

Volunteer Job Description

Title: Whitehorse Conservation Initiative - Research

Whitehorse Conservation Initiative

To promote environmental stewardship in the Whitehorse area, encourage establishment of conservation areas in or close to town, conserve fish and wildlife habitat, and protect natural areas important to residents.

Purpose:

Much work has already gone into assessing conservation values of various areas in the Whitehorse area, by different organizations and agencies. We need someone to research which areas have been studied in the past and summarize the findings of these past studies.

Deliverables:

- Comprehensive bibliography, listing sources as well as locations of these documents
- Summary report outlining areas of interest for conservation within the vicinity of Whitehorse, including their conservation features.
- A "gap analysis" outlining types of information is available, and types of information missing, with recommendations on what type of information CPAWS should focus on trying to obtain (e.g. field research, surveys, access-to-information requests)

Tasks:

1. Talk to staff at CPAWS to get a preliminary list of information available.
2. Check out the CPAWS library and go to the various government libraries, including Yukon Archives, and perform literature searches.
3. Sum up what you find in a report, and with an index of useful maps.
4. Assess the information you were able to obtain and determine whether there is information that you feel we should try to get a hold of.

Qualifications

You can conduct basic research, including searching the internet and the Yukon library system. You are able to compile a large amount of information into a concise summary.

Timeframe

Dependent on volunteer availability.

Site

Most of the work will take place in Yukon libraries. If you do not have access to a computer or the internet you can use the spare computer in the CPAWS office.

What do you get out of it?

A chance to develop research skills and get involved in a local project.