Student Internships Offered by Clallam Marine Resources Committee
Do you enjoy doing citizen science work in our community? Do you want to earn while you learn?

This year the Clallam Marine Resources Committee is expanding their internship program by offering two internships for Summer 2022.

The duration of the internships is approximately 80 hours @ $15/hr. with most of the work to be completed between June – August 2022. The interns will work closely with MRC members, Makah, Jamestown Biologists on one or more of these projects:

- **Green Crab Trapping and Removal:** The intern will assist the Makah Tribe’s Marine Ecology program with their efforts to trap invasive European green crab in estuaries on the Makah Reservation. The internship will include both fieldwork and office/lab work.
- **Olympia Oyster monitoring:** The intern will assist Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe’s Natural Resource Department with all aspects of Olympia Oyster surveys and monitoring. The internship will include both fieldwork and office/lab work.
- **Other:** Pigeon Guillemot colony monitoring, kelp surveys via kayak, shellfish biotoxin sampling, data entry and other duties as assigned.

The interns will present their work at the Intern Celebration August 15, 2022.

If you are interested in being an intern, we recommend you browse the MRC website http://www.clallamcountymrc.org/ for more background, and then submit a letter of intent to the Clallam MRC at rebecca.mahan@co.clallam.wa.us or 223 East 4th St. Suite 5, Port Angeles, WA 98362. The application due date for the two internships is May 27, 2022.

In your letter, please answer the following questions:

- Why do you want to be an MRC-sponsored intern?
- Which internship opportunity (Olympia oyster or Green Crab) are you most interested in and why?
- What skills do you have that will be particularly useful for this internship?
- How does this internship fit into your future plans?
- How do you think you will benefit from this internship?

In addition, include a letter of recommendation from one of your instructors or an employer or mentor who knows you well with the application letter.

MRC-sponsored interns must meet the following criteria to be selected:

- MRC-sponsored interns must be at least 17 years old.
• MRC-sponsored interns must show a high level of responsibility in their Natural Resources/Environmental Studies program work.
• In addition, the Green Crab Internship will take place in Neah Bay, WA on the Makah Reservation and a valid driver's license and/or reliable transportation is required.

Include a letter of recommendation from one of your instructors with the application letter.

The spring internships are funded by a Northwest Straits Commission grant which is part of an award from the US Environmental Protection Agency and the Puget Sound Partnership.

About Clallam Marine Resources Committee:
The Clallam Marine Resources Committee is a balanced team of members comprised of local citizens representing commercial and sport fishers, conservation and environmental interests as well as tribes, cities, academia and other local governmental agencies. We work together to promote local solutions that address the degradation of natural resources in Clallam County. The public are invited to attend our meetings the third Monday of each month via Zoom or at the County Courthouse.

Our job is to discover collaborative ways to improve shellfish harvest areas, protect marine habitat, support salmon and bottomfish recovery and examine resource management alternatives. We propose and sponsor projects such as marine debris removal, oiled wildlife training, Olympia oyster restoration, kelp bed monitoring and community education. Each year, as part of the educational outreach, we sponsor student interns to work on MRC projects. Ultimately, we recommend remedial actions to local authorities.

The Clallam MRC was established by the Northwest Straits Commission as a result of the 1998 Northwest Straits Marine Conservation Initiative, which combines data-driven science with grassroots involvement by citizen groups in an effort to address the depletion of marine resources in the Strait of Juan de Fuca.