



## Volunteer Description: Marine Biotoxin Monitoring

**Start Date and duration:** April 7th -September 27th, includes trainings.

**Position Title:** Marine Biotoxin Monitor

**Supervisor:** Carla Glassman, [carla@skagitcd.org](mailto:carla@skagitcd.org)

**How to Apply:** Fill out online Waiver and Registration form and submit through the website portal. Carla Glassman, Education and Outreach Coordinator, will be in touch with more information.

**Application Type:** Open to adults, 18+ in Skagit County. Applicant should have interest in public health and the Salish Sea.

**Description:** The Marine Biotoxin Monitoring program has an essential role in the health of Skagit beaches. During the summer months, volunteers will visit local Skagit beaches and harvest, by hand, the shellfish present. Applicants must be able to do physical digging and pulling biweekly for 4 months.

**Learning outcomes:** Potential learning outcomes for this position include:

- Knowledge of PSP, DSP, and its effect on humans
- Shellfish industry processing
- Love of the outdoors

**Locations and Time Commitment:** All volunteers will turn in samples to the Department of Health 700 S 2nd St #301, Mount Vernon, WA 98273. Minimum commitment of 28 hours to a maximum of 42 hours over a 7-month period. (About 4-6 hours per month)

Teams to sample **once** a month at assigned location.

- Dewey Beach
- March Point
- Skyline Marina
- Anacortes Marina
- Padilla Bay
- Samish Island North
- Samish Island South

**Community Need Met:** Help us with monitoring our beaches to assure the safety of the public's health.