



**Opportunity:** River Recreation Access Intern

**Supervisor:** Executive Director

**Location:** Remote

**Start Date:** Start can vary from August 1, 2022 to September 1, 2022

**Internship Duration:** 16 weeks

### **Objective**

This internship will analyze and summarize information collected from river managers and boating administrators to identify 1) the means through which access is supported, funded, constructed and maintained and 2) current demographic profile of river users who access rivers at the access facilities they manage. In addition, we will explore examples of programs or other aspects of their site's management that welcomes underserved communities of color, gender identification, or special physical needs. Finally, the report will take a look at permits, fees and licenses that are assessed for human powered recreation and how those fees are used relative to those who are paying the fees. This project involves seeking input from river managers and planners, and will provide exposure to the skills and responsibilities of agency river staff and partners and the ways our rivers are inviting the public to experience unique and special river experiences.

### **Responsibilities**

- Review the data that has been collected from river access launch managers.
- Analyze information that has been collected from states across the U.S. and suggest insights regarding access environments and demographic information that has been collected and updated.
- Identify and explore examples of facility innovation, programs and partnerships that welcome previously underserved individuals and groups to the value and experiences offered by recreating at, on and in rivers.

### **Minimum Qualifications**

- Familiarity with river recreation, natural resource management and conservation aspects of federal, state, regional and non-profit agencies and programs
- Ability to work collaboratively with diverse stakeholders, including the federal government, state agencies, municipalities and non-profit organizations, from a remote location
- Ability to self-motivate and work efficiently in an independent environment
- Strong written and verbal communication skills, excellent time management, and ability to manage multiple ongoing tasks, priorities and deadlines

- Ability to presenting and explain technical information in front of various non-technical audiences

### **Helpful Qualifications**

- Formal education in fluvial geomorphology, hydrology, recreation management, natural resource management or related fields
- Experience with communications and outreach via newsletters, social media and print materials desired

### **Compensation & Benefits**

- The position will involve 30 hours per week with flexibility in the workweek schedule and location, at a rate of \$15 per hour.
- The intern will be encouraged to attend River Management Society trainings as relevant and available.
- Benefits may include travel to and attendance at the Fall 2022 meeting of the River Management Board of Directors.

### **How to apply:**

Please send a cover letter describing your interest and relevant experience; your resume; and two professional references to [rms@river-management.org](mailto:rms@river-management.org). Please send this submission with “River Recreation Launch and Demographics Survey Intern” as the subject line. Applications will be considered immediately.

To apply: Please send cover letter and resume to [rms@river-management.org](mailto:rms@river-management.org)

**Phone:** 301-502-6548

**Contact:** Risa Shimoda with questions at (301) 502-6548

**Closing Date:** June 15, 2022

**Award date:** July 15, 2022

### **About the River Management Society**

The River Management Society (RMS) is a national, nonprofit professional organization whose mission is to support professionals who study, protect, and manage North America's rivers. Dedicated to holistic river management, our diverse membership includes federal, state, and local agency employees, educators, researchers, consultants, organizations and citizens. RMS advances the profession of river management by providing a unique variety of forums for sharing information about the appropriate use and management of river resources. One of our primary strategic platforms is to expand an understanding of rivers through networking and sharing experiences related to river recreation, scientific research and management. Learn more at [www.river-management.org](http://www.river-management.org).