NOAA WDVA Veterans Conservation Corps Internship Program







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Vision of Veterans Conservation Corps

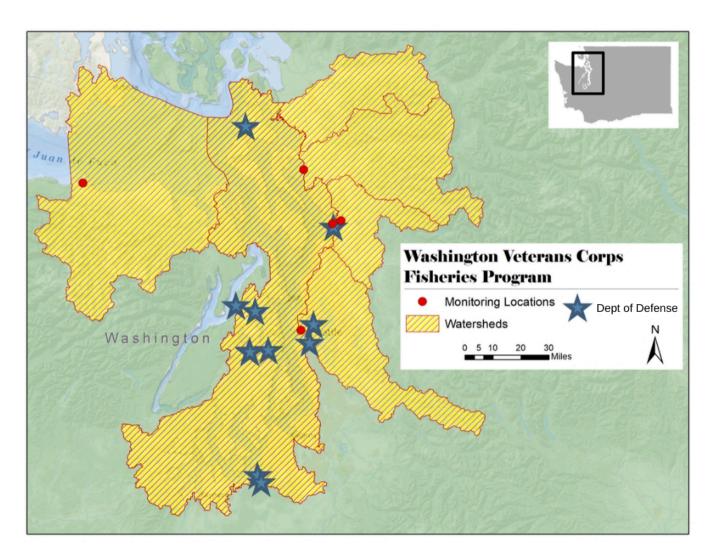
John Beal:

"I've seen remarkable things happen to people who connect with Mother Earth"

Origin of NOAA Internships

- In 2016, NOAA & VCC teamed up
- Marine science focus
- Helps NOAA with capacity
- Helps veteran intern with employment, education and ecotherapy
- Funded by NOAA with VCC match

Internship Monitoring Locations



Intern Selection Process

Marine Scientists



NOAA Coordinator



VCC Coordinator



Candidates

How Internships Work

- 5-6 months
- •\$1,800 per month stipend
- Part time and full time
- Preferred skills and experience, and passion counts as well!

Internships Benefits

- Liability Insurance
- Boat and vehicle operation
- Travel: field and conference
- Networking
- Equipment: waders, boots, floating coat, etc.

Internships Benefits



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Seaweed Internships

- Seaweed aquaculture interns
- Kelp divers

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To build our local economies



To build confident, informed entrepreneurs who become business and community leaders

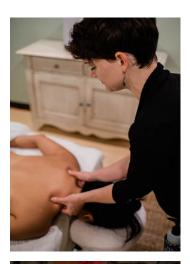


Supporting those with limited incomes to start or strengthen microbusinesses



Promoting a Triple Bottom Line (People, Profit, Planet)

BUSINESS TRAINING PATH











Business Planning Program



\$ Microloan Program

BUSINESS READINESS WORKSHOP



Two-days

Fun, interactive and helpful!

Give participants direction about next steps



Help participants decide if their idea or business is feasible and if not, help them explore alternatives

BUSINESS PLANNING PROGRAM

✓In class training ✓ One-on-one coaching ✓ Buddy system



Grows entrepreneurs with a success mindset

Develop a well-researched plan which moves business ahead

Entrepreneurs have a professional business plan for financing

They are connected to each other and community resources

GRADUATION: MICROBUSINESS SHOWCASE



MICROLOAN PROGRAM



Loan amounts: \$1,000-\$25,000

Eligible uses: Startup, Expansion

Available to E4E Entrepreneurs

Gina Vitale-Syrja



Fair Portia Jewelry

Tom & Jessica Ellis (Veterans)



Freedom Acres
Dog Boarding

Rachel Cook



New Day Midwifery

Evan Mulvaney



Hidden River Farm

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Root Cellar Farm

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