

Hood Canal Salmon Enhancement Group Internship



Position Title:	Marine Water Quality Field Technician
Program:	Hood Canal Citizens' Monitoring Program
Dates Available:	open continuously

Summary: The HCSEG's Citizens' Monitoring Program works with the Hood Canal Dissolved Oxygen Program (HCDOP) to help find answers to the questions regarding the complexities of the low dissolved oxygen issue which has resulted in numerous fish kills. This weekly marine sampling effort, and resultant trend data, has increased the understanding of the marine water dynamics and is being incorporated into marine biogeochemical models at the University of Washington. Sampling crews consist of citizen volunteers, interns, HCSEG staff as well as staff from the S'Klallam Tribe Natural Resources Department. For more information please visit the HCDOP website at www.hoodcanal.washington.edu.

The marine tech position involves sampling about one day per week on either HCSEG, S'Klallam or volunteer boats. Crews are on the water rain or shine – year round (however they cancel for high winds and rough conditions). Samplers collect discrete dissolved oxygen, nutrient, phytoplankton and zooplankton samples, CTD profiling casts, secchi measurements and visual observations at multiple stations throughout Hood Canal. Training is provided.

Eligibility:

- Must be a current undergraduate or graduate student
- Must have a valid state driver's license

Terms of Employment:

Project Duration –	offered year-round
Start Date –	negotiable
Hours per week –	9
Pay –	stipend available; based on credit hours

Responsibilities/Tasks:

- Participate in sampling each week (rain or shine), with HCSEG, S'Klallam or volunteer boat crews in the collection of marine water quality data
- Once trained, student may be responsible for leading a team of volunteers
- Entering field data into MS Excel spreadsheets
- Downloading water quality data from CTD profiling unit
- Cleaning/maintaining field equipment on a regular basis

Desirable Skills/Qualifications:

- Student must be a dependable individual
- Motivated self-starter with attention to detail
- Ability to use computer applications, such as MS Word and Excel

To apply, please submit a letter of interest, current resume, and an unofficial transcript to Renee Rose-Scherdnik at Renee@hcseg.org. Please include your answer to the three questions listed below with your letter of interest.

1. Why are you applying to this position?
2. What makes you qualified for this position?
3. What are your future career goals?