

**Scottish Invasive Species Initiative - Esk District Salmon Fishery Board
Seasonal Project Officer
(part time and flexible hours up to 0.4 fte)**

1. Project and Partners

The Scottish Invasive Species Initiative wishes to recruit a part time (flexible hours) Seasonal Project Officer to assist in the management and delivery of invasive non-native species control and monitoring in Angus and Tayside in summer 2020.

This post, employed by the Esk District Salmon Fishery Board for the Scottish Invasive Species Initiative and lasting to end September 2020 – will give the SISI Project Officer additional flexible capacity to carry out plant control and monitoring and mink control activities appropriate to current coronavirus advice and guidance in Angus and Tayside.

2. Working hours

Due to limitations on the extent and breadth of activities possible under coronavirus restrictions this is a part time role working up to 2 days per week (0.4 fte).

Days of working are not fixed and will be dependent on tasks required, suitable weather conditions, availability of the SISI Project Officer and their overview of the work programme and priorities. Therefore, flexibility is required to agree working time each week.

3. Location

This role is predominately outdoor based and operates across the North and South Esk and River Tay catchments in Angus and Perthshire.

4. Key tasks and responsibilities

The Seasonal Project Officer working with the SISI Project Officer will undertake the following:

- Control invasive plants by chemical spraying and stem injection methods
- Support local partners to deliver invasive plant control and monitor extent of work
- Deliver American mink control by:
 - monitoring mink raft and traps and
 - supporting the set-up and operation of mink rafts and traps by volunteers
- Follow Health, Safety, Environmental and Coronavirus legal requirements and protocols
- Monitor and record invasive plants within target and treated populations

5. Experience and skills

As we are currently unable to access training to gain new qualifications it is an **essential requirement** of the role that the candidate holds the City & Guilds NPTC Level 2 Award in PA1 (safe use of pesticides), PA6 (hand held applicator) and W (for use by water). Candidates without these qualifications and relevant experience will not be considered.



- Able to work flexible hours on a week to week basis (see 2. above)
- Experience in chemical control of (invasive) plants using hand held applicator and by water
- Able to carry out manual work, specifically the clearance and treatment of invasive non-native plants and the deployment of mink rafts and traps with volunteers
- Experience of working / spending time in the outdoor environment
- Proven ability to deliver projects with and without supervision
- Knowledge of the North and South Esk and Tay river catchments would be advantageous
- Good communication skills
- A full clean Driving Licence and access to a vehicle insured for business use

6. Salary

A salary of up to £20,000 (pro rata) will be payable dependant on experience.

7. Further information

Further information on Scottish Invasive Species Initiative:

www.invasivespecies.scot

Further information on Esks District Salmon Fishery Board:

<http://eskriversangus.uk/>

8. Applications

Applications, in the form of CV and covering letter (no more than 2 pages), must be received by **12.00 noon on Friday 26 June** and sent to sisi@nature.scot.

Late applications will not be considered.

9. Interviews

Interviews will take place by video call on **Tuesday 30 June**.

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