

State of Washington
 Dept. of Fish and Wildlife
 invites applications for the position of:
SCIENTIFIC TECHNICIAN 2 *08253W

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 Working for Washington State

SALARY: \$2,426.00 - \$3,135.00 Monthly

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DESCRIPTION:



Our Mission
 To preserve, protect and perpetuate fish, wildlife and ecosystems while providing sustainable fish and wildlife recreational and commercial opportunities.

Vision
 Conservation of Washington's fish and wildlife resources and ecosystems.

The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) is dedicated to protecting native fish and wildlife, and providing sustainable fishing, hunting, and wildlife, viewing opportunities for millions of residents and visitors. Working throughout the state, WDFW's employees: field biologists, enforcement officers, land stewards, lab technicians, customer service representatives and others – manage hundreds of fish and wildlife species, maintain nearly a million acres of public wildlife lands, provide opportunities for recreational and commercial fishing, wildlife viewing and hunting, protect and restore habitat and enforce laws that protect fish and wildlife resources. Find out more about us and the important work we are a part of at www.wdfw.wa.gov.

**Scientific Technician 2
 (Seasonal)**

The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife is recruiting to fill a career seasonal Scientific Technician 2 position working for the Wildlife Program, Region 1. The duty station is 1049 Port Way, Clarkston, Washington (Asotin County) with travel in the localized area.

The seasonal employment period is 9 months long and it is to start September 16, 2013.

This position conducts field work associated with the Hells Canyon Initiative bighorn sheep project. This is a cooperative project with Idaho Department of Fish and Game, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, US Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, and WDFW. The project conducts population and disease research on bighorn sheep, attempting to reestablish healthy bighorn sheep herds in Hells Canyon. Position will assist in captures and monitor herds in the southeast portion of Washington, Northeastern Oregon, and Idaho. Each of the three states contributes technical expertise and staff to achieving the stated goals, this is Washington's contribution.

DUTIES:

- Obtaining visual ground locations of radio-marked bighorn sheep; locates and monitors individual animals via ground and air surveys; carries backpack with equipment and supplies;

- Monitors recruitment and productivity of multiple herds;
- Visually locate radio-tagged bighorn sheep by air;
- Locate mortalities, retrieve carcasses and/or perform necropsies;
- Assist with captures and biological sampling;
- Perform data-entry and management; performs data analysis;
- Performs routine maintenance on equipment such as field truck, telemetry equipment, etc.; arranges for repairs;
- Interacts professionally with landowners, farmers and ranchers;
- Coordinate activities between supervisor and project coordinator working for Idaho Fish and Game.

QUALIFICATIONS:

Graduation from high school or GED, including one year of high school science and two years of experience as a Scientific Technician 1.

OR

Graduation from high school or GED including one year of high school science and two years of laboratory or field experience as an assistant to a biologist, chemist, or zoologist.

College course work involving major study in biology, zoology, fisheries, chemistry, natural sciences, or closely allied field will substitute, year for year, for experience, provided the course work includes at least six semester or nine quarter hours of natural science classes.

Possess a valid Washington or other State Driver's License

The best qualified applicant with demonstrate experience, knowledge and abilities in the following areas:

- Radio-telemetry experience.
- Microsoft Office proficiency.
- Self-reliance and self-motivation.
- Ability and willingness to conduct telemetry flights.
- Ability to carry a backpack weighing approximately 40 pounds.

Preferred/Desired Qualifications:

- ArcGIS software competency.
- Ability conduct long telemetry flights without experiencing motion sickness that inhibits job duties.
- Willingness and ability to work alone in steep remote country.
- Persistence in insuring the required data is collected.
- Bachelors of Science degree.
- Demonstrate proficiency using radio receiver, GPS, Microsoft office, and working solo in remote locations.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION:

Working Conditions

Independent field work; works outside in all weather conditions, on uneven and steep terrain approximately 85% of time; encounters poisonous plants, insects, reptiles; requires telemetry flights in small fixed wing aircraft; little to no long-distance travel required; will participate in ground captures and requires large animal handling experience; work schedule is Monday - Thursday, ten-hours per day, some weekend work will occur.

To apply for this position you MUST complete your profile at www.careers.wa.gov and attach the following to your profile before completing the online application:

A cover letter describing how you meet the qualifications of this position (generic cover letter will not be accepted)

A current resume (please make it succinct)

Three professional references (personal references do not count as professional)

Please note: Failure to follow the above application instructions will lead to disqualification. E-mailed documents will not be accepted in lieu of attaching your documents to the online profile.

Upon submission of your online application, you will immediately receive a confirming e-mail. You will then be notified via e-mail of your status during the process. In addition to the e-mail notifications, you can check the

status of your application at any time by visiting your online profile at www.careers.wa.gov. Due to the high volume of applications that we receive, we ask your understanding and encourage you to use the online process and avoid calling for information.

The Department of Fish and Wildlife is an equal opportunity employer. We strive to create a working environment that includes and respects cultural, racial, ethnic, sexual orientation and gender identity diversity. Women, racial and ethnic minorities, persons of disability, persons over 40 years of age, disabled and Vietnam era veterans and people of all sexual orientations and gender identities are encouraged to apply. Persons needing accommodation in the application process or this announcement in an alternative format may call (360) 902-2276 or the Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TDD) at (800) 833-6388.

SCIENTIFIC TECHNICIAN 2 *08253W Supplemental Questionnaire

- * 1. What best describes your level of education you have successfully completed?
 - High school diploma or GED
 - Associate degree
 - Bachelor's degree
 - Master's degree or higher
 - None of the above

- * 2. What is your major area of college study? If multiple degrees, please list each degree and major. If no college study or degree, please list work experience performing activities closely comparable to the key responsibilities of this position. Please do not list your resume again.

- * 3. Are you willing and able to work in all weather conditions, including snow and extreme heat or cold, and over difficult terrain including slippery rocks, steep banks, and mud?
 - Yes No

- * 4. Are you willing and able to walk, bend, squat, twist, stoop, and reach arms over head often on uneven terrain while at times carrying or operating heavy equipment or tools?
 - Yes No

- * 5. Are you willing and able to load and transport equipment and gear weighing over 40 pounds over uneven terrain?
 - Yes No

- 6. Are you willing and able to work non-scheduled hours including evenings and weekends?
 - Yes No

- * 7. Are you willing and able to able to conduct long telemetry flights without experiencing motion sickness?
 - Yes No

- * 8. What best describes your level of proficiency using Radio-telemetry.
 - Beginner
 - Intermediate
 - Advanced
 - I am not proficient in the use of Radio-telemetry

- * 9. What best describes your level of proficiency using a PC.
 - Beginner
 - Intermediate
 - Advanced
 - I am not proficient in the use of a PC

- * 10. Have you been convicted of a misdemeanor or felony within the last (10) years?
(Answering yes will not automatically bar you from employment)
 - Yes No

- * 11. Do you possess a valid Washington State, or other state, driver's license? (If selected for an interview, you may be asked to furnish your license and driving record.)
 - Yes No

- * 12. Please verify that you have included the following information in your online application:
1) A chronological resume OR a completed online profile that includes education and employment history 2) A detailed cover letter describing how you meet the qualifications for this position. 3) Detailed responses to all supplemental questions. 4) Three professional references.
 - Yes No

- * Required Question