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TERRESTRIAL & AQUATIC BIOLOGICAL TECHNICAL ASSISTANTS

Water Quality Services Unit

Number of Summer Positions: 17

Location: Varies throughout Saskatchewan

Hourly Rate: \$16.84

Technical Assistant – Water Quality Services

Location: Saskatoon, SK (2 positions) Competition Number: 2012-WQS-01-02

Location: Regina, SK (1 position) Competition Number: 2012-WQS-03

Date: May 1, 2012 – August 31, 2012

Closing Date: February 24, 2012

The successful candidates will undertake activities in support of water quality monitoring programs including our lake and stream monitoring programs and the Rural Water Quality Advisory Program. Typical duties and responsibilities will include: collecting field data and water samples in accordance with accepted scientific practices; compiling and verifying water quality data collected manually or electronically in accordance with established procedures, ensuring accuracy and security of the information collected; and identifying and reporting data discrepancies and issues to the appropriate personnel. Preference will be given to applicants with a background in biology or environmental engineering.

Technical Assistant – Piping Plovers

Competition Number: 2012-PIPL-01-06

Location: Elbow, SK (4 positions); Beechy, SK (2 positions)

Date: May 1, 2012 – July 31, 2012

Closing Date: February 17, 2012

The successful candidates will locate and monitor Piping Plover nests along the South Saskatchewan River between Saskatchewan Landing and Gardiner Dam. Duties may include: habitat measurements and ground-truthing; collection of spatial data; collection of nesting data; behavioural observations; nest monitoring; predator monitoring; operation and maintenance of data collection equipment; landowner contacts; and data recording, input and analysis. Accommodations will be provided at either Elbow or Beechy.

Technical Assistant – Fisheries

Competition Number: 2012-Fisheries-01-08

Location: Hagen, SK (6 positions); Fishing Lake (2 positions)

Date: May 1, 2012 – August 31, 2012

Closing Date: February 24, 2012

The successful candidates will aid in assessing fisheries habitat and assist in capture, tagging and tracking of Lake Sturgeon in the Saskatchewan River system. Duties for all positions may include: habitat measurements and ground-truthing; collection of spatial data; collection of fisheries data; operation and maintenance of data collection equipment; landowner contacts; and data recording, input and analysis. Due to the nature of the work, a significant amount of travel will be required within the Saskatchewan River area. Accommodations will be provided at either Hagen or Fishing Lake.



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Qualifications and Requirements:

The ideal candidates will be college or university students or recent graduates in wildlife biology or ecology, environmental biology, general biology, natural resources management, or related field. Applicants must have a valid driver's license and be prepared to work irregular hours. Travel, sustenance and accommodations will be provided if required to work outside of headquarters.

Applicants should be able to work outdoors in a variety of climates and conditions and be enthusiastic team players who can relate well with private landowners. Preference will be given to applicants who have previous experience with applicable biological sampling techniques involving the operation of ATVs, electrofishing equipment, and small outboard motor boats. Employees in these positions will routinely work on and around lakes, streams, and other bodies of water.

To Apply:

Please email a cover letter (quoting competition number and preferred location), detailed resume, and post-secondary transcripts (unofficial) by February 24, 2012 to hr@swa.ca. Please indicate competition number in the subject line of your email.

We would like to thank all applicants for their interest; however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

At the Saskatchewan Watershed Authority, we strive for excellence in watershed management and in promoting safe and sustainable water supplies. You will work with a diverse and passionate team of professionals who are leading this challenge. The Saskatchewan Watershed Authority is a Treasury Board Crown Corporation, headquartered in Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan. To learn more about the work we do and this position, visit our website at www.swa.ca.



We value and support Employment Equity and are committed to creating a respectful, diverse working environment.