

VALDEZ FISHERIES DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION
SOLOMON GULCH HATCHERY



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JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

Position: Fish Tech III / Harvester Operator

Location: Solomon Gulch Hatchery / Robe Lake, Valdez, AK.

Posting date: April 21, 2021 – Open until filled

Are you looking for a fun, challenging and rewarding job in one of the most beautiful and scenic places in Alaska? Do you enjoy working outdoors and on the water and possess strong equipment operator and mechanical skills? VFDA is looking for a qualified applicant to fill its Fish Tech III / Harvester Operator position.

Organization:

Valdez Fisheries is a private non-profit association dedicated to enhancing salmon fisheries and developing renewable fisheries resources in Prince William Sound. VFDA operates the Solomon Gulch Hatchery, which is a modern, large production facility, culturing 270 million pink and 2 million coho salmon eggs. Recognizing that Robe Lake is an important part of the Valdez ecosystem, VFDA operates an aquatic marine harvester to remove vegetation from the mouth of Robe River, the lake and its creek to ensure that the returning salmon have access to the gravel beds necessary to spawn. VFDA also manages a small educational seafood processing plant and cold storage to facilitate economic development with local fishermen and develop fisheries resources.

Job description:

Under the direct supervision of the Administrative Coordinator and in coordination with the Hatchery Manager, the Fish Tech III / Harvester Operator will operate VFDA's aquatic harvester to remove vegetation from the mouth of Robe River, the lake and its creeks to ensure that the returning salmon have access to the gravel beds necessary to spawn. This position will also perform the preventative maintenance of the harvester.

Essential job functions:

- Knowledge and skill in operating various types of light, medium and heavy equipment.
- Knowledge of preventive maintenance requirements and procedures.
- Knowledge of traffic rules and regulations and safe operation of equipment.
- Ability to make independent decisions as situation dictates in accordance with established policies and procedures and based on the needs of the company.
- Ability to take and follow directions from your supervisor.
- Ability to perform strenuous and routine work while working independent or in cooperation with others.
- Ability to maintain a valid Driver's License and a good driving record.

- Ability to maintain harmonious and effective working relationships with other employees.
- Ability to project a positive and professional image of Valdez Fisheries Development Association.
- Ability to maintain good health and physical condition to permit the full performance of the duties of the position.
- Perform other related duties as required.

Qualifications: Minimum required

- Education: High school Diploma or G.E.D.
- At least one (1) year work experience operating heavy, medium and light duty equipment.
- Valid Driver's License with no restrictions.
- Must work well under pressure and demonstrates general employment skills, which include reporting to work on time, following workplace rules, listening and following directions, and having the ability to communicate and work effectively with co-workers.

Work Conditions: The Fish Tech III / Harvester Operator will be exposed to cold and wet conditions frequently. High noise levels while operating equipment (proper PPE provided). Requires performing duties on and adjacent to cold water in the aquatic weed harvester where personal flotation devices are required. The ability to swim is desired.

Hazards: Exposure to fumes such as gas and diesel; sharp objects; and power tools. Potential hazard of hypothermia when working on water.

Compensation: This is a seasonal, exempt (agriculture) position starting at \$21.25/hr.

Contact:

Send a VFDA general application to Valdez Fisheries Development Association, Inc. at the above e-mail address; Attention: Human Resource Department - Additional copies may be sent by mail or FAX.