



Wildlife Area Intern (Ladd Marsh)
Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife
Job Number 3

Location: Ladd Marsh Wildlife Area office (La Grande, OR)
Housing is available

Pay Range: \$19.77 - \$22.23 per hour

Note: this position will receive a Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) increase of 2.5% which is not reflected in the salary listed in this posting. The effective date of the increase is February 1, 2026.

Duration: Not to exceed 400 hours (10 weeks) June 2026 – August 2026

Job Description: The primary duty of this position is to assist with migratory bird banding as well as an array of infrastructure improvement and habitat enhancement projects on Ladd Marsh Wildlife area.

The intent of this position is to recruit and train potential employees seeking careers in wildlife conservation. The intern will develop a great knowledge base of wildlife in Oregon. They are also expected to gain the ability to develop and refine academic and professional goals, as well as understand the structure and operation of a natural resource agency. Internship experience will help to enhance opportunities for future professional employment.

Duties: **Assist with all aspects of waterfowl trapping and banding as well as other projects (85%)**

- Assist the Waterfowl Bander with all the aspects of trapping and banding of migratory waterfowl and Mourning Doves.
- Assist with identifying trapping location
- Prepare and bait trapping locations
- Assist with safe handling and banding of ducks, geese, mourning doves as well as other species.

Other duties as assigned (15%)

- Opportunities and training as available and assigned
- Operates and maintains, gas powered and hand tools
- Habitat project care and maintenance
- Noxious weed control through mechanical and physical means.
- Maintain and improve levees, trails and parking areas

- Plant procurement – collects seeds, cuttings, and bulbs.

**Working
Conditions:**

Frequently work outside during inclement weather, work before and after daylight (at times), occasionally required to work on weekends.

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.