Please note:

- There is **no** housing available for any of these positions.

Duty station: Ridgefield, WA. 5525 S 11th St - Google Maps

2 position ~ 4.5 month duration - approximately 8/1/25-12/15/25, 40 hrs/Wk

Fall Chinook VSP Monitoring – Stream Surveys

Conduct weekly spawning ground surveys by foot and pontoon raft on Washougal, EF Lewis, Kalama, and White Salmon rivers. Identify and enumerate adult salmonids (live and dead) and redds; use handheld GPS devices to mark redd locations. Collect biological data and samples from carcasses. Apply and/or recover external tags/marks from carcasses.

2 positions ~ 4.5 month duration - approximately 8/15/25-12/31/25, 40 hrs/Wk

Fall Chinook VSP Monitoring – Washougal Weir Operations- 8/15/25 – 10/31/25

Chum BiOp Project – Mainstem Columbia River and upper Tributaries - 11/1/25-12/31/25

Operate and maintain a resistance board weir on the Washougal River. Handle and sort live adult ESA-listed salmonids by species, gender, and mark. Apply Floy tags and opercula marks. Collect biological data (fork length, gender, mark) and samples (scales and DNA). Collect coded wire tags from surplus Chinook. Daily set-up, operation, and tear down of a Whooshh fish transport system. Use Toughpad computers with Microsoft Access designed forms to record data in the field. Identify and enumerate adult salmonids (live and dead) and redds; use handheld GPS devices to mark redd locations. Collect biological data and samples from both live and dead adult salmonids. Apply and/or recover external tags/marks from carcasses. Assist with seining to collect chum salmon broodstock for supplementation programs. Collect data needed to estimate adult spawner abundance via live and carcass mark/recapture tagging, weirs and traps, and stream surveys. Assist with spawning activities at hatchery facilities.

2 positions ~3 month duration approximately 8/1/25-10/31/25, 40 hrs/wk

South Fork Toutle Weir Operations

Construct, install, operate and remove a floating panel weir and adult salmon trap box on the South Fork Toutle River. Handle and sort live adult ESA-listed salmonids by species, gender, and mark. Apply Floy tags and opercula marks. Collect biological data (fork length, gender, mark) and samples (scales and DNA). Collect coded wire tags from surplus Chinook. Use Toughpad computers with Microsoft Access designed forms to record data in the field.

4 positions ~ 3 month duration approximately 8/1/25 - 10/31/25, 40 hrs/wk

Fall Fisheries Monitoring (Alternative Gear Monitoring, Fishery sampling, and Coho Tanglenet Observations)

Conduct observations and monitoring of alternative commercial fishing gear such as purse seines, beach seines, and pound nets, and commercial coho tangle net fisheries in the lower Columbia River. Conduct observations and monitoring of test fishing operations for tangle net research in the lower Columbia River. Observers record catch and release information on Chinook and coho salmon and steelhead as well as other by-catch. Additionally, duties may include assisting with the commercial and sport sampling process collecting coded wire tags, biological data and genetic samples for Treaty and non-Treaty fisheries.

1 position ~3.5 month duration – approximately 7/16/25 - 10/31/25, 40 hrs/wk

Modrow Weir Operations

Assist with weir cleaning, maintenance, and removal. Handle and sort live ESA-listed salmonids species, gender, and fin mark. Apply an external mark (operculum mark) to unclipped Chinook for the mark recapture study. Use a Toughpad computer with Microsoft Access designed forms to enter data collected from salmonids in real-time at the weir and hatcheries. Collect coded wire tags, biological and genetic samples from fish carcasses at the weir, Kalama Falls and Fallert Creek hatcheries. Assist hatchery staff as needed.

2 positions ~ 3 month duration – approximately 8/1/25-10/31/25, 40 hrs/Wk

CWT Sport Creel and Fishery Sampling, SGS

Conduct creel surveys on the Columbia River and tributaries. Monitor mark-selective fisheries and sample salmonids, steelhead and sturgeon. Interview anglers and record data for estimating catch of target and non-target species onto electronic devices. Collect biological data from fish, including species, coded-wire-tags, PIT tags, DNA, fork length, scales, and clip-status. Assist with non-Treaty and Treaty commercial fishery sampling and hatchery broodstock programs. Participate on spawning ground surveys by jet boat and foot.

3 positions ~ 3 month duration – approximately 8/1/25-10/31/25, 40 hrs/Wk

PST Sport Creel, Commercial Fishery and Hatchery Sampling, SGS

Conduct creel surveys on the Columbia River and tributaries. Monitor mark-selective fisheries and sample salmonids, steelhead and sturgeon. Interview anglers and record data for estimating catch of target and non-target species onto electronic devices. Collect biological data from fish, including species, coded-wire-tags, PIT tags, DNA, fork length, scales, and clip-status. Assist with non-Treaty and Treaty commercial fishery sampling and hatchery broodstock programs. Participate on spawning ground surveys by jet boat and foot.

