Position: **Aquarium Diver**

Area: Aquariums

Supervisor(s): Gavin Wuttken, Dive Safety Officer; Heidi Wilken, Asst. Dive Safety Officer

Position Summary: Volunteers assist with husbandry of the major aquarium exhibits by diving under the direction of aquarium staff and dive safety officers.

Responsibilities: Under direction of Aquarium Staff and Dive Safety Officers:

- Removing and documenting invasive species accumulating on exhibit viewing windows and coral heads
- Lessen exhibit bio-load through the use of sand filtration equipment and exchange of artificial coral
- Use full face dive mask with communication system to talk to guests about the animals

Qualifications:

- Minimum of 18 years of age
- Must be certified by a nationally recognized scuba organization to the level of rescue diver.
- Must have a minimum of 12 dives in Washington or similar cold water environment
- Supply all dive gear and cost of dive physical
- Maintain current CPR and Oxygen Administration Certification
- Abide by all standards of the PDZA dive manual, including logging all PDZA dives and volunteer hours
- Able and willing to talk with guests in a positive manner
- Ability to take verbal and written direction well

Training:

- Complete all required dive applications and tests
- Complete zoo orientation training
- Complete on-the-job training for aquarium diving

Application Process

- Complete dive application process (written scuba exam, diving physical, and scuba skills evaluation)
- Acceptance as a PDZA volunteer

Time Commitment:

- One 2-hour shift every other week OR one two hour shift every week
- Minimum of 60 hours per year
- Commitment of at least 1 year to the program.