



Shellfish Program Intern Temporary, Seasonal Internship

Background

The Buzzards Bay Coalition is a non-profit, membership organization dedicated to the protection, restoration, and sustainable use and enjoyment of Buzzards Bay and its watershed. The organization works to improve the health of the Bay ecosystem for all through education, conservation, research and advocacy.

Located on popular Onset Beach, the Coalition's Onset Bay Center provides high-quality outdoor exploration programs for community members of all ages and abilities in a variety of activities focused on building a connection with Buzzards Bay. The Onset Bay Center works to promote a connection to the wonders of Onset Bay, to reinforce the link between Wareham residents and their local maritime heritage, and to create generations of future Buzzards Bay stewards.

In partnership with the Town of Wareham Department of Natural Resources and Mass Maritime Academy, the OBC will pilot a Shellfish Propagation Project during the 2021 growing season. This project is a comprehensive approach combining data collection, public education, and technical skill building for local students.

Position Description

The Onset Bay Center is seeking an energetic high school student to assist in the implementation of the Shellfish Propagation Project at the Onset Bay Center in Onset, MA. The position is 10 hours per week and reports to the Onset Bay Center Director and the Shellfish Program Lead.

The responsibilities of the Shellfish Program Intern includes:

- Assisting the OBC Shellfish Program Lead with the cleaning, maintenance, and documentation of the oyster growing system.
- Assisting the OBC Shellfish Lead with preparing racks and cages to be used when the seed has grown out of the upweller system.
- Assisting with the OBC's Learn to Shellfish programs as part of the public engagement component of the project.
- Provide a written report at the end of the season about their oyster growing experience.

Qualifications

A qualified candidate should ideally have:

- Must be at least 16 years of age. Wareham High School students are encouraged to apply.
- Comfort with, and an excitement for, outdoor activities in various weather conditions.
- Must be capable of lifting 30 lbs.
- Have the ability to work independently, pay attention to detail, and complete tasks thoroughly and efficiently.
- Be willing to communicate with the public.

Compensation & Schedule

This is a seasonal, part-time internship that will run from late May 2021 through September 2021. Detailed schedule will be discussed with the OBC Director and Shellfish Project Lead. Salary is \$13.50/hour. No employee benefits are provided.

This position is dependent on a grant fund from the 11th Hour Racing Foundation. The Buzzards Bay Coalition will be notified by early May about the status of this award. All efforts will be made to notify the intern about the funding of this position.

To Apply

Please send a resume and cover letter, via email, to:

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