Fish and Wildlife Technician II (FWT II) — Port Sampling Project

Alaska Dept of Fish and Game (Commercial Fish Division) will be hiring 2 permanent seasonal fishery technicians in Sitka. These positions may be staffed from June 16-September 15, (or potentially end of August).

Apply for this position in person at your local Job Service office or request a paper application at: sitka.jobcenter@alaska.gov or 907-747-3423, and return your application to the Job Service office.

Description of duties: Technicians in these port sampling positions will work up to 7.5 hours per day in seafood processing plants collecting biological samples and data from commercially caught salmon. This will include collecting scales for pattern analysis and aging, coded wire tag samples to determine hatchery contribution, genetic materials (axillary fin sections) for precise natal stock identification, and other biological samples as directed. The incumbent will interview commercial fishermen to record effort and harvest information at the fish processing plants in Sitka.

The incumbent may also participate in conducting biological sampling of salmon on board a tender vessel or fish buying scow in remote areas near Pelican, Port Alexander, and Elfin Cove. This sampling is conducted on the deck of the vessel in all weather conditions, sometimes in high winds.

The employee will interview the permit holder making a delivery to determine the area from which the fish were harvested and for catch per unit effort information. Biological sampling will include collecting coded wire tag samples, scales, genetic material (axillary fin sections), and other samples as directed.

Requirements:

The incumbent must have the ability to arrive at work promptly as early as 4:45am daily and be available for irregular work hours, including evenings, weekends and holidays. The technician needs strong communication skills, good organizational skills and basic math skills. The incumbent may be required to travel with a tender/scow from Sitka to remote areas for up to a week at a time. Transportation to/from the tender/scow will be provided by the State of Alaska. Food and bunk space will be provided by the tender/scow. This position requires bending, lifting, walking up and down docks/wet and slippery environment, climbing up and down ladders from docks to boats, and working in fish processing plants.

- A current and valid Alaska Driver’s License is required.
- No felony convictions or firearm restrictions.
- No exposed jewelry is permitted during work hours

Starting pay: $16.74/hr
**Benefits:** Employment with the State of Alaska includes competitive benefits such as medical, dental, vision and life insurance. These benefits along with personal leave accrual, two retirement plans and other optional benefits begin after 30 consecutive work days (not including scheduled days off).

**Start dates:** June 16, 2015. Employment will usually last through September 15, or potentially shorter or longer depending on fishery openers and harvest rates.

**Worktime:** Days/Hours vary, must be available for irregular work hours, weekends and holidays. Typically work days may start from 4:45 to 6:45 am Monday - Sunday.

This is an excellent opportunity to get started in a career with the Alaska Department of Fish and Game. There may be opportunities for the motivated employee to be assigned to projects that will advance their skill levels, and prepare them for a higher level Technician or a Fishery Biologist position. You will be working with some of ADF&G’s most committed, professional and supportive staff anywhere in the state.

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