

## Internship Announcement

**Position:** Pollution Patrols and Mapping Project

**Duration:** June 2019-September 2019

**Hours:** 8-12 hrs/wk with more hours possible

**Type:** Unpaid

**Background:** RE Sources is a non-profit environmental education and advocacy organization located in Bellingham, WA. Our mission:

RE Sources' North Sound Baykeeper Team is charged with protecting and restoring the marine and nearshore habitats of the northern Puget Sound region. The North Sound Baykeeper Team is currently looking for an intern to assist with conducting pollution patrols on the waters of Whatcom and Skagit counties and to create an interactive map that tracks stormwater pollution permits. This project aims to identify sources of pollution and to better engage the community to identify and report pollution with the overall goal of improving water quality.

**Job Description:** RE Sources seeks a motivated intern who will assist in conducting regular pollution patrols via kayak or canoe in marine and freshwaters of Whatcom and Skagit counties. Some of these patrols may involve additional members from the community. The object of these patrols is to find and report pollution with the intent to cleanup the pollution and prevent further pollution from occurring. This position also involves creating an interactive map that will identify and track local stormwater permits. In addition, this intern will assist in other tasks related to the North Sound Baykeeper Team such as data entry, water quality sampling, beach cleanups, and outreach events.

Interns will perform some or all of the following duties:

- Conduct weekly pollution patrols via kayak or canoe in marine and freshwater
- Assist with monthly community offered pollution patrols
- Create a map using Google My Maps that locates and tracks stormwater permits
- Database entry
- Assist with beach cleanups
- Assist with other tasks as assigned.

### Education benefits:

Interns will gain the following knowledge and/or experience:

- Identification and reporting of pollution
- Proper water sampling and data management protocol
- Knowledge of water quality issues
- Interact with and engage community members in pollution prevention
- Knowledge of Google My Maps

### Required Qualifications:

- Physically fit to carry and paddle kayaks and canoes for 2-4 hours at time
- Confident and engaging interpersonal skills
- Adventurous attitude
- Proficiency in Microsoft Office and tech savvy to learn how to use Google My Maps
- Ability to work independently and in group settings
- Ability to meet deadlines

### Desired Qualifications:

- Background/ Coursework in water quality
- Driver's License and good driving record
- Kayak, canoe, or other boating experience

For more information, contact Kirsten McDade, Pollution Prevention Specialist with the North Sound Baykeeper Team [kirstenm@re-sources.org](mailto:kirstenm@re-sources.org) or 360 220-0556.

**To apply, please send a cover letter, resume, and course transcript (unofficial OK) to [kirstenm@re-sources.org](mailto:kirstenm@re-sources.org) no later than May 26, 2019.**