

**Watercraft Inspector**  
**Part-time / Full-time / Seasonal**  
**\$17.00/hour + \$0.51 per mile**  
**Pennington Conservation District – Rapid City, South Dakota**  
**Applications reviewed as received**

**INTRODUCTION:** The Pennington Conservation District is seeking diligent and detail-oriented Watercraft Inspectors to assist with preventing the spread of aquatic invasive species. This position is responsible for conducting watercraft inspections and decontaminations at designated Black Hills reservoirs, with a primary focus on containing zebra mussels at Pactola Reservoir and Sheridan Lake.

Inspectors play a critical role in protecting local water resources while providing education and customer service to the boating public. Work is performed outdoors in a variety of weather conditions and may involve stationary or roving assignments between locations including Pactola Reservoir, Sheridan Lake, Orman Dam, and Angostura Reservoir.

**PRINCIPAL DUTIES:**

- Conduct entry and exit inspections of watercraft to prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species
- Perform watercraft decontaminations following established procedures
- Accurately collect and enter inspection and decontamination data into the required database on a daily basis
- Set up and tear down Watercraft Inspection and Decontamination (WID) stations each day
- Maintain a safe, efficient, and professional inspection process for all boaters
- Rove between multiple reservoirs when assigned
- Provide educational information to the public regarding aquatic invasive species and prevention measures
- Work effectively in varying and sometimes adverse weather conditions

**MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS**

- Strong attention to detail and ability to accurately collect and record data
- Effective communication skills and ability to interact professionally with the public and team members
- Ability to follow established protocols, safety procedures, and program regulations
- Availability to work weekends and holidays; stations operate seven days per week
- Ability to work independently and as part of a team
- Willingness to travel between assigned inspection locations when required
- Valid driver's license and reliable transportation for mileage reimbursement eligibility
- Successful completion of a mandatory drug screening and background check

**PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS:**

- Experience with watercraft inspection, decontamination, natural resource management, or customer service

**PHYSICAL DEMANDS:**

- Ability to lift, carry, and move equipment and materials weighing up to 50 pounds
- Ability to stand for extended periods of time
- Ability to bend, reach, kneel, and perform repetitive tasks
- Ability to safely perform physically active decontamination procedures
- Ability to work outdoors in all weather conditions, including heat, cold, wind, and precipitation

**COMPENSATION**

\$17.00 per hour. Mileage is reimbursed at \$0.51 per mile for approved work-related travel exceeding 15 miles one way (30 miles round trip).

**WORK SCHEDULE**

Stations operate seven days per week. Typical shifts are 10 hours per day. Full-time employment is up to 40 hours per week. Part-time employment is generally 20–30 hours per week. Weekend and holiday availability is essential.

**TO APPLY**

Please complete the application at the following link: <https://forms.gle/AHiP83UwCNHNefTs6>

Applicants must either:

- Attach a resume within the application, or
- Email a resume to [PenningtonCD@SDConservation.net](mailto:PenningtonCD@SDConservation.net)

For questions or additional information, please contact:

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