



Fish Spawning Surveys Volunteer / Intern Position Description

Hours: Flexible. Typically up to 40+ service hours are available per month during the spawning seasons shown below.

Students: If done for college credit, hours are based upon number of credits.

(i.e. 4 credit internship = minimum 10 hours per week, for a 15 week semester)

Seasonal Timing:

- February – May Winter-run Steelhead Trout
- March – June Pacific Lamprey
- October – December Coho Salmon

Paid Internships: Funding is not currently available for paid internship hours.
Mileage travel reimbursement is currently available at ~\$0.50+/mile.

Position Description: The Spawning Survey position works closely with the GYWC’s Executive Director, Board of Directors, volunteers, and landowners to collect GPS data on spawning fish population abundances, distributions, and habitat quality in urban, agricultural, and forested streams, focusing on threatened winter-run steelhead trout, Pacific Lamprey, and naturalized Coho salmon.



Position Opportunities:

- Participate in and / or lead spawning survey activities, including walking in and along wadeable streams and rivers to GPS document observations of live fish and carcasses, egg nest (redds), and fish habitat features such as spawning gravels, large woody debris complexes, fish passage barriers, side-channels, etc.
- Coordinate, train, and supervise volunteers for survey parties, as appropriate
- Create outreach / education materials or conduct community outreach activities
- Participate in site visits for survey areas and landowner outreach
- Use of GPS and ESRI ArcGIS Mapping software to collect and analyze field data
- Develop and maintain relationships with landowners and community members

Qualifications:

- All ages welcome. Internships available for High School ages and older.
- Work safely in outdoor and field environments
- Follow current COVID-19 health and safety protocols such as face coverings, social distancing, hand washing, etc.
- Interest or experience in natural resources, non-profit operations, project management, or community building
- Team player with a good sense of humor
- Effectively manage time and follow written and verbal instructions
- Travel: Able to meet at GYWC McMinnville office and travel within Yamhill or Polk Counties for events, as interested and feasible.

Mileage is typically reimbursable ~\$0.50/mile contingent on grant funding.

Carpooling / Transportation support may be available, contact us to inquire!

Learning objectives:

- Experience in fish spawning survey methods and fish habitat principles
- Communication and public relations skills
- Knowledge of local natural resources and conservation partners

(Optional) Internships, Independent Study, Credit / Uncredited:

Uncredited internships are available for High School ages and older. You do not need to be actively enrolled at an educational institution to apply for uncredited internships.

For College Students, any majors or degree levels may apply for this position.

Consult your academic or career advisor about applicability for internship or independent courses (credited or uncredited). This position will be most beneficial to those interested in environmental sciences, nonprofit operations, and communication.



(Optional) Combine Positions & Creating Your Own Position Description:

This position may be combined with other available positions. In addition, if you have an interest in activities not currently covered by an available position, please contact us to learn how we can develop a position that fits your interests and needs.

**Questions? Contact us for
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