



WCC Individual Placement: Education and Outreach Associate

Position summary

This Washington Conservation Corps AmeriCorps Individual Placement position is for the North Olympic Salmon Coalition (NOSC), 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. We are a Regional Fisheries Enhancement Group and are designated by the State of Washington to assist with salmon recovery efforts within our region, from the Hood Canal to Cape Flattery on the Washington Coast. Learn more at: www.nosc.org.

The Education and Outreach Associate will collaborate with the friendly, hardworking staff of NOSC to improve wild salmon stocks and educate the local community about our work through community outreach, online media, environmental education, volunteer coordination, habitat restoration and data collection. This position will include projects both in the office and the field. It is our goal that by the end of his or her term, the Education and Outreach Associate will have gained valuable job skills, leadership skills, problem solving abilities and diverse experiences in many areas of interest.

The position is located at our satellite office in Port Angeles, a gateway to the North Olympic Peninsula, a ferry ride from Victoria, British Columbia and a hub for outdoor adventures on the Strait of Juan de Fuca or skiing and hiking in Olympic National Park.

Position responsibilities

- Help grow our organization into the West end of our region through community outreach, education, monitoring and data collection.
- Recruit, coordinate, train, and recognize our volunteers for various projects.
- Aid management and maintenance of the native plant nursery with staff support.
- Lead spawner survey trainings and oversee volunteer fieldwork with staff support.
- Perform diverse field projects such as tree planting, culvert surveys, habitat assessments, 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 meetings.
- Provide education and outreach support including service learning projects, classroom presentations, field-based lessons, festival booth staffing, and create outreach materials.
- Manage, upkeep, and inventory field equipment, outreach materials, and merchandise.
- Other *education, outreach and restoration* tasks as directed by supervisor

- Occasionally travel to headquarters and facilities in Port Hadlock using state fleet or occasionally personal vehicle (reimbursed for mileage at the current state rate).

Qualifications

- Applicants must be between the age of 18-25 on their first day of service (age restrictions are based on legislative mandate, and do not apply to Gulf War Era II Veterans, dependents, or active duty reservists, or those with a mental or sensory disability).
- Per legislative mandate, priority will be given to Washington state residents.
- Applicants must be eligible for AmeriCorps, and able to submit documentation of one of the following citizenship statuses: U.S. Citizen, National, or Lawful Permanent Resident Alien. Learn more about AmeriCorps eligibility on the [WCC website](#).
- Minimum Education: College level courses in environmental science, biology, fisheries, ecology, environmental education or related subjects
- Excellent communication, presentation and writing skills; teaching experience preferable
- Organized, self-motivated, with a high attention to detail
- Good natured team player, comfortable collaborating with diverse types of people
- Expertise with computer programs such as Excel, Access, Word, Publisher, Power Point, and Wordpress; preferably some experience in graphic design programs
- Willing and able to perform heavy physical labor including digging, wading, handling plants and lifting up to 50 pounds in all kinds of weather
- 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)
- Preferred qualifications: GIS/GPS knowledge and experience, knowledge of salmon habitat needs, restoration techniques and native plant identification

Schedule

This is an 11-month AmeriCorps position starting October 1, 2018, and ending September 6, 2019. Members are expected to serve 40 hours over five days each week.

WCC AmeriCorps member benefits

Members will receive a biweekly paycheck equal to Washington state minimum wage, in addition to the AmeriCorps Education Award (\$5,920) upon completion of term. Basic health insurance and qualified loan forbearance is available. In addition, all 300 WCC members gather three times a year for professionally-taught, career-transferable trainings. Read more about training opportunities and a full list of benefits on the [WCC website](#).

Application process

Please complete both required steps:

1. Submit WCC online application accessible from the [WCC website](#) (select this IP position on application).
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2. Email résumé and cover letter to Olivia Vito at ovito@nosc.org.

About WCC and AmeriCorps

Washington Conservation Corps (WCC) is an AmeriCorps program that creates future leaders through community involvement and mentorship. The program supports more than 350 members and experienced staff statewide who restore critical habitat, build trails, lead volunteers, educate youth, and respond to local and national disasters.

AmeriCorps is a network of local, state, and national service programs that connects over 70,000 Americans each year in intensive service to meet community needs in education, the environment, public safety, health, and homeland security. Learn more on the [WCC website](#).
