



## **Invasive Species Intern Position Description**

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The Homer Soil & Water Conservation District (HSWCD) is an outreach and technical assistance organization whose mission is to serve its cooperators, private landowners, and all citizens of the district by promoting wise development and conservation of natural resources. Under the supervision of the invasive species program manager, the HSWCD invasive species intern will primarily assist with invasive species outreach and education priorities, as determined by the Kenai Peninsula Cooperative Invasive Species Management Area (KP-CISMA). The KP-CISMA is a partnership of government agencies, tribal entities, and nonprofit organizations that works to prevent the introduction and spread of invasive species on the Kenai Peninsula. The partnership collaborates at a regional level on invasive species surveying and monitoring efforts, outreach and education, and the strategic management of invasive species. The partnership strives to engage with diverse audiences and stakeholders on current invasive species issues and management practices, including early detection and rapid response (EDRR) of the most harmful invasive species that threaten the Kenai Peninsula's diverse ecosystems and vital fish and wildlife habitat.

Tasks will include but are not limited to: Compiling and drafting content for the KP-CISMA website; contributing to social media posts; writing blog posts; and assisting with other invasive species communication and outreach needs as they arise. Depending on the intern's interests and HSWCD's needs at the time, there may be the opportunity to assist with classroom programs and/or the creation of printed outreach materials (e.g., flyers and brochures).

The invasive species intern will have the opportunity to build plant identification skills; gain knowledge about common invasive species on the Kenai Peninsula, why they are a problem, and best practices to help prevent the spread of invasive species; learn about invasive species response and management practices (e.g., EDRR); become familiar with Integrated Pest Management (IPM) techniques; strengthen written and verbal communication skills; and learn outreach and education strategies for engaging with the public around invasive species topics.

**To apply, email resume and cover letter to:** [katherine@homerswcd.org](mailto:katherine@homerswcd.org) & [jen@homerswcd.org](mailto:jen@homerswcd.org)

### **Questions?**

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