

## **Two Positions Available**

### **Interpreters**

**Johnstone Strait Killer Whale Interpretive Centre**

[www.killerwhalecentre.org](http://www.killerwhalecentre.org)

**Seasonal position**



### **Project Description**

The Whale Interpretive Centre (WIC) is an initiative of the Johnstone Strait Killer Whale Interpretive Centre Society (JSKWICS), a non-profit society.

The project is aimed at delivering marine mammal education to achieve conservation in a workshop-like setting.

The WIC opened in the spring of 2002 as a result of Habitat Stewardship Project (HSP) funding and has led to the:

Development of 3,000 square feet for themed displays

Displays that highlight the diversity of the waters around northern Vancouver Island and include fully articulated skeletons of species such as killer whale, fin whale, Minke whale, Pacific white-sided dolphin, harbour seal, pygmy sperm whale, sea otter, river otter and Steller sea lion

Displays and presentations that describe potential threats to marine diversity, particularly of marine mammals, including vessel-whale interactions, marine pollution, and whaling

Displays and presentations highlighting positive and action-oriented conservation messages

Use of the Centre as a venue for prominent guest speakers and events

Further details can be found at <http://www.killerwhalecentre.org>

### **Job Description**

"Interpreters" work to clean and articulate skeletons, maintain and clean the WIC, organize inventory, develop further displays and deliver interpretive information (one-on-one and structured presentations to highly diverse groups of 30+ people). Interpreters also have the opportunity to initiate projects that promote the aims of the WIC.

### **Successful Candidates**

Are practical, resourceful and self-motivated workers

Are able to work in a goal-oriented team environment

Possess knowledge of marine mammal biology and a strong conservation ethic

Are easily approachable and have excellent interpersonal skills

Are driven to achieve environmental education

"Embrace" menial labour and do not shy away from cleaning bones!

Must be available from June 1<sup>st</sup> to September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010 (minimum); one position to begin mid-May and continue into October.

**Realities**

Remote location; tent accommodation in Telegraph Cove a possibility. Nearest alternative accommodation is in the community of Port McNeill – own vehicle would be a necessity.

Physical and, at times, dirty work in addition to the academic

Workshop-like setting – no heating within the WIC

Need for great independence and initiative

Repetitive nature of interpretive tours

Invaluable "hands-on" learning potential and the opportunity to contribute to marine education

This is not a research position

**Salary:**

Dependent on qualifications and experience

**Application Procedure**

Please submit your cover letter, resume and 3 references (2 of which must be work references) to Mary Borrowman by **February 15th, 2010**. Please be sure to indicate period of availability. Preferred that candidates apply via email.

**We thank all those who apply but only successful applicants will be contacted for an interview.**

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