

CATCHWISE RECREATIONAL FISHERIES FIELD SURVEYORS

Important Notice: Surveyors will be commissioned on a self-employed basis and required to provide their own unique tax number to secure a contract to deliver the survey elements of the Catchwise project.

The Angling Trust is the National Governing Body in England, representing fishing, one of the country's largest participation sports. We are a not-for-profit organisation with a mission is to fight for fish, fishing and the environment, creating opportunities for all within society to experience fishing in a healthy aquatic world. It is joined in a collaborative and co-operative relationship with Fish Legal, a separate membership association using the law to protect fish stocks and the rights of its members throughout the UK.

About the project:

Catchwise will be the biggest single study of sea angling undertaken for over a decade. This is an exciting opportunity to work closely together with the recreational fisheries sector and other stakeholders within marine management. The post forms part of the Catchwise project funded through the Fisheries Science Industry Partnership (FISP) and will involve collaboration with the projects partners, Substance and Cefas.

The aim of this research is to deliver a site-based, face-to-face survey of shore anglers and those fishing from private boats and kayaks across England and Wales. Surveying will be delivered by 10 contractor surveyors and up to 150 volunteer citizen scientists to assist with the research which aims to enhance partnerships between research and the recreational fishing sector.

About the role:

The Angling Trust is seeking a team of highly motivated, organised and experienced individuals who have experience of face-to-face surveying to deliver a nationwide research project – *Catchwise*. There are 10 freelance/self employed contracts available across England and Wales: Cornwall, Devon & Severn, East of England, Kent & Essex, North East of England, North West of England, Northumberland, South of England, Sussex and Wales. Expressions of interest are welcome across all regions.

Prior experience scientific or social science surveying would be desirable. Good communication skills, and the ability to work independently as well as with other members of the research team are essential. Responsibilities include conducting face-to-face, site-based surveys which will be randomly allocated to you throughout a designated region. Survey data will be entered via online survey app which Substance will manage. Other responsibilities will include liaising with the local angling community, project coordinator and volunteer teams, attending training sessions, and reporting your activities to a central system.

How to Apply

We are now accepting expressions of interest for this role on an ongoing basis until contracts are agreed. Contractors will have use equipment provided by Substance as part of the Catchwise project and sign an agreement with Substance.

Contractors will need to sign a confidentiality agreement as part of their contract with the Angling Trust.

Full training will be provided, but previous experience and knowledge of face-to-face survey techniques are essential. Use of own car is essential, as is a willingness to travel long distances on occasions, work some weekends and occasional unsociable hours.

You will receive £100-£120 per working day.

The ideal candidate will be able to join the team from late May 2024 and early June for two training days; pilot fieldwork in June and be available for onsite surveying throughout the survey period of July 2023 – June 2024.

The posts are for self-employed contactors and will therefore be responsible for their own tax, national insurance and pension contributions.

Enquiries should be sent to Stuart Singleton-White, Head of Campaigns stuart.singleton-white@anglingtrust.net

Please forward a copy of your CV with a cover letter by email.

Applications should be submitted to Stuart Sharp, Head of Delivery, stuart.sharp@anglingtrust.net

Initial interviews will be conducted either over the phone or via MS Teams.