



Job Announcement: COMPASS California Coordinator/Manager

Anticipated Starting Date: May/June 2010

Organization and Position Description: COMPASS (Communication Partnership for Science and the Sea) is seeking a full time staff member to be located in Monterey, California.

COMPASS works to advance marine conservation science and ensure marine scientists have the right tools and venues to effectively communicate science to policymakers, managers, the media, and the public. We seek to raise awareness of ocean issues and inform ocean policy discussions with credible, peer-reviewed science. COMPASS staff are based at institutions throughout the country including academic institutions (Oregon State University, the University of Washington, the National Center for Ecological Analysis and Synthesis /UC Santa Barbara, Stanford University's Hopkins Marine Lab, and Clark University) and other organizations (Monterey Bay Aquarium and SeaWeb in Washington DC). See www.compassonline.org for more details.

COMPASS' major programmatic areas include science communications efforts through media outreach, science communication training, advancement and synthesis of ocean science, federal policy outreach and regional outreach (New England, Pacific Northwest, and California). This position will lead and implement COMPASS efforts in California.

Position Responsibilities include: building relationships with California scientists and policymakers; leading and implementing initiatives to connect ocean scientists/science and California-based policy and management, including briefings for legislative and agency audiences in Sacramento; working with COMPASS Executive Director to lead strategic planning processes and coordinate program budgets for California; working with the broader COMPASS team on other science communication initiatives; researching timely topics in marine conservation using scientific literature; staying current on state, regional, and national ocean policies, and writing monthly policy updates for California scientists; assisting in grant writing and reporting relevant to California-based work; and developing other special projects as deemed appropriate by COMPASS Principals, Senior Scientists, and COMPASS Executive Director and Senior Team.

Qualifications:

It is required that candidates have (at a minimum):

- Masters Degree or higher in marine science or policy (or relevant field)
- In-depth understanding of ocean science
- Ability to understand and evaluate national, regional and state-level marine policy and management issues
- Ability to effectively and succinctly communicate scientific information to non-scientific audiences, and policy information to scientific audiences
- Ability to communicate and coordinate with diverse audiences (government, non-governmental organizations, academia, and/or the private sector)
- Familiarity with ocean policy
- Excellent writing skills
- Organization skills
- Ability to work independently and as part of a team
- Experience in - or ability to - lead research and writing projects

Preferred qualifications include:

- Work experience regarding natural resource management (preferably focusing on marine systems, familiarity of California-specific issues is a plus)

- Ability to understand and evaluate relevant scientific concepts (understanding of ecological concepts a plus)
- Ability to interact effectively with COMPASS staff and leaders at the geographically dispersed COMPASS institutions
- Demonstrate initiative
- Approximately 5 years experience
- Excellent computer skills
- Familiarity with social media and online communications

Application Deadline:

For full consideration, application materials must be received by April 16th, 2010.

Salary: Salary is commensurate with experience, including a generous benefits package.

Application: Send a letter of application, C.V., writing sample, and names, addresses, phone numbers and email addresses of three professional references electronically to Brooke Simler Smith, COMPASS Executive Director, at simlerb@science.oregonstate.edu.