



Volunteer/Intern Opportunity Salmon River Hatchery

The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife is seeking volunteers to assist with the fall Chinook Program at Salmon River Hatchery. The hatchery releases 200,000 fall Chinook smolts each year to support a popular in-river recreational fishery, supplement ocean fisheries, and manage Pacific Salmon treaty goals. Salmon River fall Chinook are used as the indicator stock to estimate the exploitation rate for all fall Chinook on the North Oregon coast. Hatchery fish are adipose clipped and coded wire tagged, and the recoveries of these fish in the commercial and sport fisheries in Alaska, BC, Washington and Oregon along with recoveries at the hatchery and on the spawning grounds are used to represent the harvest rate of Oregon's coastal fall Chinook in these fisheries.

ODFW staff will supervise and train volunteers to assist with hatchery operations. Volunteers will learn how to 1) net, handle, and identify salmonid species, 2) wand and mark fish for research purposes, 3) process fish for food share programs and/or nutrient enrichment, and 4) assist with other hatchery operations as needed. Much of the volunteer work is physically demanding, but there are plenty of opportunities for light duty work as well.

Volunteer training is scheduled for Sunday, September 18th at 10am at the Salmon River Hatchery (575 N. Bank Road, Otis). The training will last 4-6 hours, and lunch will be provided. We are also recruiting volunteer leaders to help ODFW staff manage volunteers and collect detailed scientific data. Volunteer leaders must attend the September 18th training, including the afternoon session that will focus on volunteer leader duties and responsibilities. Volunteer leaders must be able to contribute at least one shift per week during the season.

Available Positions: 11-20 volunteer positions per day, up to 7 days/week

Position duration: Mid-September through mid-November. Ideally volunteers will work at least one shift every two weeks.

Work Schedule: Full day (8 hour) or half day (4 hour) shifts are available. Volunteers report to the Salmon River Hatchery in Otis at 8am or 1pm. We can accommodate alternate schedules as well.

Transportation: Positions require personal transportation to and from the Salmon River Hatchery (575 N North Bank Rd. Otis, OR).

Volunteer sign-up: Volunteers will sign-up for shifts through [iVolunteer.com](https://midcoaststep.ivolunteer.com) and be notified of schedule changes by email. Accommodations can be made for those without reliable internet access.
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