



## NATIVE AMERICAN FISH AND WILDLIFE SOCIETY

### JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

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The Senior Tribal Climate Resilience Liaison (Sr. TCRL) for the U.S. Geological Survey's Alaska Climate Adaptation Science Center (AK CASC) serves as the lead on Alaska tribal climate adaptation science needs under the guidance and direction of the Executive Director (ED of the Native American Fish and Wildlife Society (NAFWS)). The Sr. TCRL is responsible for providing technical assistance and working with tribal communities across Alaska to improve their capacity to prepare for and respond to climate-related environmental impacts.

#### **Brief Description of Duties and Responsibilities:**

- Develop and conduct outreach and extension programming on tribal climate-impact related issues, concerns, and adaptation strategies across Alaska.
- Lead collaborative efforts to synthesize and facilitate the transfer of science-based information on climate change to Alaska Native tribes.
- Assist communities to identify and prioritize resilience and adaptation projects.
- Develop and maintain working relationships with relevant local, tribal, state, and federal personnel and non-governmental organizations.
- Identify tribal climate science needs via literature reviews (workshop reports and needs assessments), discussions with researchers, and dialog with tribal community members.
- Network with other tribal science liaisons in the US to identify climate adaptation research, policy, funding, or other needs for federal partners to advance climate adaptation for tribes or non-tribal professionals facing similar climate adaptation challenges.
- Support the development of grant proposals to secure funding for related project implementation, research, and extension projects led by NAFWS, AK CASC, and partners.
- Ten or more instances of work travel are required for this position annually.

- The Liaison will conduct day-to-day operations in consultation with AK CASC staff and provide both weekly updates to the Executive Director of the NAFWS and quarterly updates to the NAFWS Board of Directors.
- Develop partnerships with Tribes, Federal, State, nongovernmental organizations regarding climate change and Tribal consultation.
- Assist with NAFWS' Education program, including supervision of the Alaska TCRL Intern.
- Assist with the NAFWS National and Regional Conferences as requested and directed by the Executive Director, i.e., assist with Climate Adaptability workshops.

**Position Requirements:**

Ph.D. or Master's degree in one or more of the following: physical sciences, biological/ecological sciences, natural resources, or relevant social sciences from an accredited university, AND at least three (3) years of experience supporting tribal needs related to climate adaptation and other environmental challenges in Alaska.

- Knowledge and experience with traditional knowledge in the associated field is highly desirable.
- Knowledge of 1) climate change adaptation management in the aforementioned fields, and 2) research methodologies sufficient to understand and evaluate research proposals.
- Ability to communicate effectively with individuals and groups within government agencies, tribes, non-government organizations, and other AK CASC stakeholders; and ability to comprehend, articulate and represent diverse interests.
- Ability to articulate relevant climate change-related science issues and projects to tribal communities, non-scientists, and internal (AK CASC) and external researchers.
- Additionally, ability to identify and articulate emerging issues that affect or could affect the management, data analysis, evaluation, interpretation, and management principles in the context of climate change adaptation of tribal communities.
- Ability to communicate and coordinate in both verbal and written form; ability to clearly and concisely write scientific reports, publications, correspondence, and other written communication.
- Knowledge of consensus building and group facilitation processes, thorough understanding of group dynamics, negotiation, mediation; and conciliation principles and techniques and skills in consensus building and facilitation. Successful experience in the aforementioned processes and dynamics within tribal communities is desirable.

**This position is funded for one year by the Department of Interior. While NAFWS and the AK CASC are working on making this a long-term position, this is contingent upon availability of funds.**

This is a full-time salary supervisor position. Salary is commensurate with experience, education and work history. Incumbent is subject to a pre-employment background screen. Will be required to serve a 90-day probationary period. Duty station will be Anchorage or Fairbanks, AK.

Closing Date: February 3, 2023

To apply, submit a resume, cover letter, 3 professional references, BIA Form 4432 (if claiming Indian Preference) and official transcripts to: Julie Thorstenson at [JThor@nafws.org](mailto:JThor@nafws.org) or mail to: Executive Director, NAFWS, 10465 Melody Dr., Ste 307, Northglenn, CO 80234.

For more information and to see a detailed job description, go to <https://www.nafws.org/jobs/>

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