

Cows and Fish

Alberta Riparian Habitat Management Society



Job Advertisement:

Riparian Specialist (1 yr term) – Calgary, Alberta

Application Deadline: January 15, 2016

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Cows and Fish is looking to fill a position, based in Calgary, focusing on the Grassland and Foothills, with some work in the Parkland Natural Region, but also working to a lesser extent across the province. The position will be full time, for approximately a 1 year term, covering for leave of an existing staff member.

As part of the Alberta Riparian Habitat Management Society-“Cows and Fish”, a self directed and motivated person will provide: provincial support to other staff through expertise in riparian ecology and range science; regional and local support to watershed / stewardship / community groups, landowners and resource agencies regarding riparian ecology and management. You will take part in coordinating and implementing community based and riparian health activities with emphasis on southern Alberta, based out of our Calgary office. You will work directly in riparian health and management extension, including grazing and other land uses, with communities, landowners and livestock producers. Urban riparian health and management will be in integral part of your work with landowners, municipalities and other groups.

Qualifications:

Familiarity with riparian health evaluation methods, riparian ecology, vegetation community interactions, superior plant identification, forage production, soils, computers and photography required. Experience working with community groups and landowners and writing funding proposals valued. You must have demonstrated strong interpersonal, written and oral presentation communication skills. Social media use and website design and maintenance experience are an asset. You will have a B.Sc. with a major related to environmental science, conservation or range ecology. Eligibility for P.Ag. (Alberta Institute of Agrologists) or P. Biol. (Alberta Society of Professional Biologists) required. The successful candidate must have a minimum of 2 years of practical applied work experience in extension, riparian or range management or relevant research. Education or experience related to biology/ecological processes and hydrology is required. Practical knowledge of riparian planning, management and restoration, grazing management design, or designing and developing grazing strategies is expected as part of your previous experience.

Hiring details:

Position will ideally begin early March 2016, although other start dates will be considered. Candidates must have a valid class 5 driver's license, be willing to do extensive travel (with long days), including overnight away from home and work outdoors in a field setting.

We thank all applicants for their interest. Only individuals selected for interviews will be contacted. We strongly encourage you to see our web site for a detailed job description.

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(<http://www.cowsandfish.org/whatsnew/jobs.html>). *Note: we are also advertising for other Riparian Specialist & Riparian Resource Analyst or Technician positions, so be sure to indicate which position(s) and location(s) you are applying for.*

Applications must include a cover letter, resume, references and two samples of written work (extension or technical/scientific). **Please submit all application components as 1 digital file.** Please **indicate the position** you are applying for.

Submit applications by January 15, 2016 to:

Email applications to: jobs@cowsandfish.org

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Fax 403-381-5723 (Note: if submitting via paper or fax formats, digital files must also be sent of resume, letter, and references).

Questions regarding the position can be sent to nambrose@cowsandfish.org.

Candidates must be available for in-person interviews in Calgary (Feb 2-4, 2016).

About Us

The Alberta Riparian Habitat Management Society, also known as "**Cows and Fish**", is a non-profit society striving to foster a better understanding of how improvements in grazing and other management of riparian areas can enhance landscape health and productivity, for the benefit of landowners, agricultural producers, communities and others who use and value riparian areas.