

Dovre Group is currently recruiting Senior and Junior Marine Mammal Observers (MMO) and Seabird Observers (SO) as a combined role of MMSO. The expectation is for these MMSOs to work on clients Seismic Vessels during the Newfoundland and Labrador Seismic season from mid May to mid September 2019. The role consists of 4-5 week rotations onboard Seismic vessels at sea.

As a coop student or intern the rotational schedule can be somewhat flexible.

The Seismic vessels vary but most in Newfoundland are state of the art, with single cabins, recreational facilities, cinema, common areas, and galleys with good food.

Marine Mammal & Seabird Observer (MMSO)

Key Responsibilities will include:

- Maintain visual watches in the vicinity around vessels for the presence of marine mammals and sea turtles, implement any mitigation measures as per project guidelines.
- Provide verbal and written descriptions of the marine mammal sightings as required by the Client
- Accurately record sightings and complete logs associated with daily sighting activities.
- Perform regular seabird surveys (as per client request)
- Provide daily, weekly and final project reports for seismic clients and all regulating bodies.
- Provided information to seismic operators/regulators regarding compliance with project and regional specific marine mammal mitigation regulations.

Requirements:

- A degree in; or pursuing a degree in; marine biology, environmental sciences, ecosystems, earth sciences, fisheries, engineering, maritime studies or a considerably strong background in a Marine Mammal or Seabird Discipline.
- This position has a large responsibility, with the decision authority to delay or stop a multi-million dollar seismic activity. A strong decisive, and rational personality is beneficial.
- Must have a good understanding of the Statement of Canadian Practice and The Species at Risk Act, along with a basic theory of seismic exploration.
- Must be able to clearly identify marine mammals within the region of the survey

- Must understand the mitigation requirements of the area or project along with the ability to make decisions quickly and to convey the necessary mitigation information to the crew concisely, politely, objectively and firmly
- Possess a good attitude to conducting watches of concentrated effort, often for long days and several consecutive weeks - evidence of work experience where this has been proven such as previous surveys at sea or long periods in the field conducting surveys would be an asset
- Ability to make accurate estimates of range at sea
- Experience of recording data in a scientific and accurate manner
- Experience of assimilating data, basic data analysis and writing reports
- Ability to work in a team and communicate well
- Experience working on vessels - applicants must be in good health, physically fit and capable of standing for 4 hours, climbing and descending ladders to access monitoring stations, focus continuously alternating with the naked eye and binoculars and to safely navigate slippery surfaces at boat ramps and on deck.
- Offshore Survival and Safety Training is required.
- CAPP Medical
- Marine basic First Aid Training
- Possess a valid passport
- MMO certification preferred; however, candidates may enroll in 3rd party training provided here locally.

Preference given to Newfoundland residents

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