



Seasonal Vacancy Announcement

Vessel Operator(s)

The Pacific Salmon Commission (PSC), an international organization responsible for transboundary salmon fisheries management in Canada and the United States, is seeking two **Vessel Operators** for a seasonal contract position. This position would begin the third week of June and continue until the end of upstream sockeye migration (approximately early October). Based at the Mission Hydroacoustic field site in Abbotsford, BC, vessel operators will collect hydroacoustic data while piloting a 7-metre (~22ft) vessel across the Fraser River. Successful applicants will become familiar with fisheries hydroacoustics while contributing towards the assessment of sockeye salmon populations for fisheries management as part of an international fisheries agency.

Also see listing for: Assistant Fisheries Technician(s). If interested in both positions, split duties may be considered. Please visit website link at the end of this posting for more information.

Duties and Responsibilities:

- Operate a 7-metre (~22ft) vessel transecting across the Fraser River to collect hydroacoustic data
- Deploy and monitor hydroacoustic equipment to ensure accurate data collection
- Troubleshoot minor vessel problems
- Record fishing vessel activity at the hydroacoustic site
- Assist with the set-up and take-down of the field site as required
- General site maintenance when required during vessel downtime

Minimum Qualifications:

- Experience operating a boat
- Ability to work shift work, including night shifts (12-hour shifts)
- Ability to sit for extended periods of time while driving the vessel
- Comfortable working independently
- Possession of a Pleasure Craft Operators Card (PCOC) (*Can be acquired in 1-day at <https://www.boaterexam.com/canada/>*)
- Valid driver's license and access to transportation to/from the field site in Matsqui Trail Regional Park, Abbotsford, BC (personal vehicle preferable but other options possible e.g. car share)

Advantages:

- Experience with boating in a riverine environment
- Experience with boat engine repairs
- Familiarity with fisheries and/or environmental awareness
- Possession of the Small Vessel Operator Proficiency (SVOP) certification
- Possession of a Marine Radio Operators Certificate (ROC-M)
- Possession of a Marine Emergency Duties Certificate (MED-A3/SDV-BS)

Wages will begin at \$ 23.29 CAD per hour plus 4% in lieu of vacation.

Applications should be received by 11:59pm PDT **Sunday, May 8, 2022**, and be addressed to Ms. Ehrmantraut at resumes@psc.org. Include a cover letter and résumé with two references. **Please reference the name of the position in the email subject line.**

For additional seasonal positions available at the Pacific Salmon Commission for the 2022 season, please visit <https://www.psc.org/about-us/history-purpose/employment-opportunities/> If interested or applying to multiple seasonal positions with the PSC, please indicate this in your cover letter or apply to each position individually.