

FIELD TECHNICIANS – FISH AND STREAM HABITAT MONITORING

Positions: Washington State Department of Natural Resources (DNR) - Scientific Technician 2

Location: Olympic Experimental State Forest (<http://www.dnr.wa.gov/oesf>); stationed in Forks, WA.

We are currently recruiting for four Scientific Technician 2 positions that will start either June 1st or July 1st and are expected to last through September 15th, 30th, or October 15th (see available positions below). These positions will be involved in research and monitoring to help meet DNR's commitments under the Endangered Species Act and will also work on the co-led DNR/University of Washington [T3 Watershed Experiment](#) on DNR's Olympic Experimental State Forest. Work conducted by these positions will include conducting juvenile salmonid population estimates (using a backpack electrofisher), stream habitat surveys, water quality sampling, and riparian/upland forest stand surveys. The people selected for these positions will work in 2-4 person crews. Work sites are remote and require strenuous hikes on steep slopes, often carrying heavy sampling equipment. Most work is completed rain or shine under a wide variety of weather conditions. These positions provide an excellent opportunity for current students or recent graduates to gain diverse experience on stream, forest, and fish sampling techniques, while also experiencing the beautiful Olympic Peninsula in Washington State. For additional information, please visit our storymaps on the [salmon monitoring](#) and riparian [habitat monitoring](#) programs.

Type of appointment: full time, non-permanent

Available positions:

Position 1: June 1st to October 15th

Position 2: July 1st to September 30th

Position 3: July 1st to September 15th

Position 4: July 1st to September 15th

Benefits: The monthly salary ranges from \$3,376-\$4,497 depending on candidate's qualifications and experience. Positions accrue 8 hours sick leave and 8 hours annual leave per month. A shared housing option is available.

Required qualifications: Driver's license, ability to hike off-trail, alone in rugged terrain and work in inclement weather conditions, ability to work well in a team, understanding of environmental monitoring, diligence, and attention to detail in collecting and managing field data.

Desired qualifications: Bachelor's degree from an environmental science, forestry, fisheries, or related program; field experience in fisheries or aquatic ecology; experience in identifying local fish species and fish workup; experience conducting forest-stand or stream habitat surveys; experience with backpack electrofishing; GPS and navigation experience; and experience with data collection and data management.

Work Schedule: Typically Monday-Thursday (10 hr days) however, days are often extended to finish daily surveys. 90% of work is in the field.

Housing: Shared housing is provided.

How to apply: Email your resume with three references to Washington Department of Natural Resources' fish biologist Kyle Martens (kyle.martens@dnr.wa.gov). Applications will be open until filled, with the first screening planned for March 11th. In your email, please indicate any timing constraints that you may have with the position.