

## **COASTAL RESOURCES SPECIALIST**

### **Washington Sea Grant Marine Advisory Services**

Washington Sea Grant (WSG) is a broad-based university program of integrated research, education and outreach dedicated to development of knowledge for use in the marine environment. Marine Advisory Services (MAS) is the principal field-based outreach group within WSG.

Washington state's rich and diverse cultural and natural coastal resources are under pressure from population increases and development. While state agencies responsible for administering specific growth and shoreline management policies offer many assistance programs, these programs may not provide adequate tools to address the crosscutting and emerging issues that coastal communities and businesses now face. WSG maintains activities to support sustainable coastal community development and works with state and local planners to coordinate outreach and technical assistance and meet identified coastal community and business needs.

The Coastal Resources Specialist supports WSG coastal community development activities and serves as an MAS technical expert on coastal environmental and management issues. Reporting to the MAS Program Leader, the Coastal Resources Specialist will be housed in the Puget Sound region and may have offices at one or more locations, including the Padilla Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve (NERR) office near Mount Vernon, University of Washington's Urban Waters Institute in Tacoma, or the WSG offices on the Seattle campus of the University of Washington.

#### **Responsibilities:**

The Coastal Resources Specialist supports and coordinates educational, informational and technology transfer programs responsive to coastal planning needs. The position contributes substantially to WSG's capacity for focusing research and outreach on the relationships among economics, marine industry, coastal development and the environment. Specific responsibilities will include the following:

1. Coordinate, create and offer technical support, outreach or education to coastal communities, coastal decision-makers and businesses; this may be self-generated or may require engaging experts in a range of disciplines.
2. Create and offer meetings of the Washington Shoreline and Coastal Planners Group (SCPG).
3. Provide program management and support for ongoing projects to address the impacts of development on the coastal environment and encourage sustainable development such as Green Shores for Homes and the action coordination teams of the West Coast Governors' Alliance on Ocean Health.
4. Strengthen and maintain partnerships with state and university programs such as the Padilla Bay NERR Coastal Training Program (CTP), WSU Beach Watchers, the Northwest Straits Initiative/Marine Resources Committees and the Climate Impacts Group.
5. Coordinate, plan and conduct workshops and conferences regarding current coastal management issues. These issues may include: climate change, port and marine business management, alternative energy sources, community development and marine spatial planning.

6. Develop and implement projects that work to resolve crosscutting or emerging issues related to coastal management and shoreline development in Washington. This may require development and coordination of a team of technical experts.
7. Serve as a member of WSG and Marine Advisory Services team projects and activities.
8. Prepare reports and advisory publications as needed.
9. Serve as a university liaison with tribes, public agencies, local advisory committees, citizen groups, marine industries and other coastal constituencies.
10. Coordinate with marine advisory personnel and programs of other organizations and states.

**Qualifications:**

- Master's degree is required. Ph.D encouraged. Degree in environmental science, geography, economics, urban planning or marine resource management is preferred.
- At least four years of professional experience in a marine-related business or marine resource management position, or equivalent marine advisory services work.
- Demonstrated ability to: (1) initiate and complete projects with minimal supervision; (2) work effectively and communicate with diverse audiences; and (3) interpret technical information and relate it in nontechnical language to local concerns.
- Strong oral and written skills and leadership capabilities.
- Functional computer skills including database management and social media.
- A commitment to the goals and ideals of Washington Sea Grant.
- Experience in grant writing and securing outside funding desired.

**Closing date for applications:** Applications received by Jan. 15, 2012 will receive priority review and the position will remain open until filled.

To apply, please go to UW Employment website [www.uw.edu/jobs](http://www.uw.edu/jobs) and search for Req. # 80362 Coastal Resources Specialist and follow instructions for online application.

For further information, including the WSG Program Directory and brochure contact Pete Granger (206) 685-9261, e-mail [pgranger@u.washington.edu](mailto:pgranger@u.washington.edu). or visit the program website at [www.wsg.washington.edu](http://www.wsg.washington.edu).

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