



# Okanagan Nation Alliance

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## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

### **Major Projects Biologist 3 – Upper Columbia Region, Castlegar Office.**

The Okanagan Nation Alliance (ONA) is the Tribal Council for the eight member communities of the Okanagan Nation which includes Osoyoos Indian Band, Upper Nicola Band, Upper and Lower Similkameen Indian Bands, Penticton Indian Band, Westbank First Nation, Okanagan Indian Band and the Colville Confederated Tribes of the Northern WA state. The ONA's mandate is to advance, assert, support and preserve Okanagan Nation title and rights. Further, the ONA is charged with providing members with a forum to discuss and form positions on areas of common concern.

The Major Projects Biologist 3 will undertake duties associated with ONA initiatives within the Upper Columbia and Arrow regions of the Okanagan Nation Territory, with a specific focus on environmental assessments, wildlife and natural resources. The position holder will furthermore be responsible for the development, planning, review, participation, management and implementation of Natural Resources projects including but not limited to Fish and Wildlife Compensation, Water Use Plan and Water License Requirement and other major projects within the Okanagan Nation Territory.

#### **Key Duties and Responsibilities**

The successful incumbent will:

- Implement a strategic and project management approach to program delivery and development, ensuring the Okanagan Nation's interests are met and protected.
- Coordinate with the ONA Natural Resources Department, ONA Executive and Technical Advisors to ensure the ONA's interests are well defined and communicated to ONA member bands and government.
- Oversee and manage several projects in a fast-paced and dynamic environment, supervise field crews, work independently most of the time, and demonstrate excellent communication and proposal writing skills.
- Coordinate and implement natural resource projects which will include working with consultants, government agencies, member bands and ONA departments.
- Ensure implementation of specific indigenous knowledge and approaches to hunting and wildlife initiatives, within the ambit of Aboriginal Title and Rights pertaining to hunting, wildlife and natural resource issues in British Columbia and Canada.
- Perform administrative and other critical tasks attached to the position which will include representing the ONA at project and technical committee meetings, budgeting, quality control, data entry, providing of authoritative scientific information and advice, recommendation of strategies, standards and methodologies in support of healthy and sustainable natural resources initiatives.

#### **Qualifications and Experience**

- A Masters of Science in Wildlife Biology, Natural Resources Management, or related field, with 5 years relevant experience. Must be eligible for membership in the College of Applied Biology.
- Experience coordinating large and numerous initiatives/projects, presenting workshops, project management, overseeing field work, preparation of reports and compilation of budgets.
- Eligibility to travel and work in the U.S. is required. A valid driver's license required.
- First aid level 1 with transport endorsement is required (training may be provided to qualified individuals).
- Preference will be given to qualified applicants of Aboriginal ancestry.

**Hours:** Full Time 40 hrs per week, with flexible work hours (e.g. some evenings and weekends). A market related salary, pension and benefits package is attached to this position.

**Application Procedures:** Interested candidates are invited to send a current resume and covering letter to:

**David Leroux, Employment and Human Resources Administrator**

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**Applications for this position closes April 28, 2017 at 4.30 p.m. A full job description will be forwarded upon request.**

Thank you for your interest, **No Phone Calls Please** only those short-listed will be contacted.

