Marine Mammal Technician
Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson
Anchorage, Alaska

POSITION
Up to three seasonal marine mammal technician positions are available with the Center for Environmental Management of Military Lands (CEMML). This position is located at Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson (JBER) Anchorage, AK. The technicians will assist with monitoring and management of marine mammals (primarily harbor porpoise and the endangered Cook Inlet beluga whale) in Knik Arm and Eagle River. Interested applicants must be physically fit, able to work both independently and as part of a team, able to work in inclement weather, and have excellent verbal and writing skills. Applicants should be comfortable working both outside and in an office setting. This is a temporary position and is contingent upon the availability of funding for JBER conservation efforts.

ORGANIZATION
CEMML is a research, education and service unit within the Warner College of Natural Resources at Colorado State University (CSU). CEMML applies the latest and most appropriate science to promote the sustainable management of natural and cultural resources on Department of Defense (DoD) and other public lands. We provide technical support, conduct applied research, and offer career development and learning opportunities to support resource stewardship. We collaborate with our sponsors and within CSU to resolve complex environmental issues, leaving a legacy of science-based decisions that sustain our resources for future generations.

To learn more about CEMML’s contributions to land management, our mission, vision, and values, visit http://www.cemml.colostate.edu/.

LOCATION
In October 2010, the Air Force’s Elmendorf Air Force Base and the Army’s Fort Richardson joined to become Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson (JBER). The installation is over 73,000 acres, stretching from northern Anchorage to Palmer, Alaska. JBER is located near Anchorage, Alaska, which has a population of nearly 300,000. The city’s proximity to JBER provides access to an urban center as well as excellent recreation and wildlife opportunities. For more information about Anchorage, visit http://www.anchoragechamber.org.

RESPONSIBILITIES
This position will assist with a variety of marine mammal projects including but not limited to: behavioral observations of belugas in Knik Arm (primarily Eagle Bay) and deployment/servicing of a variety of passive acoustic monitoring devices. Duties of the incumbent may include but are not limited to; manage databases, and may conduct analyses on desktop computers. While the major emphasis of this position is focused on marine mammal work, the incumbent may also occasionally be assigned to work on other tasks that support the JBER Natural Resources program. Incumbent will assist JBER personnel with field and administrative projects as needed and other duties as assigned.

PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS
The successful candidate must be comfortable working in and around swift moving water, walking over uneven terrain for long distances, must be able to carry 50 lbs and work in inclement weather. Extended
periods of close-contact work is anticipated for this position, technicians are required to abide by JBER and CSU/CEMML health mandates and vaccine requirements.

**MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS**
U.S. citizenship. BS/BA degree in marine biology, biology, ecology, natural resources, wildlife, fisheries or related field. Ability to traverse rough terrain and work outdoors in weather extremes. Valid driver’s license. Appointment is contingent on successful completion of a background check.

**DESIRABLE QUALIFICATIONS**
- Flexibility in work hours, including weekends.
- Experience working with endangered species.
- Experience monitoring marine mammals, especially land-based visual monitoring.
- Experience working around hazardous wildlife, including bears.
- Experience conducting behavioral observations of cetaceans.
- Experience operating, trailering, and working in a small boat on coastal Alaskan waters (or a similar cold water, extreme tide environment).
- Experience working with passive acoustic monitoring equipment (dipping hydrophones, C-POD, EAR SoundTrap, etc).
- Experience working with water level loggers (e.g. HOBO)
- Experience deploying beach seine and identification of Alaska fish.
- Experience performing data entry and management.
- Experience working on a military installation.

**DURATION**
Position will last approximately 6 months, starting in late May (dates are somewhat flexible and are coordinated with JBER marine mammal lead). Duration for longer than 6 months is possible, but contingent on funding and work availability.

**BACKGROUND CHECK**
Colorado State University is committed to providing a safe and productive learning and living community. To achieve that goal, we conduct background investigations for all final candidates being considered for employment. Background checks may include, but are not limited to, criminal history, national sex offender search and motor vehicle history.

**PAY RATE**
Starting pay rate is $19.00 /hour.

**APPLICATION**
Applications will be reviewed as received, and interviews will begin immediately following the conclusion of the application period. Prospective candidates should send materials consisting of:
1) Cover letter noting the position, and responding to each of the requirements;
2) Resume
3) Name and daytime phone number for three (3) references, including one current or former supervisor

Documents should be packaged as single PDF file that do NOT contain sensitive personal information (i.e., social security numbers and birthdates).

Applications will be accepted through 21 March 2022.
Send applications via e-mail to:

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For more information, contact Andrea Gilstad at the above e-mail

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Reflecting departmental and institutional values, candidates are expected to have the ability to advance the Department’s commitment to diversity and inclusion.

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