

VALDEZ FISHERIES DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

SOLOMON GULCH HATCHERY

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JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

Position: Fish Tech II / Otolith Recovery Technician (seasonal)
Location: Valdez Fisheries Development Association, Valdez, AK.
Anticipated start date: 7/16/2021

Are you looking for a fun, challenging and rewarding job in one of the most beautiful and scenic places in Alaska? Valdez Fisheries Development Association, Inc. is looking for seasonal staff to fill our Otolith Recovery Technician positions.

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. VFDA also manages a small educational seafood processing plant and cold storage to facilitate economic development with local fishermen and develop fisheries resources. VFDA has 12 full time employees and up to 50 seasonal employees and is located within the municipality of Valdez Alaska.

Job description:

Under the general supervision of the Hatchery Manager, the Otolith Recovery Technician will systematically collect otoliths from commercially harvested salmon at periodic intervals as the fish are being processed. This is usually done using a timed signal (for example, once every 5 minutes); the employee will remove the otoliths from the selected fish and place the otoliths in a sample tray and receive direction and daily task assignments from a State of Alaska Department of Fish and Game representative. This is a seasonal, agriculture exempt, hourly position with some extended hours required.

Essential Job Functions

1. Collecting otolith samples and labeling each tray with harvest information: tender load, date, district and processor.
2. Checking with the processing plants on a near daily basis for preliminary delivery poundage and delivery times for tenders.
3. Delivering the sample data sheets and otolith samples to the ADF&G representative.
4. Performs other duties as required.

Qualifications: Minimum required

1. Education — High school graduate or equivalent preferred.
2. Experience -Two years experience in a similar position, preferably in a hatchery environment or within fisheries.

Additional Desirable Qualifications

Must have the ability to communicate and work effectively with co-workers. This position is physically strenuous. Must have ability to: tolerate long periods of walking or standing; lift equipment and supplies weighing up to 25 pounds, push and pull objects independently and in conjunction with others; bend and stoop frequently; use hands and arms to manipulate small objects with accuracy. The ability to swim is desired. Must be able to hear alarms and other auditory warnings, see detail, such as fish anatomy (otolith). Must be able to solve problems and have ability to organize time and carry out duties with a minimum of supervision.

Work Environment

The Otolith Recovery Technician will be exposed to cold and wet conditions frequently. Noise levels are frequently high due to alarm, machinery, and running water. Requires performing duties on and adjacent to cold water in watercraft and on moored structures where personal flotation devices are required. Exposure to sharp objects. Potential hazard of hypothermia when working on water.

Compensation and Application

The Otolith Recovery Technician position starts at \$17.49 / hour (agriculture exempt) position. To apply send a general application to lori.plaster@valdezfisheries.com, or fax to (907) 835-4831 Attn: HR.