



Coosa Riverkeeper Fish Guide Intern

2 Positions Available
Fall 2022 Job Description

WHO WE ARE

Coosa Riverkeeper is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization located in the Coosa River watershed with an office in Mt. Laurel, AL. We work to protect, restore, and promote the Coosa River and its tributaries in Alabama. Working in over 5,000 square miles of Alabama with 220 miles of the Coosa River, our three programs work to improve water quality and protect public health. We do this by patrolling the waters, educating the public, and advocating for the river and its users. To learn more about our work, please visit CoosaRiver.org!

WHAT IS FISH GUIDE?

Fish Guide is a program at Coosa Riverkeeper which seeks to answer the question, "are fish safe to eat?" Every major river in Alabama has at least one fish consumption advisory, as determined by the Alabama Department of Public Health. These advisories warn folks to limit or stop consumption of specific fish from specific locations due to known contaminants. Fish Guide is designed to engage and educate anglers about selecting and consuming fish safely. The program also provides a variety of information and resources to help folks reel in game fish on the Coosa. A major tenant of the program is the Coosa River Creel Survey, where folks can tell us a little bit about how they like to fish along with their knowledge of fish consumption advisories and pollution. This is crucial information so we can better serve folks and protect public health.

JOB DESCRIPTION

The Fish Guide Interns work directly with the Field Coordinator to plan and carry out the 2022 Coosa River Fall Creel Survey. A creel survey is a Q&A style form that asks those who fish on the Coosa River about their fishing and eating habits. This involves planning the survey trips, going to local fishing spots, interviewing the anglers about their fishing habits, and inputting this data into a spreadsheet. The 2022 Fall Creel Survey will take place both virtually and in-person during November, December & January. Additionally, the Fish Guide Interns provide crucial support with outreach and communications about the survey itself including content creation, photo opportunities, and social media outreach.

ESSENTIAL JOB FUNCTIONS

- Conduct in-person creel surveying at pre-determined local fishing spots
- Converse with local anglers about their fishing and eating habits
- Input creel survey responses into Google Forms &/or Sheets
- Learn about & conduct best data management procedures

- Supplement Fish Guide outreach with photos and videos of your work
- A typical shift: pick up surveying equipment from office, drive or ride along to a local fishing hole, attempt to survey every angler at that location, move along to a nearby fishing hole if time permits, return to Coosa Riverkeeper office, and input survey data.

POSITION REQUIREMENTS

- A reliable form of transportation and proof of car insurance
- No fishing experience necessary!
- Comfortable working outdoors in the elements
- Ability to lift 20 pounds & walk a half mile.
- Ability to approach and speak with strangers while being courteous
- Proficient written, verbal, and organizational skills
- Good time management skills
- Flexible with scheduling and highly communicative
- All Coosa Riverkeeper interns are expected to follow general employee policies and procedures found in the Intern/Volunteer Policy. In addition to the position responsibilities stated above, these include maintaining a healthy and productive workplace in the office, lab and field, as well as contributing to the overall maintenance and wellbeing of the workspace.

TIMELINE FOR POSITION

- Training/Planning Session: Wednesday, November 2nd, 2022
- 2022 Creel Survey Dates: Thursday, November 3rd through Tuesday, January 30th
- Each intern will receive a \$500 stipend to be paid after internship is completed. Class credit is available if desired.
- Hours are flexible. Availability to work in pre-scheduled 3-4 hour shifts on various days of the week. In total, less than 10 hours a week.

HOW TO APPLY

- Deadline to apply is October 21st.
- Apply by emailing field@coosariver.org with your resume & short paragraph about why you are interested.

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