

# Hood Canal Salmon Enhancement Group Internship

**Position Title: Steelhead Research Technician****Program:** Hood Canal Steelhead Project**Dates Available:** March - June

**Summary:** The Hood Canal Steelhead Project is a collaborative effort between NOAA Fisheries, WDFW, the Skokomish Tribe, USFWS, Long Live the Kings, and the Hood Canal Salmon Enhancement Group (HCSEG). The 16-year study aims to rebuild three steelhead populations in Hood Canal while evaluating the benefits and risks of hatchery supplementation as a conservation strategy. Seven streams are included in the project, and HCSEG is leading specific work on the Dewatto, Tahuya, and Little Quilcene Rivers.

This position primarily involves field activities. These will include adult and juvenile steelhead abundance monitoring, tissue sampling for genetic and age analysis, smolt trap maintenance, and collection of eggs from redds. The steelhead research technician will be working with HCSEG staff and volunteers as well as other partners in the project.

**Eligibility:**

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

**Terms of Employment:**

Project Duration – March – June (some possible opportunities in February)  
Start Date – preferably by mid-to-late March  
Hours per week – 10-40; based upon internship agreement  
Pay – stipend available; based on credit hours

**Responsibilities/Tasks:**

- Participate in redd surveys in the Tahuya and Dewatto Rivers
- Participate in smolt monitoring and sampling
- Assist in the operation and maintenance of rotary screw traps for capturing smolts
- Transport volunteers to field locations and guide them in sampling procedures
- Monitor changes in river temperature
- Assist with egg collections
- Enter field data into MS Excel spreadsheets

**Desirable Skills/Qualifications:**

- Consistent at following set protocols for sampling and data collection
- Motivated and physically able to conduct full-day stream surveys
- Aware of safety hazards in the field
- Able 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 at [renee@hcseg.org](mailto:renee@hcseg.org). Please include your answers to the three questions below in your letter of interest.*

1. *Why are you interested in this position? What makes you qualified for the position?*
3. *What are your future career goals?*