Small Lakes Fisheries Technician - Thompson Okanagan

Location: Kamloops, BC.

Job Description: We are looking for a highly motivated team player to support our fisheries team. The technician will work with fisheries biologists and independently to complete standard gillnet assessments of approximately 20 stocked lakes in the Thompson Okanagan region on behalf of the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations. This is primarily a field position involving long days, physical work and repetitive tasks. The technician will be responsible for relocating to Kamloops (if necessary) and providing appropriate personal field gear (ie, rubber boots, rain gear etc). All other field gear will be provided by BCCF/Ministry.

Duties will include:

- Equipment/gear preparation and organization
- Hauling and operating small watercraft
- Conducting gillnet assessments in accordance with government standards
- Collecting biological data (length, weight, sex, sexual maturity, and age structures) from captured fish
- Collecting temperature/oxygen profiles and water sample
- Entering field data into an excel template in accordance with provincial standards
- Additional data entry and report writing may be required
- Other duties as assigned.

This is a full-time, term position with variable hours and some weekend shifts required. The position will start on Tuesday, September 3rd and continue to mid-November 2019, with potential for continuation based on funding and success.

Skills:

- Willingness to work outdoors in all weather conditions
- Experience operating small boats and outboard motors
- An enthusiastic, positive and serious interest in fish biology and fisheries management
- Working knowledge of local fish species
- Be physically fit and be able to conduct physical work all day long and carry heavy loads of equipment
- Outdoor field experience
- Experience using field technology (GPS) and equipment
- Experience gillnetting and processing fish for biological data (preferred)
- Ability to work as a team member
- Capable of collecting accurate and reliable field data with keen attention to detail
Qualifications:

- BSc in Fisheries Biology and/or Fisheries Management or related Technical Diploma (preferred)
- Pleasure Craft Operators Card
- Valid Worksafe BC Level 1 First Aid Certificate
- Valid BC Drivers license and experience operating vehicles on gravel roads

Closing date: Monday, August 12th 2019 at 12 noon
Dates: September 3 – November 15th, 2019 with possible part time or full time extension
Rate: $21.00 - $24.00/hr based on experience
Terms: 400 hours for the duration with the possibility of increased hours

Via the BCCF website (https://bccf.com/opportunities/employment) please submit a cover letter and a complete resume, including 3 references with contact information, which clearly shows how you meet the above job requirements. Ensure your name is included in the file title(s).