



North Olympic Salmon Coalition: Position Announcement

Education and Outreach Associate

Start March 21, 2018 **End** September 7, 2018 **Full-Time** 40 hours per week

This is a **Washington Conservation Corps AmeriCorps Individual Placement** position for the North Olympic Salmon Coalition in Port Angeles, WA. For more information about the **WCC AmeriCorps Program**, please visit:

<http://www.ecy.wa.gov/wcc/>. **Application instructions at bottom of this announcement.**

Applicants must be 18 to 25 years old on first day of service (*Age restrictions do not apply to Gulf War era II reservists, dependents, and veterans*)

The **North Olympic Salmon Coalition (NOSC)** is a small non-profit with a mission to promote robust wild salmon stocks for families, fishers, and local economies by furthering habitat restoration and education on the North Olympic Peninsula. NOSC is a Regional Fisheries Enhancement Group which means we are designated by the State of Washington to assist with salmon recovery efforts within our region, which stretches from the Hood Canal to Cape Flattery on the Washington Coast. www.nosc.org

Position Summary

The Education and Outreach Associate will collaborate with the friendly, hardworking staff of NOSC to improve wild salmon stocks through community outreach, environmental education, volunteer coordination, habitat restoration and data collection. This position will include projects both in the office and out in the field. The Education and Outreach Associate will create outreach materials, assist with and/or lead volunteers, staff outreach events, and will educate the community about the work of the organization through a variety of events and media outlets. It is our goal that by the end of his or her term, the Education and Outreach Associate will have gained valuable job skills and diverse experiences in many areas of interest. The successful candidate has the potential to continue on with NOSC and the WCC AmeriCorps program as an 11-month member for the 2018-2019 term.

Typical Duties

- Recruitment, coordination, training, and recognition of volunteers on various projects
- Lead management and maintenance of the native plant nursery with staff support
- Lead spawner survey trainings and oversee all volunteer fieldwork related to surveys with staff support
- Perform diverse field work such as tree planting, culvert surveys, project monitoring and invasive species control. Training provided.
- Coordinate social media outreach, produce monthly newsletter, update website, draft press releases and maintain volunteer databases.
- Represent NOSC at various events including workshops, festivals, and project meetings.
- Provide education and outreach support including service learning projects, classroom presentations, field-based lessons, festival booth staffing, and creation of outreach materials.
- Manage, upkeep, and inventory of field equipment, outreach materials, and merchandise.
- Other *education, outreach and restoration* tasks as directed by supervisor

Qualifications

- Minimum Education: College level courses in environmental science, biology, fisheries, ecology, environmental education or related subjects
- Excellent communication, presentation and writing skills
- Organized, self-motivated, high attention to detail
- Ability to work independently or in a group
- Good natured team player, comfortable serving with many types of people
- Expertise with computer programs such as Excel, Access, Word, Publisher, Power Point, and Wordpress
- Willing and able to perform heavy physical labor including digging, wading, handling plants and lifting up to 50 pounds in all kinds of weather
- Priority given to Washington State residents

Desired Skills/Demonstrated Interests

- Good communicator and team member
- Leadership skills and diplomatic problem solving abilities
- Graphic design experience with programs like Illustrator, Photoshop, Publisher and other Adobe Creative Suite programs
- Experience teaching and comfort with public speaking
- GIS/GPS knowledge and experience
- Knowledge of salmon habitat needs, restoration techniques and native plant identification
- Availability to serve a flexible schedule including weekend and evening events
- Access to personal vehicle and willingness to travel and serve occasional evenings and weekends for outreach events (reimbursed for mileage at the current state rate)

Location: Port Angeles, WA with occasional travel within NOSC's region including to project sites and to headquarters in Port Hadlock, WA (travel is reimbursed or utilizes the NOSC state vehicle). Our office is located at one of the nation's leading restoration projects, the removal of the Elwha dams, and at the entrance to Olympic National Park. We are two-three hours from Seattle, two hours from the Washington Coast and two ferries away from the San Juan Islands.

Salary: \$11.50/hour; typically Mon-Fri (some evening and weekend events); 40 hours/week. AmeriCorps Education Award of \$2,907.50 received upon completion of 6-months of service (900 hours).

Benefits: WCC AmeriCorps members qualify for food stamps and other forms of personal financial assistance, such as qualified loan forbearance, if desired.

TO APPLY: **Complete BOTH steps by February 19th**

1. **Complete the WCC application at:** www.ecy.wa.gov/wcc. A signed WCC application will be required as part of successful applicants' enrollment packet. (select IP- PORT ANGELES/N. OLYMPIC SALMON COALITION)
2. **Mail the following – a letter of interest, résumé and contact information for three (3) references to ovito@nosc.org, or mail a hardcopy to:**

North Olympic Salmon Coalition
ATTN: Olivia Vito, Program Assistant
205B West Patison Street, Port Hadlock, WA 98339
(360) 504-5611

Applications are due in our office by 5 pm on February 19th.

Applicants will be reviewed and interviewed on a first-come basis.