

## Alaska USDA APHIS Wildlife Services Opportunities 2016

Listed below are several employment opportunities with Wildlife Services in Alaska for 2016. We will continue to accept applications until positions are filled. If you are interested in any of these offerings, please provide us with contact information, availability, and a resume'. We will e-mail applications to those respondents who are interested and available. We can be reached at the following:

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### Invasive Species Eradication/Predator Suppression

#### Aleutian Island Fox

Location: Chirikof Island  
Work Environment: Remote  
Timeframe: Early May to Mid-July  
Appointment: Full time seasonal  
Grade: AD-404-4, plus 7.18% COLA\*  
Hours expected: 80 hours per pay period, plus 16 hours overtime per pay period  
Benefits: Lodging, meals, incidental expenses  
Positions: **2**

Chirikof is a currently uninhabited island located 80 miles Southwest of Kodiak Island. Starting in the late 1800's the Alaska Commercial Company began using Chirikof as farm for Arctic fox (blue phase). Alaska's tremendous island-nesting seabird populations were viewed as a cost-free source of fox food. Historic populations of many burrow-nesting seabirds were seriously depleted or eliminated on islands where the foxes were introduced. Shortly after the introduction of Arctic fox, cattle were brought on to the island as a source of food for the employees. Later, more cattle were brought to Chirikof as a foundation for a beef industry that existed in some part until the early 1980's when ownership of the island was turned over to the Alaska Maritime National Wildlife Refuge and the cattle were abandoned. The initial eradication attempt of Arctic fox occurred in 2015 and will be followed up in 2016 to ensure that no fox remain on this island. The physical demands required of these remote Alaska trapping projects are significant. Specialists can expect to operate a small, inflatable skiff in inclement weather to navigate the island's shoreline (several miles), hike 10 miles each day on soft tundra with a 30 lb. pack, and operate an ATV in uneven terrain. Eradication methods will include trapping and opportunistic shooting. There will be 2 camps of 2 Specialists per camp. Lodging will be cabins and/or tents. Food will be provided for the duration of the project.

#### Barrow Fox Trapping

Location: Barrow, AK  
Work environment: Rural/Remote  
Timeframe: May 1, through Mid-July  
Appointment: Full time seasonal  
Grade: AD-404-4, plus 7.18% COLA\*  
Hours expected: 80 hours per pay period, plus 16 hours of overtime per pay period  
Benefits: Lodging and food are provided. Per Diem (meals and incidentals) while in travel status.  
Positions: **2**

Arctic fox control in Barrow was initiated in 2005 to protect the threatened Alaska-breeding population of Steller's eider and other indigenous nesting birds. In cooperation with the USFWS, fox removal activities have been conducted by WS personnel every year since. Late-spring/early-summer is the nesting season for the Steller's eider, and is when they are highly susceptible to predation. Methods used in control activities include trapping and opportunistic shooting. Specialists must be skilled in the use of different types of foothold and body grip traps, as well as winter trapping techniques. It is critical that Specialists be versed in trapping techniques to reduce the likelihood of non-target take. Specialists must be able to hike long distances with a pack full of gear, and operate an ATV. It is likely that Specialists will be asked to present the project to the community, and/or conduct trapping and necropsy demonstrations at the local school. Food is provided to the Specialist upon the start of the project, and re-supply shipments are made as necessary. Specialists will be provided transportation from Anchorage to Barrow, and housing while in Barrow.

# Airport Direct Control Wildlife Hazard Management

## Eielson Air Force Base

Location: Eielson AFB, AK

Work environment: Urban

Timeframe: Late March through September

Appointment: Full time seasonal

Grade: AD-404-4, plus 5.57% COLA\*

Hours expected: 80 hours per pay period, plus necessary comp time

Benefits: Federal Employee Health Benefit, Sick and Annual Leave

Positions: **2**

Eielson Air Force Base, located approximately 20 miles southeast of Fairbanks, is the main base supporting the State's Red Flag operations. Red Flag is a series of war game exercises conducted at Eielson AFB for a variety of military aircraft from various states and countries. Wildlife Services provides a Wildlife Hazard Management Program designed reduce wildlife hazards to aircraft. Eielson AFB offers a unique experience in managing a variety of wildlife species hazardous to aircraft. Wildlife species may consist of moose, lynx, fox, woodchucks, ravens, waterfowl, gulls, and raptors. A team of 4 Specialists and 1 Biologist operate independently on twelve and eight hour shifts. Specialists are required to patrol the property, operate around aircraft, and communicate with the Control Tower via radio. Specialists are responsible for securing their own housing and transportation to and from the project.

## Bryant Army Airfield

Location: JBER, AK

Work environment: Urban

Timeframe: Late March through late October

Appointment: Full time seasonal

Grade: AD-404-4, plus 5.57% COLA\*

Hours expected: 80 hours per pay period, plus necessary comp time

Benefits: Federal Employee Health Benefit, Sick and Annual Leave

Positions: **1**

Bryant Army Airfield, located within Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson (JBER), is adjacent to Anchorage Alaska. Wildlife Services provides Bryant Army Airfield with a wildlife hazard management program designed to reduce wildlife hazards to aircraft. JBER as a whole offers a unique aspect to airport wildlife damage, where Specialists deal with a diverse population of wildlife from moose and bears to gulls and waterfowl. The Specialist will operate independently on eight hour shifts, typically working 40 per week. Specialists are required to patrol the property, operate around aircraft, and communicate with the Control Tower via radio. Specialists are responsible for housing and transportation to and from the project.

## Anchorage Urban Projects

Location: Anchorage, AK

Work environment: Urban

Timeframe: Mid of May through Mid of September

Appointment: Full time seasonal

Grade: AD-404-4, plus 5.57% COLA\*

Hours expected: 80 hours per pay period, plus necessary comp time

Benefits: Federal Employee Health Benefit, Sick and Annual Leave

Positions: **1**

Wildlife Services receives requests for assistance in resolving human-wildlife conflicts in the Anchorage area each summer. The majority of this work includes removing gull nests and eggs from businesses in Anchorage. specialists must be able to safely climb ladders to access rooftops, and work in inclement weather. This is a highly visible project; interaction with cooperators, the public, and other agency representatives can be expected. Specialists may be used to cover shifts at the local landfill and airport projects throughout the season. Data collection and reporting is critical; the ability to use a computer and reconcile data between multiple databases is required. Specialists are responsible for housing and transportation to and from the project.

\* The AD Salary schedule mimics the GS Locality Pay Tables for Alaska which can be accessed at [http://www.opm.gov/policy-data-oversight/pay-leave/salaries-wages/salary-tables/pdf/2015/AK\\_h.pdf](http://www.opm.gov/policy-data-oversight/pay-leave/salaries-wages/salary-tables/pdf/2015/AK_h.pdf) . Federal employees in Alaska receive an additional Cost of Living Allowance (COLA) benefit of 5.57% or 7.18% depending on project locale.