1 position ~ 3 month duration – approximately 8/1/25-10/31/25, 40 hours/Wk

MA Sport Creel, Commercial Fishery and Hatchery Sampling, SGS

Conduct creel surveys on the Columbia River and tributaries. Monitor mark-selective fisheries and sample salmonids, steelhead and sturgeon. Interview anglers and record data for estimating catch of target and non-target species onto electronic devices. Collect biological data from fish, including species, coded-wire-tags, PIT tags, DNA, fork length, scales, and clip-status. Assist with non-Treaty and Treaty commercial fishery sampling and hatchery broodstock programs. Participate on spawning ground surveys by jet boat and foot.

1 position ~ 3 month duration – approximately 9/1/25 - 11/30/25, 40 hrs/Wk

NF Lewis River salmon monitoring

The primary responsibilities of this role include conducting weekly spawning ground/carcass surveys for adult Chinook salmon on the lower mainstem NF Lewis River and assisting in the daily operation of an adult fish weir and trap on Cedar Creek, a tributary of the NF Lewis River. Duties involve handling live adults and carcasses, collecting biological samples, applying tags for mark-recapture, and contributing to a project that has been monitoring the largest wild Chinook salmon population in the lower Columbia River Basin for nearly five decades. The data collected inform annual abundance estimates and other key metrics used to assess the status, trends, threats, and recovery goals for ESA-listed Chinook salmon.

Duty Station: Kelso, WA 804 Allen St - Google Maps
Please note:

- There is **no** housing available for this position.

1 position ~ 6 month duration – approximately 8/1/25 – 1/31/26, 40 hrs/Wk
Coweeman Weir Operations – approximately 8/1/25-10/31/25, 40 hrs/Wk
IMW- Coho Spawning Ground Surveys – approximately 11/1/2025-1/31/2026, 40 hrs/Wk

Construct, install, operate, and remove a floating panel weir and adult salmon trap box. Inspect, clean, and maintain weir and trap structure to fish effectively. Use a long beach seine as needed to collect adults that hold below the weir without self-recruiting into the trap. Collect biological data and samples (fork length, gender, mark, scales, DNA) from captured live salmon and steelhead, and apply Floy tags and operculum punches to unclipped Chinook. Use Toughpad computer with Microsoft Access designed forms to enter data collected from adult salmonids in real-time at the weir site. Assisting with onshore sampling of a commercial gillnet fishery that occurs in Deep River. Collecting data from adult salmonids as they are offloaded from commercial fishing boats. Data collected include species, weight, length, mark status, coded-wire tag status and snout collection, DNA, and scale samples. Conduct spawning ground surveys by foot on IMW creeks for Coho (Nov 1 to Jan 31).

Duty Station: Cathlamet, WA Beaver Creek Hatchery - Google Maps
Please note:

- There is **no** housing available for any of these positions.
- Cathlamet, located in Wahkiakum County, has a low population density compared to Kelso and Ridgefield duty stations.

2 positions: ~5.5 month duration - approximately 07/16/25-12/31/25 40 hr/wk
3 positions: ~4.5 month duration - approximately 08/16/25-12/31/25 40hr/wk
1 positions: ~4.0 month duration - approximately 09/01/25-12/31/25 40hr/wk

-Assisting with installation, maintenance, and trapping operations a weir site on Elochoman River. Handling and sorting live ESA-listed adult salmonids by species (Chinook, coho, steelhead, chum), sex, mark status. Collecting samples from, and applying external tags/marks (FLOY tags, gill operculum punches) to live fish. Using a Microsoft-based tablet to record real-time data at weir sites.
-Conducting weekly spawning ground surveys by foot and by pontoon-raft with rowing frame in Grays River, Elochoman River, Skamokawa Creek, and tributaries. Identifying and enumerating live and dead adult salmonids. Identifying and collecting GPS locations of redds. Collecting biological data/samples from carcasses (species, length, sex, mark, coded-wire tag status, scale samples, tissue samples, otoliths). Applying and/or recovering external tags/marks from carcasses. Entering all data in the field real-time using iPads.
-Assisting with onshore sampling of a commercial gillnet fishery that occurs in Deep River. Collecting data from adult salmonids as they are offloaded from commercial fishing boats. Data collected include species, sex, weight, length, mark status, coded-wire tag status, and scale samples.
-Assisting with broodstock collection for a chum supplementation project in Grays River. Using various methods, collecting live adult chum salmon and assisting with transporting them to hatchery for spawning.

4 positions ~3 month duration approximately 8/1/25-10/31/25, 40 hrs/wk
Germany Creek and Grays River Weirs

Construct, install, operate and remove a floating panel weir and adult salmon trap box on the Germany Creek. Handle and sort live adult ESA-listed salmonids by species, gender, and mark. Apply Floy tags and opercula marks. Collect biological data (fork length, gender, mark) and samples (scales and DNA).

Collect coded wire tags from surplus Chinook. Use Toughpad computers with Microsoft Access designed forms to record data in the field. Collect brood stock via seining for hatchery programs.