



Shoreline Education and Awareness (SEA) Wildlife Biologist Internship

Position Title: Wildlife Biology Intern

Position Location: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Oregon Coast National Wildlife Refuge Complex, 2127 SE Marine Science Drive, Newport, OR 97365

Term of Service: Approximately December 1, 2018 through September 30, 2019 (10 months)

Position Summary: The Intern will be supervised by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Refuge Biologist. This full-time (40 hours/week) internship offers the opportunity to gain field experience conducting bird surveys and a variety of other biological field techniques. The intern will work under the supervision of the Refuge Biologist to conduct waterfowl and seabird surveys, assist with wildlife management programs, and conduct public outreach activities. The primary duty of the intern will be to conduct weekly Canada geese surveys at Nestucca Bay National Wildlife Refuge and seabird monitoring surveys on established plots at Cape Perpetua and Cape Falcon. Secondary duties will include conducting black oystercatcher surveys along the Oregon coast and assisting the Biologist with a variety of other field and data entry tasks. The intern will also lead volunteers (up to 20 individuals) that assist with seabird monitoring which includes scheduling, instructing, and organizing volunteer efforts.

General Responsibilities (to include, but not limited to):

- Conduct bird surveys using established field protocols, which involve identifying birds by sight and sound, recording field data, and entering data in an electronic database.
- Conduct weekly counts of Canada geese at Nestucca Bay National Wildlife Refuge and Tillamook area.
- Assist the Refuge Biologist as needed with field tasks including nesting seabird (black oystercatcher, tufted puffin, cormorant) observations and surveys.
- Lead and direct seabird monitoring volunteers.
- Assist with general office duties directly related to field work, including data entry into MS Excel spreadsheets and Access database, conducting nesting seabird counts on aerial photographs using GIS software.

Position Requirements:

- Course work related to obtaining a Bachelor's Degree, or equivalent, in wildlife biology, zoology, environmental science, or related field.
- Demonstrated proficiency at identifying birds of the Pacific Northwest in the field by sight and sound, such as experience conducting point counts.
- Ability to walk for hours while wearing chest waders over uneven and muddy ground while diligently collecting scientific observations.
- A cooperative manner and the ability to work as part of a team and independently.
- U.S. citizen, national or lawful permanent resident.
- Possession of a valid driver's license and good driving record.

Preferred Qualifications:

- Broad interests in field ecology and natural history.

- Comfortable doing repetitive field work in adverse weather conditions including incessant rain and biting wind.
- Familiarity with terrestrial and estuarine ecosystems.
- Good written and oral communication skills.

Intern Benefits Include:

- A taxable, monthly living allowance of \$1,200.
- Upon successful completion of the term of service, an award of \$1,500.
- Professional development, training, and networking opportunities.
- Free housing at Siletz Bay bunkhouse including utilities. Intern will have private bedroom, with shared kitchen, bathroom, laundry, and living space, and wireless internet. Sorry, no pets allowed.

Transportation Information:

- Government vehicle is available for official work duties only.
- Intern is responsible for personal transportation needs.

Questions about the position? Contact:

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Application Process:

Send letter of interest, resume (email with attachments preferred), and contact information for three references to Shawn W. Stephensen by **October 31, 2018**. Indicate your birding skill level and experience, and address the other requirements and qualifications listed above.

Additional information about the Oregon Coast NWR Complex:

<http://www.fws.gov/oregoncoast/>
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