

Position: WATERSHED STEWARD (AmeriCorps)
Organizations: Cascade Columbia Fisheries Enhancement Group
Trout Unlimited's Washington Water Project
Location: Wenatchee, WA
Duration: September 7, 2011-July 31, 2012

Cascade Columbia Fisheries Enhancement Group (CCFEG) in partnership with the Washington Water Project of Trout Unlimited (TU) is seeking a qualified and motivated person, to serve as WATERSHED STEWARD, who will help advance the mission of these organizations through several collaborative projects

We are seeking an individual interested in natural resource management, stewardship and community involvement. The position will assist CCFEG/TU develop and implement fishery restoration and water acquisition projects. In addition, the position will conduct outreach, help develop an environmental education program and build membership programs. CCFEG/TU are collaborating on four primary project areas: 1) Salmon in the Classroom, 2) General Education/Outreach/Membership Development, 3) Nutrient Enhancement Study and 4) Restoration Projects.

These objectives will further the collaboration between CCFEG/TU, increase capacity to sustain these efforts, as well as directly contribute to our efforts at Salmon Recovery. CCFEG/TU offices are located within one block of each other in downtown Wenatchee, WA. The member's time will be divided evenly between both organizations. While partnership projects are the primary focus, there will be additional activities which serve the mission of each organization individually.

The goal of this position will be to develop/implement volunteer and membership programs which further the mission of each organization and the collaborative partnership projects.

The objectives are:

- 1) Develop a volunteer-sustained Salmon in the Classroom program for seven 4th grade classrooms in schools from Wenatchee, Eastmont and Chelan School districts.
- 2) Conduct outreach at specific community events, recruit volunteers/members.
- 3) Assist in TU Chapter and membership involvement.
- 4) Assist in restoration projects.
- 5) Conduct public records research in aid of water transactions work.

A sample of activities within the TU portion of the week may include: coordinating salmon in the classroom, flow monitoring, water rights research and public outreach/outreach planning.

A sample of a CCFEG week's may include: project coordination, assisting director in communications program and education/outreach.

This position is a new opportunity within the organizations and will support our collaborative projects as well as organization specific projects, while directly reporting to the WWPTU Project Manager & CCFEG Executive Director. This position will carry out

specific assigned duties not already assigned to existing staff, assist in the development of new programs (volunteer, outreach and education, membership) and newly initiated collaborative projects.

CCFEG spans the diverse geographic and demographic area of North Central Washington (NCW). Our target audience includes anyone living, working, or recreating within the watersheds of NCW. Regional economic and environmental vitality depends on the health of our watersheds and fishery resources. Over the past century the waterways of NCW have been used for economic gain i.e. hydro power, agricultural, logging/log transport, municipal water, and other extractive/resource intensive activities. During the 20th century these activities were the driver behind economic growth and settlement patterns of the Columbia Basin. These practices also led to the listing of several fish species under the Endangered Species Act. The long term sustainability of water and aquatic resources were an afterthought. Now we must find implement more sustainable practices for the benefit of the local economy and the environment on which it depends. Our restoration projects are voluntary in nature, and have been through a rigorous technical and citizen review process.

The Washington Water Project of Trout Unlimited (TU), provides common sense, community based restoration and protection of Washington's rivers and streams. Our work supports healthy ecosystems that can sustain both human and environmental needs well into the future for all NCW residents. The active involvement of our 15 Washington chapters contributed 16,500 hours in 2010, in activities ranging from hands-on stream restoration to environmental education activities for youth. The programs we have development and this project we have proposed in collaboration with CCFEG, will contribute to building long term support for sustainable solutions, changed practices and aid in our efforts for salmon recovery in NCW.

We will utilize the recently developed "Guide to Outreach and Education in the Wenatchee and Entiat Watersheds" document to help orient our Americorps member and to identify/support outreach and educational events and programs.

For more information and to apply: <http://www.intermountainac.com/SET.htm>

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