



MIRAMICHI SALMON ASSOCIATION

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Student Field Technician Position 2022

Job Overview

From May to early June, students will be responsible for assisting crew leaders with our smolt programs. This work involves lifting and assembling smolt wheels in the river, collecting and sorting smolts from our smolt wheel, tagging and handling fish, transporting them as necessary, and ensuring their safe recovery/release. Detailed field notes must also be recorded, and equipment properly maintained. Students may be required to help download tracking data from receivers in the river. The MSA stocking program will take place in June, where the students will release salmon fry back into the Miramichi watershed. In July students will help with assessments and follow-up work on our cold-water habitat/seeep restorations projects. Temperature readings, fish presence, and habitat data will all be recorded and analyzed. Students will assist in a juvenile density program during the month of August which includes electrofishing surveys. Having a driver's licence, First Aid, and/or a boat license are not a requirement but are considered a great asset. Job postings are based on available funding which can result in different start times throughout the summer. Hours of this job position typically run Monday to Friday, 8:00 am to 4:30 pm, with the occasional weekend. There may be occasional variable hours according to field work duties.

Mentor Info

Students will be supervised primarily by the MSA Biologist, but also by the Assistant Hatchery Manager. Students will be trained (person-to-person) in fish identification, proper data collection, tagging techniques, fish handling and husbandry skills, and boat safety. Student may also have the opportunity to collaborate and learn from DFO technicians in the field. The MSA has a COVID-19 operation plan and follows all public health guidelines. The MSA has a COVID19 vaccination policy in place for all staff.

Resumes can be sent to our Biologist Lyndsay Jay-Keating at biologist@miramichisalmon.ca by 4 pm (AST) on Friday, April 1, 2022.

For more information on the Miramichi Salmon Association, visit our website (<http://www.miramichisalmon.ca/>) or check out our social media channels.