

Seasonal Dive & Field Technician Position Description

Olympia Oyster and Bull Kelp Habitat Recovery Programs



[Puget Sound Restoration Fund](#) (PSRF) works to restore abundant marine resources and our connections to them through a diverse portfolio of in-the-water projects throughout Puget Sound. The main focus of our restoration is living marine habitat and species, using structure forming species (Olympia oysters, bull kelp) and habitat enhancing species (pinto abalone). Another focus of our restoration is maintaining and recovering clean water in shellfish growing areas and developing mitigation strategies for ocean acidification. We are dedicated to measurably improving conditions in Puget Sound through: improved water quality, increased abundance of native species, additional acres of restored habitat, enhanced ecological benefits, and re-forged connections with healthy marine resources. Long-term, we work to restore and maintain a healthy marine system that feeds and sustains us all. Our team of 15 staff works to advance our mission of designing, testing and spearheading in-water actions to restore Puget Sound's marine habitats, species, and waters – for people and place.

PSRF seeks a Habitat Programs Technician to provide core capacity for our Olympia Oyster and Bull Kelp Habitat Restoration Programs. They will have a wide range of responsibilities, supporting the Olympia Oyster and Bull Kelp Habitat Recovery Programs team to advance habitat recovery programs goals. The Technician will work directly with our Habitat team staff to develop and implement restoration projects, monitoring campaigns and applied research in the laboratory and field. The Technician's responsibilities include logistics support, materials sourcing and acquisition, minor fabrication, equipment/apparatus development and construction with a variety of materials, assistance with biological surveys and studies, including sample collection, preservation, and processing, data collection and archiving in both field and laboratory settings. Field work occurs in various locations across Puget Sound, and involves work on beaches, from small boats, and with SCUBA. As field activities are scheduled in accordance with the tides, the Technician is expected to periodically work odd hours, longer than 8-hr days and during inclement weather. Most field work is done in teams, but occasionally is done independently, safety permitting. PSRF is a team environment, and they will have support from the Habitat Team and other PSRF staff to ensure tasks are successfully accomplished.

This is a full-time, temporary position from approximately June 1 - Sept 30; pay is \$22/hour. The Habitat Programs Technician will receive PSRF's suite of competitive benefits. The location of the position is variable across a variety of field sites throughout Puget Sound. The person will be expected to be at the PSRF main office on Bainbridge Island (8001 Day Road West, Ste. B, Bainbridge Island, WA) a minimum of 2 days per week, with the option to work remotely for other non-fieldwork days.

Responsibilities

- Participate in SCUBA, snorkeling and paddleboard-based fieldwork
- Participate in intertidal fieldwork
- Assist with sample processing in a laboratory setting
- Organize, prep, clean, and maintain field gear and equipment
- Contribute to planning fieldwork logistics
- Assist with data entry and management

Minimum Requirements

- AAUS Certified Diver with cold-water diving experience

- Comfortable lifting and carrying 50 lbs
- Comfortable working in adverse weather conditions
- Ability to walk on uneven surfaces
- Must be at least 21 years old, have proof of full COVID-19 vaccination
- Must have a valid driver's license and access to reliable transportation to move throughout the greater Puget Sound region
- Ability to prepare written communications and perform data recording/entry

Recommended Qualifications

- 1 year professional experience in the natural sciences or related technical vocation (e.g., resource management, fisheries) OR a Bachelor's Degree or working to complete a Bachelor's Degree in an appropriate field of science or technology
- 100 or more lifetime logged dives and 12 or more logged dives in the past year
- Familiarity with common Salish Sea intertidal and subtidal species ID
- Experience using common software applications such as Word, Excel, Google Drive
- Demonstrated experience with microscopy, general laboratory equipment and procedures

PSRF recognizes that people build skills through all sorts of experiences, and welcome applicants with a wide variety of backgrounds. We warmly welcome candidates from backgrounds that are underrepresented in marine science and restoration to apply. PSRF seeks to create an inclusive and equitable work environment at PSRF and in our work with partners, and are committed to supporting and retaining staff. All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, national origin, age, protected veteran or disabled status, or genetic information.

To apply

Please email a resume and cover letter to Jodie Toft (jodie@restorationfund.org) by April 20th, 2022.