

### Internships at Cook Inlet Aquaculture Association

Cook Inlet Aquaculture Association (CIAA) is excited to offer dynamic educational opportunities for students to engage hands-on in fisheries research. CIAA has hosted in excess of 100 interns from over 25 Universities and Colleges, from all corners of the nation. Beginning in 2008, CIAA partnered with the Student Conservation Association (SCA) to offer students professional internship services, including eligibility for a \$1000 AmeriCorps scholarship.

The staff at CIAA anticipates offering two summer sessions each summer, with the application review process beginning in February. The first session will run from May through the end of June. The second session will run from July through September (end date is flexible). CIAA will supply interns with travel, housing, food, and work gear. Interns are to supply their own warm clothing, rain gear, sleeping bags, over the counter & prescription medications, and personal/hygiene items.

Interns are required to stay on site for the duration of the project to which they are assigned. Any early pull outs will not be financed by the Association resulting in costs being paid directly by the intern. Supplies and equipment will only be sent on a scheduled basis regardless of project site accessibility. All project sites are supplied with either a satellite or cell phone for data reporting and emergency use only. CIAA does not permit alcoholic beverages at any of its field camps or work sites and upholds a zero tolerance policy for drugs and alcohol.

### Fisheries Intern (Summer 2010): No wage; meals, travel, lodging provided

- Project Description: Coordinators will assess and ultimately decide which interns are accepted into the program and field site placement. Regardless of prior experience, all interns will successfully complete the following training arranged by CIAA: Field camp safety Firearm safety and use Bear safety Water safety First Aid, CPR.
- Minimum Qualifications: Project sites are remote and Interns are expected to be able to adapt to a variety of weather conditions. Expect limited to no contact with other people and "the outside world". Meals will be based on a camp diet (i.e. little fresh produce & dairy, mostly canned or boxed food).



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**The Cook Inlet Aquaculture Association** was incorporated in 1976 to provide the Cook Inlet drainage with an organized, scientifically respected community, responsible for the protection of self-perpetuating salmon stocks and the rehabilitation of salmon stocks and habitat. These goals set forth by the board of directors are to be accomplished by maximizing the value of Cook Inlet's common property salmon resource through the use of science, education, and technology. The Association is involved in hatchery management, lake fertilization, flow control structure operation, fishway management and construction, habitat surveying, and education.

CIAA strives to help **educate the public**, not only on the programs of the Association, but on topics dealing with salmon biology, fisheries management issues, and various techniques used by fisheries technicians in the field. From educational programs targeted towards school children to visitor tours at CIAA operated hatcheries and facilities, CIAA has educated and informed a wide range of people in and out of Alaska. In addition, CIAA has implemented an internship program for college students enrolled in biology, natural resources, and other fisheries related programs.

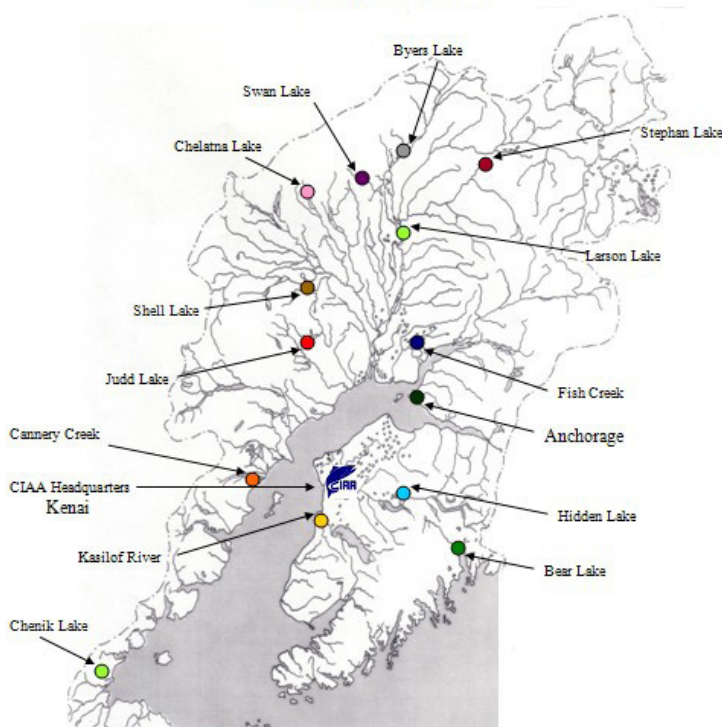


## Agency Mission Statement

Cook Inlet Aquaculture Association is a nonprofit regional association which exists to protect self-sustaining salmon stocks and habitats upon which they depend; rehabilitate self-sustaining salmon stocks; rehabilitate salmon habitat; and maximize the value of the Cook Inlet common property salmon resource by applying science and enhancement technology where appropriate.

- Seek protection of salmon habitat through active participation.
- Conduct salmon rehabilitation and enhancement projects
- Conduct evaluation activities which increase the effectiveness of project implementation.
- Engage in research which advances the state of enhancement/rehabilitation technology.
- Be sensitive to the interests of those harvesting the common property salmon resource.
- Educate the public about the salmon resource and the mission, goals and projects of the Association.
- Maintain the highest standards of financial responsibility and accountability.

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