



Cook Inletkeeper 2020 Summer Internship

Location: Homer, Alaska

Job Title: Wild Salmon and Climate Intern

Requirements: This internship is meant for college students who plan a career path in conservation and are willing to make a long-term commitment to preserving and protecting the pristine environment and diverse cultures of Alaska. Send a cover letter, resume, school transcript and contact information for three references to keeper@inletkeeper.org. **Deadline: April 15, 2020** at 5 pm AKDT.

Description and Goals of Assignment: This internship will focus on salmon habitat protection in a changing climate. The intern will assist in Inletkeeper's field work to understand patterns of increasing water temperatures, which creates stress in salmon making them more vulnerable to pollution, predation and disease. The intern will also be involved with outreach activities to educate local citizens about clean water and healthy salmon. The intern will create a capstone project that helps advance the Alaskan public's understanding of cold water refuges, evidence of the impact of climate change on wild salmon in Alaska's Cook Inlet watershed, and/or solutions to help protect critical wild salmon habitat in the region. This is a 12-week, 40 hour/week, paid internship.

The goals for this internship will be to enhance the intern's knowledge and skill sets, while furthering Inletkeeper's organizational objectives by:

- Understanding and communicating emerging impacts on salmon in a changing climate;
- Collecting field data to understand climate change effects on wild salmon;
- Engaging local farmers around salmon-safe agricultural practices
- Engaging and activating a diverse range of partners around the issues of salmon and climate;
- Participating in each of our program areas on a variety of projects.

Intern Responsibilities:

- Supporting Inletkeeper's science team with field work and data entry related to stream temperature monitoring in salmon streams;
- Producing outreach materials about Alaskans connection to wild salmon and the threats posed by climate change;
- Supporting Inletkeeper's organizing team in conducting public outreach on climate change and the impacts on wild salmon;
- Writing blog posts and newsletter pieces on issues relevant to salmon and climate;
- Attending meetings, workshops and partner meetings as needed.

Intern Qualifications:

- Strong organizational skills and willingness to be flexible on a day-to-day basis
- Reasonable level of comfort participating in field work in backcountry conditions
- Ability to work well alone and in a team
- Solid writing, research and interpersonal relations skills
- Valid driver's license
- Familiarity with computers (Excel, Word, GIS) and GoPro cameras