

Seasonal Colony Monitors for Seabird Ecology/Restoration Project at East Sand Island

The Department of Fisheries and Wildlife at Oregon State University has openings for 2 Colony Monitors with a Seabird Ecology/Restoration Project that has been studying the diet and behavioral ecology of Caspian terns, Double-crested cormorants, and several gull species in coastal and southeast Oregon, the upper Columbia River basin, and northern California for over 19 years. Current studies include on-colony behavioral and productivity observations, ground and aerial surveys to determine nesting and foraging distribution, leg banding/band re-sighting, satellite telemetry to document inter-colony movement and foraging patterns, and non-lethal techniques for management of piscivorous waterbirds. The project is a collaboration with researchers from the U.S. Geological Survey - Oregon Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit and Real Time Research, a private consulting firm. Positions provide excellent field research experience and colony monitors can expect to learn a great deal about seabird biology and management. Further information about the project can be viewed at www.birdresearchnw.org.

LOCATION: Colony Monitor positions will be based in Astoria, Oregon.

DATES: Full-time seasonal position with anticipated starting date of March 06, 2017, and end date of July 31, 2017. Some positions may be extended past this end date.

SALARY: \$2300.00 per month, shared housing and grocery stipend are provided.

REQUIREMENTS: Applicants must possess and maintain a current, valid Driver's License. Seasonal Colony Monitors will be employed through a temporary hiring agency and will be required to pass a background check.

PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS: Applicants should have a strong interest in avian ecology and feel comfortable working on small boats. Current Department of Interior motor boat operator certification (MOCC) and good swimming skills a plus. Preference will be given to applicants with knowledge of seabird behavior, possession of a bachelor's degree in Wildlife Science or related field, and experience in backcountry camping and band re-sighting.

DUTIES: Primary duty of the position will be collecting field data for on-going Caspian tern studies at East Sand Island, near Astoria, Oregon. Colony Monitors will camp on East Sand Island in the Columbia River estuary for EXTENDED PERIODS OF TIME and will be in daily contact with the rest of the research group, but will have limited shore leave. Positions require long hours of data collection, often in suboptimal conditions (wet, cold, windy, or hot), with infrequent and irregular time off. The work is physically strenuous and involves crawling on knees, bending over or stooping, and sitting for extended periods of time using binoculars and spotting scopes. All duties must be performed with a high degree of quality, uniformity, and timeliness. The employee must work as a team member and will be required to live and work in close quarters and in isolated settings for extended periods of time. Camping accommodations are provided while on island and shared housing is provided while on shore. In addition to the duties listed above, all employees will assist with field site preparation and maintenance, including installation and maintenance of the field camp infrastructure, observation blinds, and passive nest dissuasion materials. Selected candidates may also provide support to graduate student projects.

APPLICATIONS: A complete application must consist of an attached SINGLE DOCUMENT (Word or PDF) containing; 1) a one-page cover letter addressing candidate qualifications as they relate to the specific requirements, qualifications, and duties described above, 2) a professional resume, and, 3) telephone numbers AND email addresses of three references familiar with the applicant's professional qualifications. APPLICATION DOCUMENTS MUST BE NAMED WITH THE FOLLOWING FORMAT; Lastname_Firstname_2017_Colony Monitor. MS word files preferred. For full consideration apply by January 8, 2017.

SUBMIT TO: Peter Loschl and Tim Lawes at avian.jobs@oregonstate.edu with subject line: **seabird 2017 colony monitor**

Email submissions preferred or send hard copies to:

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If you have specific questions regarding this position, please contact Peter Loschl pete.loschl@oregonstate.edu or Tim Lawes timothy.lawes@oregonstate.edu.

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