

IP 2008

Job Opening:

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, Outreach Planner and Associate Planners, 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 - Recruiting and coordinating park volunteers to update and implement stewardship plans at two county saltwater parks
- Plastics in the Marine Environment- Coordinating surveys of plastics in the marine environment and developing and conducting community outreach through materials and presentations
- Marine Invasive Species Monitoring- Coordinating volunteers to survey for invasive species throughout Snohomish County
- Marine Mammal Stranding Network- Establish and coordinate volunteers to record marine mammal stranding information in Snohomish County
- 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.
- Escape Cord Education Project- Recruiting and coordinating volunteers to educate over 600 recreational crabbers about using escape cord to benefit the Dungeness crab fishery.
- Beach Naturalist/Expo Education- Coordinate Beach Expo events at public beaches during summer months
- Landowner Workshops- Coordinate workshops for marine shoreline landowners to improve household and property stewardship
- Website Management- Maintain the Marine Resources Program and Snohomish/Camano Nearshore Cooperative websites

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 6, 2008 - 12 Months full time (40 hours per week) through September 25, 2009.

Compensation: \$8.07/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 (only half hour commute from Seattle). Applicants must be U.S. citizens.