



COLUMBIA RIVER INTER-TRIBAL FISH COMMISSION

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2021 Anadromous Policy Internship (sponsored by the Andrus Scholars Program, Boise State University) June-August 2021 – dates are flexible

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The Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission (CRITFC) was founded in 1977 by the four Columbia River treaty tribes: Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon, Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation, and the Nez Perce Tribe. As an extension of tribal government, CRITFC provides coordination and technical assistance in regional, national, and international efforts to ensure the continuation and restoration of fisheries and protection of treaty rights into perpetuity. The collective ancestral homeland of the four treaty tribes covers nearly one-third of the entire Columbia River Basin within the United States, which includes over half of the area still accessible to anadromous fish.

SUMMARY OF POSITION

The 2021 Anadromous Policy Intern will research and synthesize a variety of topics relevant to Columbia River Basin anadromous fish, fisheries, and fisheries policy. A focal point will be creating improved synergy between the Columbia River estuary/plume and inland tribal efforts toward rebuilding or reintroducing anadromous fish populations. CRITFC recently acquired stewardship of the Center for Coastal Margin Observation and Prediction (CMOP), which has pioneered infrastructure for the observation and simulation of flows and ecosystems within the Columbia River estuary. Integrating new research opportunities in the estuary with existing tribal fisheries programs and policy is essential.

DUTIES

- **Research and assessment:** Identify, compile and review relevant tribal, federal, and state reports/plans, peer-reviewed journal articles, and “gray literature” with an emphasis on the Columbia River estuary/plume;
- **Develop Outreach Plan:** Develop a list of state, federal, tribal, and NGO contacts relevant to CRITFC and Columbia River estuary;
 - Explore opportunities for virtual meetings to discuss Columbia River estuary topics, collaboration, and future projects;
- **Fieldwork:** If the opportunity arises, join CRITFC/Tribal personnel in the field to gain further experience on fish, fishery, and habitat issues within the Columbia River Basin.

POSITION REQUIREMENTS

Skills needed:

Strong analytical, writing, and organization skills. Must be a self-starter. Degree seekers in fisheries, environmental science, or natural resource policy are desired.

What you will learn:

A primary goal of the Anadromous Policy Internship is to provide students, or recent graduates, with the opportunity to experience the dynamic intersection of policy, ecology, and culture in Columbia Basin Fisheries Management. Intern will gain multiple perspectives through interacting and networking with a diverse array of tribal, state, federal, and NGO professionals. Through these interactions, interns will develop greater insight into the biological, political, cultural, and social complexities of managing highly migratory fish across multiple jurisdictions and ecosystems.

Hours:

The internship is approximately 10 weeks in length, from June to August, for 25 hours per week. Although the schedule is flexible, it will include some weekends and evenings. Ability to routinely and effectively telework from a personal workstation is necessary due to the COVID-19 pandemic.