

State of Washington
Dept. of Ecology
invites applications for the position of:
**Nonpoint Water Quality Inspector
(Environmental Specialist 3)**

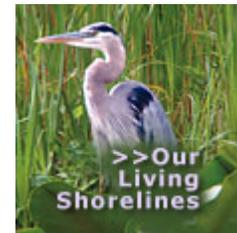
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SALARY: \$3,392.00 - \$4,452.00 Monthly
\$40,704.00 - \$53,424.00 Annually

OPENING DATE: 04/08/16

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DESCRIPTION:



Keeping Washington Clean and Evergreen

Protecting Washington State's environment for current and future generations is what we do every day at Ecology. We are a culture that is invested in making a difference. If you want to join a team that is highly effective, collaborative, has leadership that embraces the value of people, and believes in the fun factor, Ecology is a good fit.

The [Water Quality](#) (WQ) program is currently looking to fill a **Nonpoint Water Quality Inspector (Environmental Specialist 3)** position. This position will be located in our Northwest Regional Office in Bellevue, WA.

The **Nonpoint Water Quality Inspector** position performs environmental inspections and enforcement activities, and documents agricultural and livestock-related practices that impact water quality and provides technical assistance on rural and farm best management practices to landowners and the public in Island, Snohomish, King and Kitsap County watersheds.

We are looking for applicants who possess excellent communication skills and who would be comfortable talking to farmers and livestock owners on their properties and would be willing to take enforcement actions when needed.

As an agency, our mission is to protect, preserve and enhance Washington's environment for current and future generations. We invest in our employees to create and sustain a working environment that encourages creative leadership, effective resource management, teamwork,

professionalism and accountability. Maybe you've seen some of our recent stories on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) or our [blog](#).

To learn more about our agency, please visit our website at www.ecy.wa.gov.

Local efforts... Diverse people... Statewide impacts

DUTIES:



The mission of the [Water Quality Program](#) (WQ) is to protect and restore Washington's waters to sustain healthy watersheds and communities. Our work ensures that state waters support beneficial uses including recreational and business activities, supplies for clean drinking water, and the protection of fish, shellfish, wildlife, and public health.

Some of the key work activities of the **Nonpoint Water Quality Inspector** position are:

- Independently performs professional level water quality and other environmental inspections and enforcement activities.
- Conducts inspections or field investigations in order to respond to complaints/violations relating to environmental regulations.
- Participates with higher level environmental staff in negotiating agreements/settlements; imposes on-site enforcement action as necessary.
- Performs follow-up inspections to ensure corrective action is implemented; represents the agency in public meetings, hearings, and workshops; interprets and explains environmental regulations and requirements.
- Works directly with local municipalities and the public to promote environmental improvements.
- This position independently inspects, assesses, and documents agricultural and livestock-related practices that impact water quality and provides technical assistance on rural and farm best management practices involving pollution prevention, pollution control, or natural resource management in accordance with state regulations and guidelines.
- BMP technical assistance is provided to landowners, public, local governments and other agencies in Island, Snohomish, King, and Kitsap County watersheds.
- In collaboration with Regional Field Staff, Stormwater Inspectors, TMDL Leads, Permit Managers, and other Ecology staff, this position interprets and explains environmental regulations and requirements; and works directly with local municipalities, Conservation Districts, and the public to promote environmental improvements.
- This position responds to and investigates complex or highly technical complaints/violations relating to farm practices, livestock or agriculture and environmental regulations and/or environmental pollution.

- Evaluates data to determine technical compliance with regulatory requirements.
- Prepares final inspection reports, documentation, and other evaluations/reports for approval.
- This position may impose on-site enforcement action, or participate with higher-level environmental staff in negotiating enforcement actions, agreements, or settlements; and performs follow-up inspections to ensure corrective action is implemented.
- Collaborates with other Water Quality Program Nonpoint Inspector staff and HQ Watershed Unit staff to develop consistent inspection procedures and ensure standard response protocols for nonpoint water quality issues.
- As required represents Ecology in public information/education activities for nonpoint water quality issues; coordinates with partnering agencies.
- Represents the agency in public meetings, hearings, and workshops; attends Washington Conservation Districts Board meetings, technical workshops and hearings; reviews SEPA determinations and provides comments; participate in shellfish closure response activities.

Please Note: This is a project position that is funded until June 30, 2017.

QUALIFICATIONS:

Required Qualifications:

A Bachelor's degree involving major study in environmental, physical, or one of the natural sciences, environmental planning or other allied field **AND** two years of professional-level experience in environmental analysis or control, or environmental planning.

Additional qualifying experience will substitute, year for year, for education.

