



Coastal & Marine Field Technician – Full-time (1 year)

Coastal Action is seeking an experienced individual to fill our Coastal & Marine Field Technician role. Coastal Action is a charitable organization that addresses environmental concerns throughout the South Shore region of Nova Scotia and was established in 1993. Located in Mahone Bay, this role is an approximate 11-month full-time position beginning May 2021 and ending March 31, 2022, with possibility of extension.

Reporting to the Coastal & Marine Team Lead, the Field Technician will assist with the *Collaborative Remediation of Abandoned Lost and Discarded Fishing Gear (ALDFG) in Southwest Nova Scotia Project (2020-2022)*, funded by Fisheries and Oceans Canada, as well as other team field work activities (i.e., microplastic sampling).

Your Opportunity:

- Conduct hands-on field work at-sea focused on ALDFG retrieval and end-of-life management.
- Help to deliver public and school presentations and community outreach.
- Conduct data management and data entry.
- Assist with other Coastal & Marine Team projects, as time allows.

Your Experience(s) and Education:

- Post-secondary education with a concentration in ocean sciences, marine management, environmental science, or other related disciplines.
- Flexible and adaptable to a changing work schedule (including travel, overnight stays, weekend, and evening work).
- Experience at-sea, boat and vessel experience, and at-sea observation experience.
- Self-motivated, with the ability to work independently.
- Ability to perform and multi-task in challenging work environments and weather conditions.
- Strong organizational skills, attention to detail, and efficient time management.
- An aptitude for safe work practices.
- Strong oral and written communication skills.
- Proficiency in Office 365 applications, particularly Excel.
- A valid driver's license and access to a vehicle for work purposes.
- Current certification in Standard First Aid + CPR Level A (or equivalent) by the start date of the contract.
- Current certification in Domestic Vessel Safety (DVS) Training considered an asset.
- Additional skills considered assets include experience with the fishing industry, pleasure craft license.



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How do we define success for your role?

The Coastal & Marine Field Technician will spend most of their time contributing to data collection and field work, and carrying out Ghost Gear project activities, including joining at-sea data retrieval data collection across Southwest Nova Scotia (June – October 2021). This will be an exciting, fast-paced, and dynamic role that includes the involvement in several project activities. Field work locations will include offshore sites in Lobster Fishing Areas (LFAs) 33 and 34 (including departures from Clarks Harbour, Shelburne, Blue Rocks, and East Pubnico). Candidates must be experienced working in and around water, on boats, and performing physical tasks in all weather conditions and challenging environments. This position will require flexibility, travel requirements, overnight stays, and possible evening and weekend work. Where needed, the successful candidate must also be willing to assist with other Coastal Action projects and outreach opportunities.

Office work will be required and will take place at Coastal Action's office in the Mahone Bay Centre in Mahone Bay, Nova Scotia.

Coastal Action is a driven team dedicated to providing research, education, and action on Nova Scotia's South Shore. If you have what it takes to join our team, we would like to hear from you. Resumes and accompanying cover letters identifying how you can contribute to Coastal Action's success in the role of Ghost Gear Field Technician can be sent to Ariel Smith, ariel@coastalaction.org.

Coastal Action is an equal opportunity employer. We thank all applicants for their interest; however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

Closing date: May 12, 2021 at 11:59 pm.