

Alaska Longline Fishermen's Association

Intern Job Title: Program and Outreach Assistant

Location: Sitka, Alaska

Description and Goals of Assignment: Alaska Longline Fishermen's Association (ALFA) seeks an engaging and self-directed full time (40 hours per week) intern to assist with summer research projects and events as related to our Fishery Conservation Network, our Community Supported Fishery (CSF) Program Alaskans Own (AO), our Seafood Donation Program, and creation of outreach/communication assets. This internship will include office work, some physical work packing seafood for our CSF or setting up for events, outreach to fishermen and assistance with maintenance and monitoring of data collection efforts related to ALFA's decarbonization efforts on fishing vessels, coordination and assistance with our Seafood Donation Program, and an opportunity to get out on the water for an introduction to commercial fishing. We also invite every intern to identify or propose a project of particular interest to the intern that also contributes to ALFA's mission of promoting sustainable fisheries and thriving fishing communities.

The ALFA intern will assist with research projects, including summer program activities, and all aspects of operating our CSF program Alaskans Own and seafood donation program. We will task our intern with writing/designing outreach materials for events, CSF newsletters, and ALFA website updates as well as help create media and promotional materials. Our goal is to provide a motivated individual with a challenging but fun internship that includes exposure to new experiences and ideas, an opportunity to build skills while substantially contributing to ALFA programs, and an enhanced appreciation for Alaska's fisheries and the marine environment.

Intern Responsibilities:

The ALFA intern will be responsible for assisting ALFA staff with: fishing- related research projects, community events, Alaskans Own operations, Seafood Donation Program activities, Crew Apprentice/Young Fishermen initiative, and writing/designing outreach materials for many of ALFA's programs. Related to our fuel efficiency projects and working toward decarbonizing fisheries, an ACF intern may assist with managing and creating reports on vessel energy use, installing data loggers and collecting data from fishermen, and documenting work to be shared with a wider audience. A summer ACF intern would assist the Crew Apprentice Program/Young Fishermen initiative by helping place apprentices, plan trainings and explore programmatic expansion opportunities into other rural communities. Training and support provided!

Alaskans Own and seafood donation program work will include CSF subscription fulfillments, managing inventory, seafood donation distributions and creating outreach materials to share with our CSF customers. Outreach/communication work will include creating research project summaries to share with various audiences, assisting with planning and implementation of summer outreach/education activities; and writing articles for ALFA's website and member updates. Because ALFA and partner organization Alaska Sustainable Fisheries Trust are highly engaged in Tongass National Forest and Climate Change policy, the ALFA intern may also be tasked with collecting stories and observations from fishermen about their relationship to the forest and changes they are seeing in the environment related to ocean acidification, climate change, or forest health.

Intern qualifications: The ALFA team is hard working, goal-oriented, team-motivated and highly supportive of each other, our fishing members and the community. We are looking for an intern who fits well with that team--motivated, self-directed and respectful. A strong candidate will have good communication skills (particularly strong writing skills), a strong work ethic, able to both collaborate with a team and work independently, and a deep love for the marine environment. A science background is a plus and experience in python programming is plus. We are always looking for new jokes and, of course, people who appreciate GREAT seafood.