A Master's Degree in one of the above fields will substitute for one year of the required experience.

OR

One year of experience as an Environmental Specialist 2.

OR

A Ph.D. in one of the above fields.

NOTE: One year of the required years of professional-level experience must include water quality, water sampling, or other environmental inspection experience.

Special Requirements/Conditions of Employment:

Must possess a valid driver's license.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION:**Application Instructions:**

In order to be considered, applicants MUST attach the following documents as an attachment to their application:

- **A cover letter describing how your experience, skills and abilities meet the required/desired qualifications of this position.**
- **A resume outlining your professional experience.**

Please complete the applicant profile when applying for this position. Or, you may paste the text of your resume within the profile's resume text field.

Please read the supplemental questions carefully and answer completely. Incomplete responses, including "please see resume", may disqualify you from further consideration.

Department of Ecology employees, please make sure to answer the agency-wide questions regarding permanent status as a classified employee within the Washington General Service or Washington Management Service. Do not forget to select Department of Ecology as a response to question 2, and type your personnel ID number for question 3. If you are not sure of your status or do not know your personnel ID number, please contact Human Resources at (360) 407-6186.

If you are reading this announcement in print format, please visit www.careers.wa.gov to access the online recruitment system. Click on "Look for Jobs" and select Dept. of Ecology under the "Department" search list. Click "Apply Search."

Other Information:

If you need assistance applying for this job, please call Human Resources at (360) 407-6186 or e-mail careers@ecy.wa.gov. Please do not call this number or send an email to this address to follow-up the status of your application. You can view the latest status of your application on your profile's main page.

If you have specific questions about the position, please email Dave Garland at: dave.garland@ecy.wa.gov. Please do not contact Dave Garland to inquire about the status of your application.

The act of submitting application materials electronically is considered affirmation that the information is complete and truthful. The state may verify this information and any untruthful or misleading answers are cause for rejection of your application or dismissal if employed.

The Washington State Department of Ecology is an equal opportunity employer. We strive to create a working environment that includes and respects cultural, racial, ethnic, sexual orientation and gender identity diversity. Women, racial and ethnic minorities, persons of disability, persons over 40 years of age, veterans or people with military status, and people of all sexual orientations and gender identities are encouraged to apply. Persons needing accommodation in the application/testing process or this job announcement in an alternative format may call (360) 407-6186. Applicants who are deaf or hard of hearing may call the Washington Relay Service by dialing 7-1-1 or 1-800-833-6388.

Nonpoint Water Quality Inspector (Environmental Specialist 3) Supplemental Questionnaire

* 1. How did you learn about this job posting?

- www.careers.wa.gov
- Community Based Organization
- Community / Technical College
- Ecology Employee
- Ecology Recruiter
- Ecology Jobs Page
- Facebook
- Job Board
- Job Fair
- LinkedIn
- Newspaper
- Other State Agency
- Other Website
- Professional Association
- Twitter
- Radio
- University Job Board
- WorkSource

* 2. If you selected Community Based Organization, Community / Technical College, Job Board, Job Fair, LinkedIn Group, Newspaper, Other State Agency, Other Website, Professional Association, Radio, University Job Board or WorkSource location then please share which one.

* 3. Please select the statement that best describes your level of education in environmental, physical or one of the natural sciences, environmental planning, or other allied field.

- I have 30-59 semester or 45-89 quarter credits.
- I have 60-89 semester or 90-134 quarter credits (AA degree).
- I have 90-119 semester or 135-179 quarter credits.
- I have a bachelor's degree.
- I have a master's degree.
- None of the above statements apply.

* 4. Please indicate your degree and major study.

* 5. Please select the statement that best describes your professional experience in environmental analysis or control, or environmental planning.

- I have less than one year of experience.
- I have at least one year of experience.
- I have at least two years of experience.
- I have at least three years of experience.

- I have at least four years of experience.
 - I have at least five years of experience.
 - I have at least six years of experience.
 - I have at least one year of experience as an Environmental Specialist 2.
 - None of these statements apply.
- * 6. Do you have at least one year of professional-level experience in water quality, water sampling, or other environmental inspection experience?
- Yes No
- * 7. Please provide additional information to support your response to question numbers 5 and 6. The following information is needed: position title(s), specific duties, and periods of employment. Make sure your responses specifically address the qualifications above. An incomplete answer, including "please see resume" may remove you from further consideration.
- * 8. Please describe your experience with collecting water samples and making conclusions about water quality based on water sampling results.
- * 9. Please Discuss your experience explaining scientific information to a general audience through public presentations, individual discussion, and written communication.
- * Required Question