

Cows and Fish

Alberta Riparian Habitat Management Society



Job Advertisement:
Riparian Range Specialist – Southern Alberta
Application Deadline: August 14, 2017

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Cows and Fish is looking to fill a vacant position, based in southern Alberta, focusing on the Grasslands and Foothills, with some very limited work in the Parkland Natural Region and other areas across the province. This full time term position until March 2020, will expand an increasing role for us in southeastern Alberta.

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 most of your time spent on work focused around southern Alberta and (Foothills and Grasslands Natural Regions), focusing on areas with species at risk. Your office space will be ideally be in Lethbridge, but some potential exists for a part-time base to be in Calgary or Medicine Hat. You will work directly in riparian health and management extension, including grazing and other land uses, with communities, landowners and livestock producers.

Qualifications:

Familiarity with riparian health evaluation methods, riparian ecology, vegetation community interactions, superior plant identification, forage production, range science, soils, computers and photography required. Experience working with community groups and landowners (particularly rural) and writing funding proposals or reports valued. You must have demonstrated strong interpersonal, written and oral presentation communication skills. Database use, GIS expertise, 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 begin between August and September 2017. Position is funding dependent, but we anticipate the position length to be about 2.5 years, based on current funding. 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. [Selection of candidates for](#)

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interviews may begin as soon as suitable candidates are found, including before the deadline, so apply as soon as possible.

We thank all applicants for their interest. Only individuals selected for interviews will be contacted. We strongly encourage you to see our website for a detailed job description. (<http://www.cowsandfish.org/whatsnew/jobs.html>).

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.**

Submit applications by August 14, 2017 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 – please include ‘job application’ in your subject line.

Candidates must be available for in-person interviews in Lethbridge (dates to be determined).

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.