



Connor hiking to a stream to plan a restoration project

TYPE OF WORK
I focus on the recovery of native salmon and trout populations. I work to improve habitat through restoration, protection, education, and community involvement.

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TYPICAL DAY: This job involves a mixture of office and field work. Office work includes grant writing and coordinating with partners to develop and permit projects. Field work involves data collection, monitoring fish, and implementing restoration projects. I also supervise and mentor employees and I get to participate in public outreach and education.

CAREER PATHWAY:

I grew up hiking, camping, and fishing. I always loved the outdoors, but I didn't realize I could get a job working to protect it until I almost dropped out of college. I was trying to get a communications degree but I wasn't passionate about it and felt lost. Then I found a program that put me on a path to an outdoor job and it changed my life. After graduating with my Bachelor's degree I spent 6 years working seasonal fish and wildlife jobs around the Pacific Northwest and Alaska to gain experience. I then completed a Master's degree before I was hired for my current position.



IMPORTANT SKILLS

Watershed science and fisheries biology.

EDUCATION

Bachelor's of Science,
Masters of Science
Degree is preferred

SALARY RANGE

\$50,000-\$74,999

TOOLS OF THE TRADE

GIS software, spreadsheets, iPad, camera, datasheets, electrofisher, snorkel, GPS, etc. When a dry suit is required - it is going to be a fun day, snorkeling streams to look for fish is an absolutely amazing view into their world!

"The projects I work on help improve and protect fish and wildlife habitat. Knowing that my job makes a difference keeps me interested and passionate about the work I do." - *Connor Parrish*