

Job Title: Fishery Technician- Potlatch River Steelhead Monitoring and Evaluation Project (3 positions available)

Location: Lewiston, Idaho

Closes: 02/01/2026

SPECIAL NOTIFICATION:

This position is exempt from classified state service and the rules of the Division of Human Resources and the Idaho Personnel Commission. This job announcement will remain open until the position has been filled. Applications will be periodically reviewed as they are received. Applicants are encouraged to apply and submit their applications as soon as possible.

The Idaho Department of Fish and Game is seeking a Fishery Technician. This position will be located at our Clearwater Regional office located in Lewiston, ID. This is a 8-month, benefitted temporary position and is expected to work up to 40 hours per week. This position will assist with a project monitoring and evaluating the endangered wild steelhead population in the Potlatch River of north-central Idaho. The Potlatch River contains the largest population of wild steelhead in the lower Clearwater River basin. The monitoring project is designed to test the effectiveness of stream restoration efforts on increasing the freshwater production of wild steelhead in the Potlatch River basin.

Why IDFG? We are a premier natural resource agency dedicated to preserving, protecting, perpetuating, and managing Idaho's fish and wildlife for this great state. We are committed to creativity, innovation, and excellence as we cultivate opportunities for our customers to engage with our natural resources and become resource stewards for future generations. We are highly dedicated to our mission, committed to our team, and we know how to balance work/life commitments while loving the work we do.

Supplemental Information: Incumbents may be required to travel to remote locations for fish tagging, trapping, spawning or sampling operations. These positions involve walking several miles over rugged terrain and along stream banks; standing and working in cold water for up to eight hours per shift; lifting and carrying equipment weighing up to 60 pounds and occasional lifting and carrying up to 100 pounds for short distances; operate four-wheel drive and off-road vehicles in rugged terrain; and working in extreme weather conditions. Incumbents working at fish hatcheries work with toxic chemicals and around heavy dust, high voltage, loud noises, and slippery surfaces. Evening, weekend, and holiday work may be required.

To learn more about the Idaho Department of Fish and Game, please see the following:

- [\(Video\) Idaho Fish and Game - We Make It Happen](#)

Thank you for applying with the Idaho Department of Fish and Game!

Minimum Qualifications: (These qualifications are required)

- Some knowledge of life history, anatomy, and ecology of various fish species.
- Experience: recording, summarizing, and analyzing scientific data; diagnosing and repairing minor mechanical problems.
- Valid driver's license.

In addition to the minimum qualifications, the ideal candidate will have experience with data management and following established sampling and data entry protocols, implanting PIT tags, and experience working with adult and juvenile anadromous salmonids. Successful candidates must be able to work independently and in a team setting and demonstrate a high degree of initiative and problem-solving ability. They also must be willing to interact with the public in a positive and professional manner. Additional consideration may be given at the time of the interview to candidates who have this experience. Please be sure to include any experience you have in these areas.

Responsibilities: These positions provide an incredible opportunity for working with a wide variety of fisheries techniques. Responsibilities include:

- Operating and maintaining juvenile rotary screw traps and adult fish weirs
- Backpack electrofishing
- Conducting stream habitat and water quality monitoring surveys
- Handling, PIT-tagging and collecting biological information from juvenile salmonids.
- Assisting with Chinook salmon spawning ground surveys
- Supervising crews throughout the season

How To Apply:

1. Complete an IDFG Application for Temporary Employment (<https://idfg.idaho.gov/jobs/application-temporary>)
2. Submit a cover letter, a resume, three professional or academic references, and a completed IDFG Application for Temporary Employment via e-mail (preferred) or by mail to:

Idaho Department of Fish and Game

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