

JOB OPPORTUNITY

Lands and Resource Officer

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Business Unit: Metlakatla Stewardship Society (MSS)
Location: Metlakatla, British Columbia
Reporting to: MSS Lands Manager

The Metlakatla Stewardship Society has an immediate opening for a full-time Lands and Resource Officer, located in Metlakatla, BC. As the successful candidate, you will be responsible for assisting the MSS' Lands Manager to plan and execute monitoring of Metlakatla's terrestrial territory for priority values to the Nation and for liaising with provincial and federal government representatives and project proponents to ensure the protection of Metlakatla interests during project developments.

Primary responsibilities of the Lands and Resource Office will include tasks in the office and throughout Metlakatla territory. Under the Land Manager's direction, you will be required to ensure Metlakatla's full participation in land management processes and ensure execution of related field monitoring and reporting exercises. In addition to possessing a strong foundation in natural sciences and natural resource management policy, you will be regularly required to use your strong communications skills to collaborate with other Metlakatla departments, various government agencies, project developers, and Metlakatla community members. The Lands and Resource Officer will also be responsible for managing any agreements associated to the MSS lands responsibilities, which may include working in cooperation with the MSS finance office and completing the written reports identified in any applications/agreements.

Responsibilities:

- Support the implementation of EBM and Forestry related tasks;
- Conduct pre- and post- development field surveys to monitor for impacts to Metlakatla resources and interests;
- In conjunction with the Lands Manager, other MSS departments, and collaborating regional agencies, plan and execute monitoring activities related to Metlakatla and regional cumulative effects management programs;
- Manage environmental monitoring data gathered in Metlakatla territory (by MSS and third parties, where possible), and collaborate with MSS and Metlakatla departments for efficient access and use of environmental data;
- Support the Lands Manager and the Lands and Marine Plan implementation coordinator to design and implement a regular monitoring program for co-managed Conservancies and Protected Areas in Metlakatla territory;
- Collaborate with relevant provincial and federal agencies to execute monitoring activities of common interest;
- Work with lands manager to prepare workplan;
- Work in cooperation with the MSS finance office to complete milestone reports.

Qualifications:

- Undergraduate degree or equivalent in environmental science, forestry, biology, ecology, or related discipline with at least 3 years of experience or commensurate education and experience;
- Proven record of designing and executing natural resource research and monitoring programs;
- Ability to record, manage, and report on natural resource data;
- Working knowledge of Geographic Information Systems (GIS); familiarity with data management systems and software;
- Familiarity with managing traditional use and other culturally sensitive data;
- Knowledge of Metlakatla and the Coast Tsimshian culture and practices, and a demonstrated ability to work successfully with First Nation communities; familiarity with archaeology and cultural heritage resources;
- Ability to work individually with little supervision and as part of a dynamic team;
- Proven ability to collaborate across disciplines and with teams within and outside of the organization;
- Hard working with the ability to deliver multiple projects within tight time constraints;
- Ability to communicate verbally and in writing with government, industry, First Nation members and general public;
- Valid driver's license with a clean driving record; boat operator license;
- Proficiency in the use of current office productivity software (Microsoft Office suite of products).

Submission Deadline:

- Open until filled. We thank all applicants, but only those selected for an interview will be contacted.
- We invite all interested parties to reply in the strictest confidence with a cover letter and resume to the Director of Human Resources: hr@metlakatla.ca