



Ahtna Intertribal Resource Commission

dba/Copper River-Ahtna Inter-Tribal
Resource Conservation District
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Full time Position: Social Scientist
Opening Date: 10/15/2017

Duty Location: Glennallen, Alaska
Closing Date: 11/30/2017

After many years of planning to conserve, manage, and develop the fish, wildlife, and plant resources throughout the Ahtna Region according to culturally-relevant values, the Ahtna Intertribal Resources Commission dba / Copper River-Ahtna Intertribal Resource Conservation District (CRITR) was formed in 2011. CRITR has a strong desire to improve the management systems through innovative solutions aimed towards meeting the needs of our Tribal citizens by integrating Ahtna values and traditional management practices into management systems. With the organization's extensive experience working with the federal and state resource management systems throughout the Ahtna traditional territory, we are actively engaged in tribal, state, and strategic planning and community involvement on a regular basis.

Major Duties

As an employee of CRITR, the Social Scientist will serve the Ahtna Region by creating and implementing a fish and wildlife research and management program based on Ahtna values and Ahtna knowledge of the environment. S/he will design and conduct research projects based upon and incorporating Ahtna traditional ecological knowledge.

As a Social Scientist working for CRITR duties may include:

- Working with interdisciplinary teams to address complex natural resource management issues using a systems approach.
- Working with Ahtna tribes and communities in the Ahtna Traditional Use Territory to identify management issues needing to be addressed, and then developing and implementing TEK and subsistence harvest monitoring research projects in partnership with cooperating tribes, rural non-governmental organizations, and federal and state agencies to further understandings of and creating solutions to resource management-related issues within the Region.
- Reviewing subsistence harvest and traditional ecological knowledge (TEK) project pre-proposals and investigation plans and, in doing so, identifying the need for independent scientific peer-review.
- Monitoring research projects and acting as a liaison to federal and state agencies, Alaska Native organizations, and other groups on aspects of design, method, interpretation, and communication of subsistence harvests.
- Overseeing fieldwork to ensure accurate data collection, compilation, analysis and reporting.
- Preparing written comments and evaluations of proposed and existing regulations, proposed governmental activities and decisions, and plans for management of land and resources having potential impact on subsistence resources.
- Developing investigation plans and statements of work for cooperative agreements, grants and contracts for monitoring projects, and negotiating changes in study designs as necessary to ensure project quality and consistency.
- Developing new research and monitoring techniques and approaches in order to extend currently accepted information and introduce new directions for future research.
- Publishing original social science research in peer-reviewed and high-impact journals.
- Communicating effectively orally and in writing with diverse groups.

Conditions of Employment

The position is based in Glennallen, Alaska, which is located nearly 200 road miles east of Anchorage; just outside the western boundary of Wrangell-St. Elias National Park. Glennallen falls within the transitional climate zone, characterized by a semi-arid atmosphere, long, cold winters, and mild summers.

The position requires the ability to travel and may require being away from home for 1-5 nights per month. Activities may take place in diverse communities and involve multiple cultural perspectives. Some field work is in remote wilderness areas and travel by foot, boat, or airplane will be over vast wilderness areas with limited navigation and communication facilities.

Basic Qualification Requirements

By the date of application, candidates must meet one of the following requirements to be considered for the position:

- Bachelor's degree or higher in anthropology or a related cultural or social science discipline integrated with natural resource management, or
- A combination of education and experience; a Bachelor's degree with four years of appropriate professional-level experience in performing anthropological research integrating traditional ecological knowledge and natural resource management, or similar professional-level work.

Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities

The ideal candidate for this position should provide examples of the following in their cover letter:

- Knowledge and enthusiasm about Ahtna Culture and issues and willingness to work hard to improve the situation in the Ahtna Traditional Use Territory,
- Background in natural resource management/development,
- Experience with program planning and development, and
- Experience with successful project management

Please submit your cover letter and CV or resume to:

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