

Fishery Technician – Lewiston Juvenile Salmonid Trapping and Snorkeling Crews (1 Position)**Location(s):** Lewiston and/or White Bird, Idaho**Application Period:** 12/1/2023 – Open until filled**Employment Type:** Temporary/Seasonal/Part Time**Compensation:** \$16.56 per hour, plus competitive benefits**Employment Dates:** Dependent upon river conditions and amount of work. Approximately late-February through September (not to exceed 1385 hours in a 12-month period).**General Information:**

The IDFG-Lewiston Wild Salmon & Steelhead team is seeking a temporary Fishery Technician to assist with the Comparative Survival Study and wild salmon & steelhead monitoring. These projects use large fish traps and snorkel surveys to collect data on Chinook salmon and steelhead trout migration, density, and distribution.

Responsibilities:*Phase 1 (Approximately Late February through May):*

Processing fish at large fish traps to collect Chinook salmon and steelhead trout migration data. One trap is located on the Snake River near Lewiston and one is located on the Salmon River near White Bird. The incumbent will be responsible for trap operations, debris removal, and data management mainly in Lewiston but will also assist at the White Bird fish trap as needed. Room and board are provided for the White Bird trap location. Room and board are **not** provided while working in Lewiston (Local housing options are listed on Craigslist). Night and weekend work will be required.

Phase 2 (Approximately June through September):

Guiding a fisheries snorkel crew to collect fish and habitat data in backcountry streams throughout the Clearwater River basin. The crew works 8 days in the field followed by 6 days off, with some variability in work schedules. Key responsibilities include: organizing annual IDFG snorkel training, planning/organizing field trips, entering field data for reports. While in the field, the incumbent will often be unsupervised, and must have the ability to modify the daily work schedule when unexpected events (such as high water, bad weather, etc.) occur. Food, equipment, and camp gear (except for sleeping bag) are provided while in the field.

Qualifications: It is preferred that applicants have a bachelor's degree in fisheries, biology, or related field; or equivalent in training and experience. Current First Aid/CPR certification, previous fish trapping, and snorkeling experience preferred. Must be at least 18 years old and have a valid driver's license.

Useful Skills: Good knowledge of juvenile anadromous fishes, working knowledge of PIT-tagging procedures, computers, mechanics, chain saws, power boat operation, fly-fishing, the ability to work independently, lead and motivate others, manage changes in priorities/scheduling, handle emergency situations in remote locations, have a high level of attention to detail, experience using GPS/compass/topographic maps, handle live and dead fish, lift/carry up to 60 lbs. with occasional lifting/carrying up to 100 lbs. for short distances, work long, strenuous hours in extreme hot/cold weather conditions with or without reasonable accommodations, hike long distances in rough terrain while carrying a 40-60 lb. backpack, stand/work in cold water for up to 10 hours per day, work underwater using snorkeling equipment.

How to Apply:

1. Applicants must first register with Idaho Department of Labor (Reference Job Number **TBD**) at <https://labor.idaho.gov>.
2. Complete an IDFG application for temporary employment (see link below).
3. Submit a letter of interest, resume, three professional or academic references, and a completed IDFG application for temporary employment (preferably by email) to:

Idaho Department of Fish and Game

Attn: Scott Putnam

3316 16th Street

Lewiston, ID 83501

Additional Comments:

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

URL: <https://idfg.idaho.gov/jobs/application-temporary>

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