



Internship Opportunity

Position Title:	Steelhead Research Technician
Program:	Hood Canal Steelhead Project
Dates Available:	End of March 2023 – Early June 2023
Application Deadline:	March 20, 2023
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 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:

- Be a dependable individual
- Have a strong attention to detail and be conscientious about safety
- Consistent at following set protocols for sampling and data collection
- Motivated and physically able to conduct trap checks that could take several hours
- Have a passion for wanting to learn more about steelhead recovery

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
- Assist with the installation and removal of rotary screw traps

Terms of Employment:

Project Duration:	March- June 2023
Start Date:	March 27 th , 2023
End Date:	June 9 th , 2023
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.

Internship Stipend Rate Sheet

Salmon Center internships are available to students enrolled in an undergraduate, graduate, or continuing education program where they receive school credits and monetary stipend for their time.

Internship opportunities have flexible time commitments along with corresponding credit hours and stipends. Students must coordinate with their school or advisor in advance to ensure they receive school credit for their internship. Stipends are awarded upon completion of hours.

Time Commitment (based on a 10 week quarter)	Stipend
100 hours; ~ 10 hrs/week	\$250.00
200 hours; ~ 20 hrs/week	\$500.00
300 hours; ~ 30 hrs/week	\$750.00
400 hours; ~ 40 hrs/week	\$1000.00

Stipends will be distributed in two installments upon the completion of committed contract hours. The first payment will be distributed at midterm (of internship) and the last payment will be distributed at end of term.*

**Start and end dates of projects may not necessarily coincide with quarterly school schedules. Start and end dates and/or weekly hour commitment for internships are negotiable but must be determined before work commences.*