



Internship Opportunity

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| Position Title: | Steelhead Research Technician |
| Program: | Hood Canal Steelhead Project |
| Dates Available: | End of March 2020 – Early June 2020 |
| Application Deadline: | Monday, March 15 th , 2021 |
| Location: | The Salmon Center in Belfair, WA |

The Hood Canal Steelhead Project is a collaborative effort between NOAA Fisheries, WDFW, the Skokomish Tribe, USFWS, Long Live the Kings, and HCSEG. This 16-year study aims to rebuild three steelhead populations in Hood Canal while evaluating the benefits and risks of hatchery supplementation as a conservation strategy. Seven streams are included in the project, and HCSEG is leading specific work on the Dewatto, Tahuya, and Little Quilcene Rivers.

This position primarily involves field activities and data entry. These will include adult and juvenile steelhead abundance monitoring, tissue sampling for genetic and age analysis, and rotary screw trap installation and operation. The Steelhead Research Technician will be working with HCSEG staff and volunteers as well as other partners in the project.

Eligibility:

- Open to college students pursuing fisheries work experience
- Must have a valid state driver's license
- Must pass a background check
- Must be available on weekends

Desirable Skills/Qualifications:

- Consistent at following set protocols for sampling and data collection
- Motivated and physically able to conduct full-day stream surveys
- Able to use computer applications, such as MS Word and Excel

Responsibilities/Tasks:

- Assist in the operation of rotary screw traps for capturing and sampling smolts
- Follow established protocols for sampling steelhead smolt for DNA and scales
- Transport volunteers to field locations and guide them in sampling procedures
- Monitor changes in river temperature
- Enter field data into MS Excel spreadsheets

Terms of Employment:

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| Project Duration: | March- June 2021 |
| Start Date: | March 25 th , 2021 |
| End Date: | June 4 th , 2021 |
| Hours per week: | 10-40 hours/week including weekends; based upon internship agreement |
| Pay: | Stipend available; based on credit hours |

To Apply:

Please submit a letter of interest, a current resume, and an unofficial transcript to Clayton David at clayton@pnwsalmoncenter.org. Questions and comments may also be directed to this address or by calling (360) 275-3575 Extension 125.