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Swinomish Tribal Community

A Federally Recognized Indian Tribe Organized Pursuant to 25 U.S.C. § 476

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JOB DESCRIPTION

Job Title: Community Environmental Health Conservationist

Job Summary:

The Community Environmental Health Conservationist will support the implementation and maintenance of the 13 Moons garden lands and wild foraging areas using a first foods and medicines foundation that promotes environmental health awareness and understanding within the community. This position will be part of the Community Environmental Health Program, with some duties performed in coordination with the SRSC native plant nursery and the Swinomish Wildlife program. This is a full-time position. Preference will be given to Swinomish community members who have experience with first foods and medicine plant work. The position is entirely grant-funded and therefore contingent on grant fund availability. This position is directly supervised by the Environmental Community Health Analyst, with oversight by the Medical Director.

REPRESENTATIVE ESSENTIAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Assist in implementation, expansion and maintenance of the 13 Moons community garden areas with Community Environmental Health Program staff.
- Work with SRSC's native plant nursery to propagate, plant, and monitor native plant species for future use in wild harvest and 13 Moons environmental health education opportunities and participate in salmon restoration projects as needed.
- Work with the Swinomish Wildlife program to monitor wildlife species in order to coordinate 13 Moons environmental health education opportunities.
- Assist in developing and implementing environmental health curriculum based on the Swinomish 13 moons calendar to promote environmental health.
- Assist in monitoring and tracking non-native species in harvestable areas of traditional native species to protect these resources.
- Assist wildlife staff with monitoring on reservation wildlife through a remote camera network.
- Assist with community updates in regards to wildlife of interest.

Other Duties:

Because of the Tribe's commitment to community service and the well-being of its members, each employee may be expected to perform a wide range of office and field duties from time to time. Such duties may or may not be related to the employee's regular responsibilities.

Education, Experience and Training (required and preferred):

- High school diploma or GED.

- Experience propagating, managing and monitoring first food and medicines.
- Experience with gas-powered equipment is preferred.
- Valid Washington driver's license.
- Willingness to work hard, listen well, and be part of a team.
- Preference is given to Swinomish community members.
- Must be able to pass a drug test and background check.
- Knowledge of Lushootseed would be beneficial to help with 13 Moons translations.

Skills/Knowledge/Abilities helpful but not required:

Knowledge of: Environmental health issues that the Swinomish Tribe is facing, the 13 Moons calendar, first foods and medicines of the Coast Salish Indigenous peoples, working with community and youth, current Indigenous environmental health research topics, and working for the Swinomish Indian Tribal Community.

Skills in: Cooperative work environments, oral communication, prioritizing workload and adapting to changes in work load demands, maintaining confidentiality on sensitive matters, following through on assignments as directed, conducting research on a specific work assignment, and working outside/ in the field rain or shine.

Physical Requirements:

This position involves physical labor for implementation and maintenance of the 13 Moons gardens and wild harvest areas. Continuously uses vision. Must be able to walk on uneven terrain and spend an entire work day outside. Must be able physically able to kneel, squat, or sit to work in the 13 Moons garden and in wild harvest areas. Occasionally lifts up to 40 lbs.