



VFDA was formed to raise, propagate, and market fish and fish products, and to develop renewable fisheries resources for the benefit of commercial fishermen, fish processors, sports fishermen, tourists, and all businesses dependent upon the fishing industry in Alaska.

## **JOB ANNOUNCEMENT**

### **Fish Culturist**

**Are you looking for a fun, challenging and rewarding job in one of the most beautiful and scenic places in Alaska? Do you have experience as a fish culturist? Do you have experience with Pacific salmon husbandry? Are you looking for an opportunity to work in aquaculture in a city environment at Solomon Gulch Hatchery in Valdez, AK?**



This is a full-time, exempt, salaried position. Under the general supervision of the Hatchery Manager and Assistant Hatchery Manager, the Fish Culturist performs a variety of fish culture duties varying with the season of the year. In addition, each Culturist will be assigned the supervision of an area of responsibility either on a permanent or as-needed basis in the areas of harvest, egg take, incubation, and rearing. Independent judgement and performance is required when initiating and implementing hatchery projects.

**Annual salary scale: Begins at \$68,660.80 DOE**

Benefits package includes health, dental, vision, life insurance, health savings account, and 401K retirement package with matching company contributions.

Minimum Qualifications: BS in applicable fisheries or related field. Direct related experience may be substituted for education requirement. Demonstrable knowledge in Pacific Salmonid culture is required. One year experience in a similar position or two years' experience in a lesser position in a hatchery but with increasing responsibilities. This position is physically strenuous; employee must be able to hear alarms and other auditory warnings, and observe changes in fish conditions.

To apply: Visit our employment page for VFDA's general application and for more information:

<https://www.valdezfisheries.org/education-employment-opportunities/employment-opportunities/>

Send a completed application, cover letter and a resume to [lori.plaster@valdezfisheries.com](mailto:lori.plaster@valdezfisheries.com), or drop off at VFDA's administrative office located at 1815 Mineral Creek Loop Road in Valdez, Alaska.