



KODIAK REGIONAL AQUACULTURE ASSOCIATION

Job Announcement – Research and Monitoring

Saltery Lake Sockeye Salmon Monitoring Project – Fish Technician I

Dates: June 10 – August 15 (end date is flexible dependent of fish run strength).

Wage: \$12.50/hour or greater DOE, overtime eligible. KRAA provides travel to/from the remote site via floatplane, essential work gear and chest waders. Technician provides their own transportation to/from the City of Kodiak and personal clothing.

Duties: Working with one other technician, operate a picket weir to enumerate upstream passage of adult salmon into Saltery Lake and collect age (scale), sex, and length measurements on a subsample of sockeye salmon. Conducts daily adult monitoring including foot surveys and weir maintenance tasks as assigned to accomplish project goals in a safe and efficient manner. Other important tasks include maintenance of ATV, outhouse, trails, and small gas generator. Work is scheduled as a team or individually based on work load and fish migration patterns.

Qualifications: Pursuing education in fisheries/aquaculture, biology, or other natural resource field preferred. The successful candidate will be highly motivated, safety minded, and possess critical thinking skills to accomplish daily tasks. Experience in extended backcountry trips, and basic construction techniques are helpful for this position. Successful candidate is expected to receive First Aid (Wilderness first aid preferred) and CPR certifications prior to arrival. Safety is of upmost priority and candidate must be able to respond effectively to emergency situations. Candidates must also be physically lift and carry 50 lbs. Requires safe handling of firearms in protection against brown bear. The ability to self-entertain during non-working hours and maintain a positive attitude under challenging field conditions will be important.

Project Description: Research and Monitoring is hiring a Fish Technician I to be stationed in a remote field camp monitoring the adult salmon escapement into Saltery Lake. Cooperatively working with an Alaska Department of Fish and Game Fish Technician crew leader, the KRAA Tech will monitor the sockeye salmon escapement through the installation and operation of a picket weir. The crew will enumerate all fish species and sample sockeye salmon for age, sex, and length measurements to determine species abundance and age composition for KRAA's Pillar Creek Hatchery broodstock collection used in future enhancement programs. Work schedules will vary based on fish run timing and strength.

Saltery Lake is a popular sport fishing and lodge area for local residents and tourists. Personnel will have frequent interaction with sport fishermen so the successful candidate will need to possess personable. The project site is accessible by floatplane or ATV and remote living conditions apply. The crew will share a WeatherPort tent with propane cook stove and small propane refrigerator. Work is performed outdoors in frequent inclement weather and biting bugs. Field personnel will have frequent interaction with Kodiak brown bears; safety is a priority to minimize human/bear interactions. A positive attitude and flexibility in the face of potentially adverse conditions is required. Strenuous daily hiking for several miles over uneven terrain is required, and frequent carrying up to 50 lbs. of equipment using frame packs over several hundred yards.

Supply trips deliver groceries and gear to the site approximately every 2 weeks. Communication will be by satellite phone to relay data updates, resupply trips, and crew welfare. Normal phone or WIFI reception is not available. Benefits of the area are incredible outdoor recreation in a remote wilderness setting. KRAA will provide safety training (bear, firearm) and review sampling procedures prior to deployment. KRAA will provide transportation to/from the field site, housing, food, and chest waders for the project duration. A shared bunkhouse is provided for transition between start/end dates. Technicians will provide their own clothing and sleeping bag.

Positions are open until filled.

Applications accepted through January 15, 2019. Only qualified candidates will be contacted for interview selection.

To apply please send resume, cover letter, and three references to the contact below.

Be sure to indicate in the cover letter the specific position/site you are applying for. KRAA may have multiple position vacancies at various project sites.

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