



Kenai Watershed Forum announces an immediate opening for an Invasive Species Program Manager

For immediate release

Job Posting Date July 21, 2016

Job Title: Invasive Species Program Manager

Full-time (40 hours/week)

Pay: \$17- \$19/ hour DOE

A successful applicant may potentially start as soon as August 2, 2016

This is a full time, permanent position with the Kenai Watershed Forum. This position is the lead project manager for the organization's Invasive Species eradication and management program. This position may be funded by various public and private sources through grants, donations and contracts. The person responsible for this position will be expected to manage the current grants that now fund the program but also manage their time to be able to research and generate grants for successive year's operations. This position will be expected to produce reports for each respective project, tabulating and summarizing each project's results. Public presentations on the projects and program are to be expected. Preparing each project after conclusion for web presentation may also be expected.

The program presently has two primary foci: Reed Canarygrass (RCG) management and Elodea eradication. This position collaborates with other partnering agencies and organizations throughout the Kenai Peninsula in addressing invasive species within the many watersheds of the Kenai Peninsula Borough. This position will coordinate work with contractors, staff, volunteers and associated agencies.

Applicants should be able to demonstrate an ability to perform common plant identification endemic to the Kenai Peninsula, particularly aquatic plants.

The person selected for this position should be proficient in working with most basic computer software (MS Office Suite).

Qualifications

- A four-year degree in Life or Physical Sciences is required, a Master's degree is preferred
- At least one year in field data collection experience
- Demonstrated experience in organizational, managerial, and communication skills
- Have a demonstrated knowledge of the Kenai Watershed Forum mission, history, performance and role in the community.

Other duties include:

- Prioritize affected sites and specific actions. Take part in assessment of potentially infected lakes and streams and organize and participate in detection and response measures when possible.
- Schedule all field work/sampling, people and equipment.

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- Lead field work pertaining to all invasive projects
 - Recruit, hire and train work crews
 - Manage volunteers and volunteer projects pertaining to invasive management
 - Coordinate invasive management efforts with partners and granting agencies
 - Oversee, cooperatively, Reed Canarygrass removal and management
 - Oversee Elodea detection, eradication and monitoring
 - Participate on water quality projects
 - Represent Kenai Watershed Forum in the Kenai Peninsula Cooperative Weed Management Area
 - Become familiar with Temperature Loggers and Stream Flow monitoring methods
 - Participate in the Annual Kenai River Festival as a team leader
 - Other duties as assigned

To apply, submit a resume with 3 professional references and other supporting documentation to:

Kenai Watershed Forum
Attention: Executive Director
44129 Sterling Highway
Soldotna, Alaska 99669

First round applications received will be reviewed on August 1, 2016; this recruitment will then remain open until filled.

You may apply via email by submitting to: jack@kenaiwatershed.org

Questions may be sent to jack@kenaiwatershed.org or to Jack Sinclair, Executive Director at 907-260-5449 ext. 1208

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