Marine Mammal Observer/Protected Species Observer-Alaska

Agency: 61 North Environmental

Location: Anchorage, Alaska

Job Category: Full time Seasonal

Salary: Commensurate with Experience

Start Date: 04/01/20

Last Date to Apply: 01/31/2020

Website: http://www.61northalaska.com/jobs

Description:

61 North Environmental is seeking wildlife biologists to serve as marine mammal observers for positions in Anchorage, Alaska. The qualified MMO/PSO will be monitoring for marine mammals from land-based platforms on the shores of the Knik Arm in the upper Cook Inlet. The MMO duties include documenting marine mammal sighting and behavioral data, environmental conditions, and construction activities as instructed in the marine mammal monitoring and mitigation plan. MMOs will communicate shutdowns to the construction crew via radio to cease in-water work when appropriate. Work is planned to begin in early to mid-April and is expected to last approximately five months.

- This is a full-time, seasonal position
- Project-specific training will be provided
- Travel, lodging, and meals are not provided
- Compensation will be paid on an hourly basis with overtime
- Typical work weeks will be 40 to 50 hours, but may increase or decrease as project demands change

Qualifications:

- Undergraduate degree in biological science or related field, MS preferred. Marine mammal monitoring experience or training. Cook Inlet experience preferred.
- Ability to detect and identify marine mammals at the water’s surface; use of binoculars and/or large aperture binoculars will be necessary to correctly identify a sighting to species.
• Ability to use a theodolite in order to track movements of marine mammals. Training on equipment will be provided.
• Demonstrate ability to conduct field observations and collect data according to assigned protocols; document animal behavior, direction or travel, number of individuals, etc.
• Ability to understand and implement mitigation procedures specific to the monitoring program
• Experience with data entry on computers in the field
• Ability to work 12 hours shifts on/off for the season (with days off for vacations and rest)
• Must have reliable transportation and will be responsible for travel to the job location.
• Work professionally with co-workers and construction crews; ability to communicate by radio/phone or in person, with project personnel
• Possess or be able to obtain TWIC card for access to job sites
• Must be a U.S. Citizen, residing within the U.S.

Individuals possessing the above criteria are encouraged to submit a resume/CV and NMFS approval letter (if applicable) in doc or pdf format as soon as possible to: Melanie@61northalaska.com