

West Sutherland Fisheries Trust

West Sutherland Fisheries Trust has a vacancy for a seasonal assistant. This role will cover the wide range of activities that WSFT will undertake during this time. Starting in April, Covid restrictions permitting, the successful candidate will assist with smolt trapping and estuarine sweep netting, together with the delivery of other projects that may arise. From July they will assist with the Trusts electrofishing programme. The assistant will also be required to help with the delivery of our role in the Scottish Invasive Species Initiative, including monitoring mink rafts, pulling Himalayan Balsam and treating Japanese Knotweed.

This role is based in Scourie. It would either suit someone with an interest in and some experience (either volunteering or employment) of the aquatic environment who wishes to progress further and develop their skills, or a recent graduate looking to gain some experience in the fisheries sector. This is a fixed term appointment ending in October, 40 hours per week with competitive salary. Accommodation is provided. Weekend working will occasionally be required.

Essential

- Ability to work as a team
- Willingness to undertake training courses, such as the SFCC Introduction to Electrofishing
- A valid UK driving licence
- Outdoor work may be physically demanding, so the candidate needs to be relatively fit, such that they can walk over rough terrain carrying equipment

Desirable

- Experience of working or volunteering within the fisheries or conservation sector
- Further education in fisheries or conservation, bachelors or masters level
- An understanding of the structures of Fishery Boards and Trusts and how they operate

The deadline for applications is 29 January 2021 with interviews to be held the week beginning 22 February. To apply please send a CV and covering letter, explaining why this position appeals to you and your suitability, to wsft@btconnect.com