



POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

Title: Fisheries Technician I-II;
Location: Deer Lake and Sitka, Alaska;
Dates: March (ASAP) through November annually;
Pay: \$10 to \$12 per hour (DOE), free housing in Sitka, room and board at field camp;
Closing Date: When filled;

Northern Southeast Regional Aquaculture Association (NSRAA) is looking to hire a field technician for a project that raises coho fry to smolt in a pristine wilderness lake. The project is based in Sitka but operated at a remote field camp located in a mountainous virgin temperate rainforest on south Baranof Island. The objective of the project is to raise coho salmon to smolt for release and recapture as adults in the commercial fishery.

Given our immediate need to fill this position, the successful candidate will be reimbursed for travel expenses to Sitka (airfare), provided the following arrangement: upon arrival in Sitka, half of all such costs (provided receipts) will be reimbursed immediately, with the remaining balance being paid off upon successful completion of the field season.

The remote field camp at Deer Lake is composed of a treehouse at Deer Lake (perched 400 ft above sea level) and a float house anchored in salt water in Mist Cove adjacent to Chatham Strait. Both accommodations have modern amenities. Employees must be willing to share in a wide range of camp chores. Employees must provide their own sleeping bag, raingear, and outdoor clothing. Food and all other field gear are provided.

Because the project involves a combination of research and production activities, successful candidates will be attentive to detail, thorough, and committed to quality work. Ideal candidates will have educational and/or work experience in the biology of salmonids and will be self-motivated and hard working with a wide variety of manual skills. On the job training is available, but the incumbent should be willing to operate prop boats, perform carpentry and other trade skills in rugged backcountry areas, and work long and sometimes odd hours. Knowledge of basic seamanship considered a plus. This position is physically demanding, thus the incumbent should be in good physical condition.

Candidates must be willing to divide their time between around 20 days at Deer Lake and 10 days in Sitka. Chartered float plane flights between Sitka and Deer Lake are paid for with project funds. Employees provide their own transportation to and from Sitka at the beginning and end of the field season. Field duties include collection of fish and limnology samples, juvenile fish feeding and sampling, assisting cost recovery seiner netting adult coho, gillnetting adult coho, data recording, constructing camp infrastructure, and a variety of miscellaneous tasks involved with project support. While in Sitka between field trips, employees are provided housing and are asked to spend a few hours preparing food and supplies for their return trip to camp; otherwise, time in Sitka is spent at the employee's discretion. An overview of the Deer Lake project can be viewed on the web at http://nsraa.org/html/coho_lake_rearing.html.

To apply for this position, please e-mail 1) a resume describing your work experience and education; and 2) the names and phone numbers of at least two references familiar with your work to tommy_sheridan@nsraa.org.

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