9324 for additional information.

For more information about the WCC Individual Placement Program please visit:

<http://www.ecy.wa.gov/wcc/memberpositions.html>.