

Beachkeepers – promote awareness, conservation and stewardship of the marine ecosystem at təmtə́míxʷtən/Belcarra Regional Park and in the community

Location: təmtə́míxʷtən/Belcarra Regional Park, təmtə́míxʷtən/Belcarra picnic area and wharf

Role Description:

Volunteers will:

- Encourage preservation and protection of marine ecosystems by engaging park visitors with hands-on, interactive educational displays, props and activities
- Work to collect base line information on the impact of recreational fishing on local crab populations at the təmtə́míxʷtən/Belcarra Regional Park wharf; this information is analyzed by Fisheries and Oceans for fisheries management purposes

Duties include:

- Set up and take down displays on the wharf and in the information tent
- Engage wharf and park users in activities that will increase their awareness of beach and park etiquette, fisheries regulations, intertidal conservation and natural history
- Participate in the crab study
- Advise visitors of park rules and regulations (as needed and when comfortable to do so)
- Develop new displays, pamphlets and signs for Beachkeepers (optional)

Qualifications:

- Volunteers must:
 - * Be at least 16
 - * Have enthusiasm and a positive attitude
 - * Be willing to engage with and to educate the public
 - * Have a keen interest in marine ecology and natural history
 - * Be reliable and motivated
 - * Be able to work both independently and with a team
 - * Feel comfortable handling live intertidal marine life

Time commitment:

- A minimum of 6 weekend shifts (approximately 30 hours) throughout the summer, from the last weekend in June to Labour Day

Support provided: Volunteer Manual, orientation and training

Benefits:

- Learn new skills
- Gain hands-on experience in data collection, public education and marine stewardship

For information contact the Volunteer System Coordinator:

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