

Cal Poly Humboldt Sponsored Programs Foundation

Job Announcement

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Job Title: Field Technician

Wage: \$23/hour

Hours: Part Time, Non-Exempt.

Project Name: Eel River Pikeminnow Suppression

Supervisor: Dr Gabriel Rossi (UC Berkeley), and Principal Investigator (PI) Dr. Nicholas Som

Essential functions of the job:

Under the supervision of UC Berkeley–CalTrout Coastal River Ecologist, Dr Gabriel Rossi, and Principal Investigator (PI) Dr. Nicholas Som, the Field Technician(s) will assist with implementing the South Fork Eel River Pikeminnow Suppression and effectiveness monitoring including between June and October 2026. The technician(s) will work within a multi-agency team and tribes in the Eel River watershed (CalTrout, UC Berkeley, CDFW, Wiyot Tribe). The technician(s) will work on various aspects of pikeminnow suppression and juvenile salmon telemetry including:

- Operating a resistance board weir in the South Fork Eel River near Piercy CA;
- Pikeminnow eradication in the South Fork and mainstem Eel River using gill nets, spear fishing, angling, and electrofishing;
- Trapping and tagging of juvenile salmonids;
- Deployment, maintenance, retrieval, and downloading of acoustic receivers in the South Fork Eel River, mainstem Eel River and estuary
- Snorkel surveys of native fishes and invasive pikeminnow in the South Fork Eel River
- Data entry and QA/QC.

The technician(s) will need to drive to southern Humboldt and northern Mendocino County field sites up to 7 times a month on the South Fork Eel River and will need a personal vehicle to do so. The primary job site is located about 80 miles south of Arcata at Andersonia (near Piercy, CA). Mileage will be reimbursed at the standard prevailing rate (currently at \$0.72/mile).

Minimum Qualifications: The applicant should have a B.A., B.S. or equivalent. Fisheries experience is preferred. The position requires the ability to lift 50 lbs. and work in inclement weather day or night. Some components of the work will be physically demanding, and applicants should be able to hike 5-10 miles in a day, with a pack up to 30lbs. Applicants must also be able to swim. Experience with outdoor activities is required. Fieldwork will also occur at several locations in the Eel River watershed, including the Elkhorn Ridge Wilderness, and mainstem South Fork Eel River near Piercy. The successful applicant will need to commute between these locations throughout the duration of the appointment.

Application Instructions: To apply submit (resume) along with the ** [SPF Self-Identification Form for Job Applicants](#) to Dr. Nick Som (nas466@humboldt.edu) and Dr. Gabriel Rossi (gabriel_rossi@berkeley.edu). If you have any questions regarding this position, please contact the same.

Application review date: 7/30/26

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Maintaining eligibility to work in the United States is a condition of employment. Cal Poly Humboldt Sponsored Programs Foundation does not sponsor visas for staff, management, or temporary positions.

For assistance with the application process, please submit an Accommodation Request Form, which can be [found here](#) or contact ADA Coordinator at 707.826.3626 or confidential fax at 707.826.3625. For more information regarding accommodation, you may also visit the Cal Poly Humboldt Human Resources website at <https://disability.humboldt.edu/>. Individuals in need of a telecommunications relay service may contact the California Relay Service at 877.735.2929 TTY.

A background check (including a criminal records check) must be completed satisfactorily before any candidate can be offered this position within Cal Poly Humboldt SPF. Failure to satisfactorily complete the background check may affect the application status of applicants or continued employment of current Humboldt SPF employees who apply for this position.