

Position: Aquatic Reserves Monitoring and Stewardship Coordinator

RE Sources mission is to promote sustainable communities and protect the health of northwest Washington's people and ecosystems through application of science and education. In this position, the Aquatic Reserve Monitoring and Stewardship Coordinator will support our mission by engaging the public through citizen science, educational events, and online education tools to help them better understand the importance of biodiversity and aquatic habitat critical to the health of Puget Sound and to make citizen science data more accessible to the public.

This is an AmeriCorps position. The AmeriCorps member will support the Cherry Point (Whatcom County) and Fidalgo Bay (Skagit County) Aquatic Reserve Citizen Stewardship Committees. These two citizen committees are tasked to help ensure that management actions for their local Aquatic Reserves are implemented in conjunction with WA Department of Natural Resources' objectives. Education and outreach as well as citizen science monitoring are important components of the management plans. Some main components of the stewardship committees include:

- monthly stewardship committee meetings;
- public outreach, engagement, and education about the Aquatic Reserves and their importance for Puget Sound health;
- hosting public education and outreach events;
- organizing citizen science monitoring, including training the public on monitoring procedures and sharing the data with the public.

Responsibilities

- *Volunteer Recruitment for Committees:* Collaborate with local groups to help recruit new and committed Citizen Stewardship committee members and volunteers.
- *Volunteer Recruitment for Citizen Science:* Collaborate with local groups to help recruit new and returning citizen scientists to participate in training workshops and surveys.
- *Classroom Workshops:* Organize citizen science workshops, coordinate trainers and materials needed for workshops, and schedule venues and dates to ensure maximized turnout. Also, work with trainers to update training materials, as needed.
- *Evaluation Surveys:* To ensure that the community's education needs are met for both classroom workshops and educational events, conduct pre- and post-surveys to better understand baseline knowledge, possible barriers to learning, workshop or event successes, and potential improvements for future workshops and events.
- *Action Projects:* Provide ideas, focus, and hands-on support for Citizen Stewardship Committee projects. Action projects will be developed with the guidance of the committees, but may include activities such as beach cleanups, educational beach walks, other citizen science projects, and more.
- *Data Management:* Collect, enter, quality control check, and manage data from participant surveys as well as from citizen science projects. All data will be analyzed and presented to the committees. Citizen science data will be translated into meaningful ways to communicate back to participants and the community to enhance community understanding. Survey data also will help the committee plan and design better future education and outreach events.
- *Acknowledgment:* Contribute to the design and distribution of various forms of acknowledgment for program participants, using community-based social marketing techniques. Examples: highlight dedicated volunteers and committee members to the community and provide ways for the public to get involved.

- *E-Newsletter and Social Media:* Create and implement a communication plan that includes outreach tools such as quarterly e-newsletters to send to a listserv for the Citizen Stewardship Committees and social media content. Content will include resources for citizen scientists, community events, volunteer and stewardship opportunities, information about the Aquatic Reserves, feature stories about on-going projects, and other recognition for participants.

Desired Qualifications

- Experience or familiarity with field data collection and management;
- Experience or familiarity with formal and informal education;
- Experience with program or curriculum development;
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills;
- Ability to exercise flexibility, initiative, good judgment, and discretion;
- Experience working in a computerized office environment with word processing; database and spreadsheet skills sufficient to prepare correspondence and reports; and the willingness to learn and use new computer programs/applications;
- Valid driver's license.

Compensation

This is a full-time, temporary AmeriCorps position. The position is approximately 40 hours per week from October 1, 2020 - August 15, 2021. AmeriCorps provides a benefit and compensation package to all members. Placement is contingent upon funding.

Further, RE Sources provides a flexible working environment and the opportunity to align your values for sustainability with your job.

To Apply

The [online AmeriCorps application](#) must be filled out and submitted to complete hiring process.

AND send a cover letter and résumé to
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Application deadline: July 31st, 2020, or until position has been filled

Please direct any additional questions to:
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