**Senior fisheries scientist – Managing salmonid tracking program**

The Game & Wildlife Conservation Trust is looking for a highly motivated person to lead the acoustic tracking component of our new EU Interreg project SAlmonid MAnagement Round the CHannel (SAMARCH). Advances in acoustic tracking have led to an increased interest in this area, generating new knowledge on behaviour and survival of salmonids in coastal waters. SAMARCH will build on existing high-quality data collected on salmonid populations from four ICES index rivers, two English and two French, and extend the research from freshwater into the English Channel.

The successful candidate will be responsible for implementing all aspects of the work. They will lead the tagging program, which will involve periods of intensive fieldwork, travel and liaising with project partners in the UK and France. They will collect a large amount of data and will be responsible for organising, archiving and analysing these data, which will require competency in database management and analysis of large datasets. They will also lead the dissemination of the results, through peer-reviewed scientific papers, reports and social media. In addition to the SAMARCH tracking project, the successful candidate will also be involved in other ongoing research projects in the GWCT fisheries team, most notably our salmonid PIT tagging program.

The successful candidate will be self-motivated and have good organisational and communication skills. You must have extensive experience in fish handling; practical experience of acoustic tagging technology and knowledge of data storage tags will be an advantage. Part of the fieldwork will be undertaken in France, so the ability to speak French is desirable. A relevant PhD and experience in boat handling would be advantageous. Home Office training will be provided.

The successful candidate will join the GWCT fisheries team based in Dorset, UK, which has a long track record in fisheries research and a well-established research program on salmonids.

This position is full time and has an initial 4-year fixed-term contract.

Salary £28,000 to £35,000 per year depending on experience, plus pension and benefits.

For further information, please contact Rasmus Lauridsen (rlauridsen@gwct.org.uk)

**How to apply:**

Please send your CV and a covering letter by no later than 12:00 on the 02/07/2017 to Dylan Roberts (droberts@gwct.org.uk).