

## **Wolf Recovery Program (Based in Bellingham)**

Conservation Northwest is a grassroots organization of 8,000 members, supporters, and volunteers who support us because of what we do best, “keeping the Northwest wild.” Our mission is to protect and connect wildlands and wildlife from the Washington Coast to the BC Rockies. Our emphasis on wildlife protection focuses on endangered species, including the gray wolf. For the last twenty years, we have been working to return wolves to their native habitat in Washington, with some success. In 2008, our remote cameras documented the first known breeding pack of wolves in Washington over 70 years.

As a Conservation Northwest wolf program intern you will learn how an NGO works to protect the Northwest's endangered wildlife and habitat. You will be involved in implementing all aspects of our wolf recovery program: public outreach and education, monitoring with remote cameras, working with the press, reviewing the current science on key issues, and influencing management policy decisions. You will hone your science writing, policy review, and technical communication skills and involve yourself in all aspects of our public communications on wolf issues. You will also have some time in the field to learn about the biological needs of wolves and understand the concerns and needs of community members living near wolves.

### **Duties**

- Write for the web and develop website content, including postings for the news and calendar sections, and for our blog, Scat!. We use Plone, a content management software.
- Assist the special projects director on: researching and writing policy and outreach documents, managing press lists and communications with the press, organizing outreach events.
- Monitor news media and store pertinent articles
- Participate in the remote camera monitoring program, with a focus on wolf cameras

### **Timeline/Compensation**

- Flexible start date on quarterly schedule; 3 and 6 months' commitment
- 15-20 hours/week, primarily during business hours
- Compensation: College credit and cutting-edge experience; \$400 stipend per quarter

### **Skills/Background Desired**

- Strong writing and editing skills and a previous background in science and policy
- Coursework or direct experience in environmental policy, environmental studies, biology, and ecology, wildlife sciences, natural resource management, and communications.
- Experience with writing for the web
- Good interpersonal skills for outreach and working with the public
- Ability to work independently and creatively
- Experienced and comfortable in the outdoors

### **Supervision**

- Jasmine Minbashian, special projects director

### **To Apply**

Go online to [www.conservationnw.org/getinvolved](http://www.conservationnw.org/getinvolved) to find current internship applications and guidelines and email or mail materials to our Bellingham office – [jasmine@conservationnw.org](mailto:jasmine@conservationnw.org) or 1208 Bay St #201, Bellingham WA 98225.