



## **Position Announcement: Bristol Bay Program Director**

The Bristol Bay Program Director will develop and implement a multifaceted work plan designed to engage key constituencies in pursuit of permanent protection for Bristol Bay and the southeast Bering Sea from offshore oil and gas development. Helping to lead and working with a diverse coalition of commercial fishing, Alaska Native, and conservation interests, the director will advance the campaign in Alaska and Washington, D.C. where congressional and/or executive decisions will determine the future of the region with regards to offshore drilling. The director will supervise program contractors, manage the program budget, fundraise as needed, serve as a spokesperson and engage in research, outreach, policy tracking, media work, and materials preparation on behalf of AMCC and in support of the coalition. Additionally, the Program Director will identify and foster as appropriate locally-driven solutions that support the long-term ecological, economic, and cultural health of the region.

This is a full-time position based out of AMCC's office in Anchorage, Alaska.

### **Primary Responsibilities**

- Oversee all aspects of AMCC's program to permanently protect Bristol Bay from offshore drilling and to promote long-term sustainability in the region
- Work alongside coalition partners to create and execute a strategic work plan including grassroots and grassstops outreach, education, research, communications and public policy
- Successfully engage diverse partners including commercial fishing and local interests in pursuit of a common strategy for permanent protection
- Establish and coordinate activities of a campaign steering committee
- Ensure strategic communications with policy makers
- Supervise program contractors and successfully engage volunteers
- Identify and pursue media opportunities; execute outreach events in Alaska and the Northwest
- Assist Executive Director with fundraising as appropriate; manage campaign budget
- Travel throughout the Bristol Bay region, Alaska, and to Washington, D.C.

### **Qualifications**

- Bachelors degree or higher in policy, biology, law or other relevant field
- 3-5 years experience working on conservation issues, including the design and implementation of advocacy campaigns to realize targeted, political objectives
- Demonstrated leadership ability in a complex work environment with diverse interests
- Ability to work collaboratively with diverse interests and to exercise diplomacy in pursuit of challenging objectives
- Strong interpersonal skills and political sensibility
- Excellent written and oral communications skills
- Media savvy, projecting a strong and persuasive presence in a variety of settings and locations

- Cultural sensitivity and understanding dynamics of Alaska Native communities and commercial fishing industry; demonstrated experience on this front highly preferred
- Experience with managing budgets and supervising contractors
- Knowledge and experience working in the oil and gas arena a plus
- Basic computing skills and proficiency with word processing, spreadsheets, internet technologies, etc.

### **Compensation**

AMCC offers competitive salary and benefits commensurate with experience. Relocation expenses are not covered for this position.

### **Organization**

Founded in 1994, the Alaska Marine Conservation Council (AMCC) is dedicated to protecting the long-term health of Alaska's oceans and sustaining the working waterfronts of our coastal communities. AMCC advances conservation solutions that address the interdependence between healthy marine ecosystems, strong local economies and coastal traditions. Our community-based approach includes outreach, grassroots advocacy, public policy, research and education.

**To apply:** Email resume including three professional references and cover letter detailing relevant experience, interest in the position, salary requirements, and potential start date to Kelly Harrell, Executive Director, at [Kelly@akmarine.org](mailto:Kelly@akmarine.org). Writing samples and other materials to demonstrate experience and skills may also be included. Interviews will be conducted in the month of August, with a hiring decision made by August 31, 2010.