

WildSafeBC Bella Coola Coordinator [1]

LOCATION: Bella Coola, Hagensborg, Firvale

WildSafeBC is the provincial leader in preventing conflict with wildlife through collaboration, education and community solutions. WildSafeBC's message of "keeping wildlife wild and communities safe" underscores the important role humans play in reducing our impact on wildlife and increasing community safety. Our work focuses on actions we can take to avoid attracting wildlife into our communities, increasing awareness of human-wildlife conflict issues and seeking solutions to reduce conflict and increase public safety.

JOB DESCRIPTION:

The WildSafeBC Community Coordinator position is more than just a job; it is a unique opportunity to make a real difference in reducing human-wildlife conflicts where you live. This position requires maturity, self-reliance and the ability to work alone for long periods of time with minimal supervision. Professionalism, commitment and good communication skills are also essential.

This part-time contract typically lasts April to November to coincide when bears are most active. However in 2020, the program will begin in *January 2020* in order to support the work on a Bear Hazard Assessment (to be completed by a separate contractor) and support the development of the program.

Community coordinators are trained in the use of proven education and delivery techniques, which they will then be expected to implement within their communities regarding conflict-reduction information about all species of wildlife as part of BCCF's WildSafeBC program.

Tasks of the community coordinator may include:

- Support and/or work on a Bear Hazard Assessment and Bear Conflict Management Plan
- Attend Bella Coola Human Bear Safety Committee meetings and collaborate with members on strategies and actions that will result in fewer human-bear conflicts.
- Strengthen established relationships and increase collaboration with Nuxalk Nation Stewardship Department and other stakeholders.
- Maintain ongoing collaborations with local Conservation Officer Service.
- Identify electric fencing needs in the valley and work with Provincial Coordinator, community, stakeholders and other funding partners on long-term solutions to increase wide-spread acceptance and use. Carry out community engagement which can include:
 - Delivery of WildSafeBC presentations to community groups, service clubs, and schools.
 - Set-up up of public displays during community events and special functions.
 - Door-to-door campaigns in neighbourhoods where wildlife conflicts are present. Coordinators are expected to be pro-active and positive in their approach with the public.
 - Work with the local media (print, radio, television and social media) to reach the entire community.
 - Work with all groups and individuals within the community, regardless of their views or personal positions they have with regards to wildlife.
- Completion of monthly reports of your activities for the Provincial Coordinator based on a collaborative work plan.
- Volunteer recruitment, orientation and direction to assist with various functions of the program.
- Other activities identified by Provincial Coordinator.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Must have a valid Class 5 driver's licence.
- Must have a reliable vehicle that can be insured for work purposes and pass daily vehicle inspections.
- Must be willing and able to successfully pass a Criminal Record check.
- Have good understanding of local human-wildlife issues.
- Must have a proven ability to write clear and concise reports.

DESIRABLE QUALIFICATIONS:

Post-secondary education which may include:

- Bachelor of Science or Diploma in Biology or suitable equivalent:
 - Natural Resource Management: Wildlife and Fisheries
 - Renewable Resources – Fish, Wildlife and Recreation
 - Renewable Resources Management

SKILLS:

- Strong interpersonal skills and willingness to work with strangers.
- The ability to work in a professional manner with minimal supervision.
- Strong communications skills (both oral and written).
- General computer proficiency and a good working knowledge of Microsoft Word, Excel and PowerPoint.
- Specific computer skills: All short-listed applicants will be required to complete a Word and Excel competency test prior to interviews.
- Internet use
- Social media experience

JOB DETAILS:

Part-time: Up to 3 days a week; 7 hours a day

Start date: January 6, 2020 – March 27, 2020

Wage: \$25-28 per hour

**Hours and term length may increase as funding becomes available

Training will be provided. This position requires the successful candidate to have a home based office including a computer and internet access.

*Preference will be given to local candidates.

To apply for this job:

Using the form below, please submit a cover letter and a complete resume including 3 references with contact information. These must be submitted as two separate documents. Please submit in .pdf format with your name in the file title (e.g. John_Smith_Coverletter.pdf). Please clearly state how you meet the qualifications for this position in your application, as only candidates deemed qualified will be contacted for interviews.

Due to the large number of applications we receive, only those applicants who follow the steps outlined, and who

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clearly demonstrate they have the qualifications we are looking for, will be contacted for the short-listing/interview process.

This posting will remain active until a suitable candidate has been hired. Please apply immediately, as the position will be closed once the right candidate is found.

Thank you for your interest in working with BC Conservation Foundation.

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