

Fishery Management and Salmon/Steelhead Monitoring Technician

Location: Lewiston

Application Period: open to 12/31/2023

Employment Type: Temporary/Seasonal/Part Time

Salary: \$16.56 per hour, plus benefits

Employment Dates: 2/21/2024 to 11/8/2024

About the position

The Clearwater Region is seeking one 8-month non-benefited Fisheries Technician to assist crews in juvenile steelhead monitoring, adult Chinook redd counts, White Sturgeon tagging, and alpine lake and stream Cutthroat and Bull Trout Management. This is a unique opportunity to work with anadromous and resident fish on large and long-term impactful projects. This position is split between two projects consisting of spring monitoring of steelhead, a month break in July, late summer alpine lake management, chinook redd counts, and sturgeon tagging in the fall. Candidates must be self-motivated individuals who are passionate about preserving, protecting, perpetuating, and managing Idaho's fisheries resources. The selected applicant for this position will get diverse experiences with different types of fisheries, fish, and sample techniques.

Job Responsibilities will include:

Installing, operating, and maintaining rotary screw traps and weirs. Technician will be expected to handle and PIT tag juvenile salmonids, collect biological data from juvenile and adult salmon and steelhead, maintain field equipment, and manage data. Other duties include collecting eDNA samples, genetic fin clips, backpack electrofishing, jet boating, hook and line angling, gill netting, hiking/wading, backpacking, and conducting Chinook and Bull trout spawning ground surveys.

This is a field positions based out of the Clearwater Regional Office in Lewiston, Idaho. Field work will be conducted remotely, including Fish Creek (Lochsa River tributary), Snake River (Hells Canyon), Five Lakes Butte (NF Clearwater River headwaters), American and Red Rivers (SF Clearwater River tributaries), and the Selway River. Schedules will vary and include occasional weekend and holiday shifts. Work weeks will primarily require overnight stays via camping or department housing (e.g., travel trailer). All food will be provided during the work shift, and off-duty housing may be available.

Skills/Qualifications:

It's preferred that applicants have a B.S. degree in fisheries or related field, or the equivalent from job experience and training. Individuals with experience operating screw traps, weirs, PIT tagging, backpacking, angling, collecting and organizing biological data from both adult and juvenile salmonids will be given preference. Demonstration of good computer and data management skills are required. Applicants must possess a valid driver's license. Incumbents must with or without reasonable accommodations be able to work a variable schedule under adverse weather conditions, lift and carry/pack up to 60 lbs.

How to Apply

1. Complete an IDFG application for temporary employment (<https://idfg.idaho.gov/jobs/application-temporary>).

2. Submit a resume, three professional or academic references, and a completed IDFG application for temporary employment (preferably by email) to:

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3. Comments: EEO/Veteran's Preference. If qualified applicants are found, this announcement may close before the listed closing date.