

JOB ANNOUNCEMENT - PLEASE POST
Applications due Wednesday, August 20, 2008

Job title: VOLUNTEER & OUTREACH ASSISTANT

This is an AmeriCorps/Washington Conservation Corps (WCC) position stationed at the Stilly-Snohomish Fisheries Enhancement Task Force office in Everett, Washington. For more information about the **AmeriCorps/Washington Conservation Corps** program, please go to the organizational website: www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/sea/wcc/.

Start: October 6, 2008. Full-time position (40 hours per week) through September 25, 2009.

Compensation:

\$8.07 per hour; \$4,725 SCHOLARSHIP after completing 1,700 hours of service, that may be applied to student loans or college tuition; **INTEREST DEFERMENT** on existing student loans; **MEDICAL INSURANCE**. Also eligible for **FOOD STAMPS**. On-the-job training in environmental education, volunteer coordination, salmon habitat restoration, project development and coordination, biological monitoring, and other job-related skills such as GPS/GIS experience and exposure to both the technical and political process of salmon recovery. The Task Force reimburses for work related mileage and travel expenses at \$0.585 per mile.

Qualifications: Candidates must be 18 to 25 years old at the time of hire. The ideal candidate for this position is a motivated natural sciences or environmental education graduate or near-graduate that is looking for on-the-job experience. Experience in environmental/science education, field biology and/or habitat restoration a plus, please detail these experiences in your application. The Task Force is seeking an articulate, people-oriented, self-motivated leader who is both an independent worker and a team player. A willingness to work outside in all types of weather and on rough terrain is essential. Basic computer skills including email, word processing and spreadsheets.

Job Description:

The Volunteer & Outreach Assistant will focus his/her work in three areas:

Volunteer Coordination, Education and Outreach for all ages, focused on merging habitat restoration with community participation and environmental education (60%):

- Lead or assist with volunteer coordination during salmon habitat enhancement projects, including riparian restoration, native plant salvages, invasive plant surveys, river and beach cleanups, and salmon carcass distributions.
- Assist with teaching a salmon habitat restoration curriculum designed to meet Washington Essential Academic Learning Requirements (EALR's).
- Provide classroom and field-based lessons to students and community groups throughout King, Snohomish and Island Counties on subjects including Pacific salmon, watershed ecology, native plants and inquiry-science.
- Perform outreach to landowners to educate them about knotweed, a noxious weed, and engage them in its control.
- Attend fairs and festivals to recruit new volunteers to the program.

Salmon Habitat Restoration, including project design, coordination, implementation and monitoring. Projects may include in-stream restoration, large wood placement, erosion control, culvert replacement, riparian revegetation, site maintenance, invasive plant survey and control using GPS/GIS technology, salmon carcass distributions, river and beach clean-ups, and wetland enhancement. Monitoring may include stream and riparian habitat assessment, photo-point, water quality, macroinvertebrate, and vegetation monitoring, as well as training and coordinating volunteer monitoring teams. (30%)

Participation in the Political Process: Attend any or all of the three Salmon Technical Advisory Groups (TAG) and the policy forming bodies in which the Task Force is involved. These include the Stillaguamish and Snohomish River basins, and Island County watersheds. If s/he is interested, they may focus their attention on nearshore habitat, attending and representing the Task Force at Island County TAG meetings, and Snohomish County Marine Resources Committee meetings, and contributing to meeting discussions on program development, potential restoration activities, and collaboration between organizations. (10%)

The Task Force is committed to ensuring that the WCC member leaves this program with a set of skills and experiences useful for future job opportunities. We anticipate that the WCC member will gain a basic understanding of salmon and their habitat needs; how science, politics and community interests merge; and how different agencies and organizations are approaching salmon recovery. Each component listed above will include supporting office work, including phone calls, writing letters and articles, developing brochures, and other outreach activities.

To apply, send cover letter, resume and contact information for three references to:

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About the Stilly-Snohomish Task Force:

The Stilly-Snohomish Fisheries Enhancement Task Force is a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation that works to ensure the future of salmon in the Stillaguamish and Snohomish River basins, and Island County watersheds, through public education and habitat restoration. The Task Force specializes in integrating salmon habitat restoration with community involvement and education. The Task Force plans and implements multiple habitat restoration projects each year. In addition, the Task Force partners with other organizations and agencies on many other habitat restoration and education projects and activities. Check out our website for more information: www.stillysnofish.org.