

Fish Passage Intern

Chesapeake Research Consortium-NOAA Chesapeake Bay Office

The Chesapeake Research Consortium, the NOAA Chesapeake Bay Office (NCBO) Habitat Program, and the NOAA Restoration Center, in cooperation with the Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Fish Passage Program, seek a Summer Intern for the period late May through mid- to late August 2008 to assist with a fish blockage/dam removal prioritization effort in the Maryland portion of the Chesapeake Bay. The primary responsibilities will involve assisting the NOAA Restoration Center and DNR Fish Passage Coordinators with fish passage sampling in subwatersheds of the Potomac and Patuxent Rivers. Other duties will include documenting the presence and/or absence of anadromous fish in Maryland streams; identifying and photodocumenting fish blockages; collecting field data for the fish passage prioritization database; and entering data using MS Excel and/or ArcView GIS.

Applicants should have completed 60 credit hours from an accredited college or university, with a minimum of 18 credits in biology, biochemistry, environmental science, forest technology, arboriculture, aquaculture, natural science, natural resources management, botany, marine biology, marine ecology, physical oceanography, ichthyology, fisheries management, wildlife management, zoology, engineering, or a natural resources management related field of study. Preference will be given to candidates with experience in fish identification and life history. Ideal candidates must be able to work independently with minimal supervision in potentially harsh field conditions (e.g., biting insects, summer heat and humidity, long hours, etc.). Candidates with experience in ArcView, Microsoft Excel, GPS units, and fish sampling devices (including beach-seines, cast nets, and fyke nets) preferred.

The Intern will work at NCBO in Annapolis, MD; access to computers, copiers, and phone services for the position will be provided. The person must be a U.S. citizen and will be reimbursed at the end of each month, for a total of up to \$2,500 for the equivalent of eight weeks of full-time activities (320 hours). The hours will be variable due to the nature of field work. Candidate should be flexible as plans may change due to weather. No benefits or vacation reimbursements will be provided. The candidate must have transportation to and from field sites.

Please submit a short cover letter, résumé, and two references (phone numbers and e-mails) to Dr. Kevin Sellner, CRC, 645 Contees Wharf Road, Edgewater, MD 21037, by April 1, 2008.

