



North Willamette Watershed District
Habitat Intern (Clackamas - Fall)
Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife
Job Number 32

Location: Based out of the Clackamas ODFW office; Work to be conducted in Multnomah, Washington, Clackamas, Columbia, Yamhill, Polk, and Marion counties. Housing may be provided contingent on need and availability.

Pay: \$17.32/hour

Duration: Not to exceed 400 hours between September 2024 - December 2024

Job Description: This position will provide a student intern with on-the-job training experiences on habitat restoration projects including assisting with Wildlife Habitat Conservation and Management Program (WHCMP), wildlife management and conservation. The selected intern will assist with updating WHCMP records including contacting landowners, county staff, and database entry. Assist with land use application research and review, surveys for a variety of wildlife species, and implementation of Oregon's State Wildlife Action Plan: the Oregon Conservation Strategy. The intern is expected to gain the ability to develop and refine academic and professional goals and understand the structure and operation of a natural resource agency. The intern will have the opportunity to participate in community and agency outreach, wildlife research and data collection used to guide wildlife management decisions and wildlife habitat improvement projects. The successful applicant will have the opportunity to work and interact with the public on behalf of the state of Oregon, collect data using standardized survey protocols, learn about and conduct data analysis, and develop technical writing skills.

District Habitat Duties (75%):

WHCMP (50%)

- Update WHCMP records, contact landowners and county staff, review plans, and enter data

Habitat Restoration and Mitigation (25%)

- Assist the Regional Habitat Biologist with reviews of land management activities including restoration projects
- Review land use impacts to Oregon white oak habitat, research the best available science and summarize, prepare GIS maps and reports

Conservation Program Duties (10%):

- Help conduct surveys for Species of Greatest Conservation Need in priority areas including amphibians and turtles. This will involve following monitoring protocols, collecting high quality data in field conditions, and observing safety protocols
- Compile information and enter data into electronic formats such as Word, Excel, Survey123, and ArcGIS

Wildlife Program Duties (5%)

- Conduct wildlife surveys, such as night-time spotlight surveys to estimate sex ratios and juvenile recruitment rates of black-tailed deer to evaluate effects of human harvest on populations, beaver presence/absence surveys, or other surveys as available.
- Deploy and retrieve camera traps to monitor wildlife populations and analyze collected photographs to identify species, sex, and age classes.

Helpful Skills:

Experience with wildlife species identification, basic hand and electric tools, hiking/backpacking in remote areas, using a variety of navigation options, Microsoft office, and customer service. Knowledge of wildlife survey techniques.

Working

This position will require some work outside during inclement weather. Work on weekends and before or after daylight hours may be required. The intern will need to transport equipment over rough terrain and work in and around rivers and other waterbodies.

This position requires a flexible work schedule that varies in the number of hours worked on a daily basis, but not necessarily each day, or a work schedule in which the starting and stopping times vary on a daily basis, but not necessarily each day, and does not exceed forty (40) hours in a work week. Work exceeding 40 hours per week requires prior approval by the supervisor.

Interactions with public, private landowners, local residents, environmental consulting firms, and other agency personnel are frequent, and a well-developed sense of diplomacy is required.