

## **Fish and Wildlife Technician positions summer 2023**

The Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Commercial Fisheries Division is seeking three permanent-seasonal **Fish and Wildlife Technician 2s**. These are remote field camp positions whose duty station is in Soldotna, AK.

Under the general supervision of a Fishery Biologist II, the incumbent will be part of a two person crew at either the Judd or Larson weir projects to enumerate and sample Pacific salmon. The Department uses this data to determine if adequate escapement of sockeye salmon is returning into the major Upper Cook Inlet sockeye salmon systems. Technicians will spend a week in Soldotna before flying out to their respective remote weir camps.

These positions offer the experience of living and working on remote Alaskan lakes. This is a unique opportunity to unplug, and gain hands-on experience with salmonids, data collection, weir operation, and boat driving. Crew members will get the opportunity to observe and identify thousands of salmon each season. They'll experience handling salmonids and contributing data to inseason fishery management in real time. Other perks include outstanding fishing and wildlife sightings.

**Season dates: July 1 through mid-August 2023**

**Hourly rate: \$17.70**

**Room, board, and gear are provided while at the weirs**

**The key responsibilities of these positions include, but are not limited to:**

- Work as a team in all operations of remote camp safety, weir operation, biological sampling, and camp mobilization and demobilization
- Identify and enumerate all five species of Pacific salmon, and collect scales and age, sex, length (ASL) data from a subsample of sockeye salmon
- Field camp and weir construction and maintenance
- Technicians may use boats with outboard motors to accomplish assigned tasks
- Data quality assurance and quality control (QAQC)

**The successful applicants will possess some or all of the following qualities:**

- Ability to work well independently and as part of a team
- Desire to work outdoors
- Ability to maintain a positive attitude and produce quality data in adverse environmental conditions
- Detail oriented
- Strong interpersonal skills
- Familiarity with hand and power tools
- Ability to problem solve

- Ability to be transported in small aircraft and boats
- Ability to live with limited personal communications
- Ability to carry a firearm once trained

**Bonus qualities:**

- Experience handling and identifying salmonids
- Experience with biological sampling
- Experience operating and constructing remote field camps to include weirs, tent platforms, etc.
- Experience collecting, organizing, and summarizing biological samples and data
- Experience troubleshooting outboard motor problems
- Experience operating outboard motor and skiff on rivers and lakes
- Experience in field work
- Experience entering data into various databases and spreadsheets, as well as using both laptop and desktop computers.

**Minimum Qualifications**

High school graduation.

OR

Three months as an entry level fish and wildlife technician or aide. This experience is equivalent to Fish and Wildlife Technician I with the State of Alaska.

OR

Six months of work experience involving fish or wildlife, or outdoor manual labor or in a laboratory.

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**FIREARMS**

This position requires the use or possession of a firearm or ammunition. In accordance with the federal Omnibus Consolidated Appropriations Act of 1997 (PL 104-208), if you have been convicted of a misdemeanor crime of domestic violence, you may not hold this position.

**If interested in becoming part of the team send a resume, a brief cover letter, and contact information for two references to:**

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Please feel free to reach out with any questions.