Field Technicians Needed Aquatic Invasive Species Monitoring and Research

We are hiring **2-3 field technicians** this summer to sample lakes and reservoirs in the Pacific Northwest for zebra and quagga mussels and to assist in other projects at the **PSU Center for Lakes and Reservoirs**. These positions are an excellent way for students to gain experience in field sampling and research in aquatic systems.

The positions will be **based out of Portland** and will involve multiple 5-10 day sampling trips to waterbodies in the Washington and Oregon, requiring being away from Portland for extended periods. Sampling will include travel to waterbodies to collect eDNA and plankton samples and to conduct early detection surveys for quagga and zebra mussels (*Dreissena* spp.). Additional work may include assisting on aquatic plant sampling in the Willamette Basin.

As these positions are field-based, successful applicants will be required to work and camp outdoors, often under hot and otherwise strenuous working conditions. Because of the remote locations, fieldwork <u>may</u> be concentrated in 'hitches' of 8 10-hour days (working Wednesday through the following Wednesday, then off Thursday through Tuesday). Familiarity with **aquatic invertebrates**, **water sampling**, and **boats** is an asset. A valid driver's license is required.

Wage is \$14-16/hr, commensurate with experience. Start date is July 1, though an early start date may be possible. Please send a brief cover letter and CV/resume with contact information for three references, in a single file, to Dr. Angela Strecker (strecker@pdx.edu). Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis.



