



Job Announcement – Seasonal Outreach and Education Field Lead

Job Description: Mid-Columbia Fisheries (MCF) is looking to fill a seasonal Outreach and Education Field Lead position based in either Yakima, WA or Ellensburg, WA. We are seeking a hard-working, flexible, enthusiastic, and outgoing individual interested in native fish conservation, educating the public in endangered species conservation, performing outreach as it relates the Bull Trout, restoration projects and overall recreation ethics. Applicants must be willing to work in and around flowing water, hike long distances, and perform manual labor in variable weather conditions and occasionally at night. This position will typically lead two outreach assistants, but may work independently or with other MCF staff and agency partners. This role will also help lead and coordinate MCF's Bull Trout volunteer program. The position will generally work 40 hours each week. This position will be primarily working with the Bull Trout Task Force. Additional information about the Bull Trout Task Force can be found on our website:

<https://midcolumbiafisheries.org/bull-trout-recovery-2/>.

Primary Responsibilities (60 percent):

- Conduct informal outreach to anglers, campers, and other recreationists;
- Lead presentations at campgrounds;
- Remove recreational rock dams that block fish migration;
- Work with state, federal, and tribal entities on various bull trout related research projects;
- Work independently and supervise interns and volunteers; and
- Attend meetings and conferences when needed.

Secondary Responsibilities (40 percent):

- Conduct bull trout redd and snorkel surveys;
- Salvage stranded bull trout and relocate them upstream; and
- Collect data and enter it into database.

Required Skills and Qualifications:

- Must be dependable, self-motivated, and demonstrate an unwaveringly positive attitude;
- Must have a passion for the outdoors and conservation;
- Must communicate respectfully with coworkers, supervisors, interns, volunteers, recreationists, and others;
- Must be flexible to changes in work schedule and assigned duties;
- Must demonstrate the ability and willingness to perform all aspects of the work, including:
 - Being comfortable working in remote wilderness settings (without cell phone coverage);
 - Able to perform physically demanding manual labor outdoors on difficult and hazardous terrain in all types of weather and occasionally at night;
 - Capable of repetitively lifting 40 lbs into and out of trucks, walking up to 5 miles daily over steep or uneven terrain;
 - Able to safely wade and swim in cold flowing water;
 - Willing to occasionally work more than 10 hours in a single day;
- Must comply with MCF policies and safety procedures; and
- Must provide your own hiking boots, backpack, and rain gear. Waders and a dry suit, when necessary, will be provided.

Desired Qualifications:

- Bachelor's degree in biology, fisheries, natural resources, education or a related field;
- Experience collecting and handling juvenile salmonids;
- Knowledge of salmonid biology and life histories;
- Knowledge and skills related to the identification of fish of the Yakima River Basin;
- Experience navigating using a handheld GPS and maps;
- Experience supervising others;
- Experience using computers and Microsoft Office software;
- A valid driver's license, clean driving record, and the ability to safely operate vehicles;
- Must be at least 18 years of age.

Pay: \$21.14-23.25/hour depending on experience (tiering to GS-6 step 1 through step 4)

Position Duration, Schedule, & Benefits: Positions are expected to begin around June 1, 2024 (depending on weather conditions and employee availability) and end in October, 2024. Employees will typically work Wednesday through Saturday, 10 hours a day, but the schedule is subject to occasional changes or modifications. This position has a 60-day probationary period. All employees are provided with benefits prescribed by law, including sick leave, Social Security, workers' compensation, and labor and industry insurance. Seasonal employees are eligible to accrue and use vacation and holidays. Unpaid leave may be granted at the discretion of their supervisor and must be requested in advance.

To Apply: A complete application should include a cover letter, resume, and a list of three references. Please email one electronic copy of your application to zac@midcolumbiafisheries.org **AND** mail one hard copy of your application to 1200 Chesterly Drive, Suite 280, Yakima, WA 98902. Applicants are encouraged to call Zac Zacavish at 681-208-2850 with any questions and to confirm that we have received your application materials.

Application Closes: Applications are accepted until position is filled.

Mid-Columbia Fisheries Enhancement Group is a non-profit, community based group dedicated to restoring self-sustaining populations of salmon and steelhead. Mid-Columbia Fisheries works with landowners and community partners to protect and restore fish habitat. The Mid-Columbia region includes the Yakima Basin, the Klickitat, White Salmon, and Wind Rivers, and numerous smaller tributaries in Skamania, Klickitat, Benton, Yakima, Kittitas and Franklin Counties. It is the policy and intent of the MCF to provide equal employment opportunity for all persons regardless of race, color, religion, national origin, marital status, political ideology, sexual orientation, status with regard to public assistance, disability, sex, or age. MCF intends to act nondiscriminatory in all acts related to recruiting, hiring or promotion of staff. For more information about us please visit our website: <http://midcolumbiafisheries.org/>