



Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council
Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Prevention Part-time Seasonal Employee
Job Description
January 2022

Organization Description: Founded in 1979, the Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council is a nonprofit organization dedicated to protecting Michigan's lakes, streams, wetlands, and ground water. Based in beautiful Petoskey, Michigan, the Watershed Council works on local issues in the watersheds of Antrim, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, and Emmet Counties, as well as state, federal, and binational policy. Hallmarks of the Council's work include respected advocacy, watershed planning, innovative education, technically sound water quality monitoring, thorough research, collaboration, and empowering others. For more background information, check out www.watershedcouncil.org.

Location: Petoskey, MI

Scope: Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council is seeking an energetic, mature, and highly dependable individual to ensure our Mobile Boat Washing Program informs boaters about ways to help protect Michigan's precious water resources from aquatic invasive species. This employee will be a part of a two-to-three person team and will implement program activities, coordinate events, and perform boater education and outreach. Applicants must be enthusiastic about conservation, show strong organizational and leadership skills, and be confident in communicating with members of the public.

Job Activities:

1. Towing, operating, and maintaining a trailer-mounted power-washing unit safely at boat landings and events throughout the Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council's Northern Michigan service area, demonstrating boat inspection and washing techniques to recreational boaters.
2. Planning related educational events by working with partner organizations and staff.
3. Preparing for and providing educational opportunities for people interested in learning about aquatic invasive species, best boating practices to reduce their spread, and how to most effectively work with the boating public to provide education on aquatic invasive species and Clean, Drain, Dry, and Dispose practices.
4. Maintaining records of events, including costs, locations, numbers of volunteers and boaters trained, invasive species encountered, and public feedback.
5. Working with program partners to promote the Mobile Boat Wash Program through social media and local media outlets statewide, including newspapers, radio, and television.

6. Maintaining good communication with coworkers, partners, and members of the public.

Requirements:

1. Possess working knowledge of aquatic ecology and/or invasive species through a combination of coursework and/or experience.
2. Demonstrated maturity, leadership experience and ability to perform duties without on-site supervision.
3. Experience hauling and maneuvering trailers is strongly preferred.
4. Availability to travel throughout Northern Michigan to boater outreach events, which will regularly occur on select weekdays, most weekends, holidays, and occasionally overnight. Typical work days will be Friday through Sunday, with potential for some additional weekdays dependent on schedule. Approximately 24 hours of work anticipated each week; approximately 300-400 hours in total for the summer. The Watershed Council is currently working with partner organizations to develop the summer schedule. Final schedule will determine total work hours and days throughout summer. The Watershed Council will provide a four-wheel drive truck for hauling the mobile boat washing unit to all events.
5. Valid driver's license and satisfactory driving record required.
6. Proof of medical insurance.
7. Must be fully vaccinated for COVID-19 as defined by the CDC upon start date, unless there is a basis for an exemption based on disability/medical conditions and/or religion.
8. Experience planning and carrying out educational programming or other events are preferred, but not required.

Position Dates: Late May through early September 2022; specific start and end dates negotiable.

Compensation: \$16.00/hour. Although housing is not provided, the Watershed Council maintains partnerships with local organizations and institutions that may be able to provide rooms for rent.

To Apply: Please email a resume, cover letter, and contact information for two professional references to Natalie Walts at natalie@watershedcouncil.org.

Application Deadline: The Watershed Council is accepting applications on a rolling basis and will offer interviews until two-three applicants have been selected for the available positions.

Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council is dedicated to protecting our lakes, streams, wetlands, and groundwater through respected advocacy, innovative education, technically sound water quality monitoring, thorough research, and restoration actions. We achieve our mission by empowering others and we believe in the capacity to make a positive difference. We work locally, regionally and throughout the Great Lakes Basin to achieve our goals.