Collaborative Research Project on the Human Dimensions of the Commercial Fishery for California Halibut

The California Sea Grant Extension Program at UCSC’s Institute of Marine Sciences is seeking a student intern to help review literature and construct a descriptive profile of the social, cultural and economic elements of the commercial fishery for California halibut as part of a collaborative fisheries research project. The purpose of the project is to integrate fishery participants’, scientists’ and managers’ knowledge about the fishery to build shared understanding of how the fishery’s human system works and the diverse factors that affect it. Project results will be used to inform community and fishery management decision-making.

The intern will assist the project team in review of literature related to a) the socioeconomics of the fishery and b) integrating fishery participants' and scientists' knowledge to describe the socioeconomics of the fishery and explain trends in fishery activity.

Undergraduate, recent grads and graduate students eligible
10-15 hours per week (flexible)
Stipend-supported position
Class, capstone, or thesis credit possible
Winter and spring quarters with possible extension through summer

TASKS
Build overview of the fishery’s socioeconomic dimensions based on existing literature and other data
Provide general project support

PREREQUISITES
Required
Demonstrated competence in literature search and review, i.e., ability to identify and review literature and other sources of information, and write brief synopses
Excellent writing skills
Excellent organizational skills
Ability to work independently
Willingness to learn and work with qualitative data analysis software (NVivo)

Preferred
Social science coursework and/or research experience

To apply, please send a resume and a cover letter clearly indicating how your skills and experience meet the prerequisites for the internship and might be useful in addressing the focus of the project to Dr. Carrie Pomeroy at cpomeroy@ucsc.edu. We will begin reviewing applications on December 6, 2013.