

# CLAIRE THOMPSON

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## CAREER FOCUS: MARINE SCIENCE

- Experience **collecting water samples** and analyzing **research data**.
- Coursework emphasizing research projects and **writing research papers**.
- **Effective communicator** with colleagues, teams, and customers.
- Proficiency MS Word, Excel, R, and Powerpoint.

## EDUCATION

**Bachelor of Science**, Environmental Science, Marine Emphasis      Graduation: September 2023  
Western Washington University, Bellingham, WA

## RELEVANT COURSEWORK

Water Quality & Laboratory	Introduction to Toxicology	Biostatistics
Oceanography Laboratory	Oceanography	Introduction to Ecology
Fisheries Management		

## ENVIRONMENTAL FIELD EXPERIENCE

**Oceanography Lab Student**      September 2022-December 2022  
Shannon Point Marine Center, Anacortes, WA

- Handling and storing samples in the field.
- Performing in-situ measurements and recording data on the vessel in the field
- Utilizing lab equipment to calculate phosphate, chlorophyll, nitrate/nitrite and other measurements
- Keeping detailed notes and writing lab reports
- Utilizing Excel for spreadsheets and representing data
- Working as a team on complex, multifaceted problems

**Salmon Ecology and Hatchery**      January 2023-March 2023

- Identifying life history and ecological role of the seven Pacific salmon species
- Learning best practices for hatching and rearing salmon
- Learning the effects of land use on salmon ecology

**Water Quality Lab Student**      January 2022-March 2022  
Western Washington University, Bellingham, WA

- Conducting field measurements of conductivity, pH, dissolved oxygen, turbidity on the South Capus Watershed.
- Conducting lab experiments to measure dissolved oxygen, pH, turbidity, alkalinity, and nitrate.
- Keeping a detailed professional record of all measurements and calculations.
- Synthesizing lab calculations into comprehensive report on watershed health

## INTERNSHIP EXPERIENCE

**Bellingham Parks and Recreation Intern**      Summer 2023  
Bellingham Washington

- Working with the VolunTeens summer camp
  - interacting with the public and getting them excited about nature
  - Plant identification and proper tool use
  - Being both a supervisor and member of a team
  - Working in the field carrying heavy and unwieldy objects
  - Engaging youth in games and activities

- Dog Park Task Force
  - Working with the public about conservation
  - Lifting heavy objects and tabling equipment
  - Hiking out to remote parks
- Tool and garden maintenance
  - Sorting and storing equipment after and before cleaning
  - Weeding and watering nursery plants
  - Potting and repotting native nursery plants

### **Dunegrass and Sand Verbena Task Force**

Fall 2023

Fort Worden and Deception Pass State Parks, Washington

- Travelling overnight to be on location
- working in harsh conditions
- Spending long periods outside weeding and gathering data
- Working with a team delegating tasks and breaks
- Documenting progress and setbacks

## **ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE**

### **Cheese Monger**

September 2021-January 2023

North Bellingham Fred Meyer, Bellingham WA

- Working in a high stakes environment
- Food handling and safety
- Sanitizing and washing tools efficiently
- Working alone with minimal instruction
- Customer service

### **Floral Counter Clerk**

January 2023-August 2023

North Bellingham Fred Meyer, Bellingham, WA

- Stocking product
- Assessing plant health, both cut and living plants. Includes watering and cutting.
- Lifting buckets and heavy objects.
- Organization of supplies and attention to detail.
- Working mostly independently as well as on a team

### **Starbucks Barista**

August 2024-December 2024

Tumwater Fred Meyer, Tumwater, WA

- Working in a fast-paced high-stakes environment
- Working efficiently as a team in a small space
- Friendly and helpful customer service
- Proper food safety and handling
- Cleaning and sanitizing workspaces

### **Photo and Electronics Clerk**

January 2024-Present

Tumwater Fred Meyer, Tumwater, WA

- Standing and walking for long periods
- Working mostly alone with minimal instruction
- Cleaning and minor hardware maintenance
- Providing knowledgeable and friendly customer service
- Communicating and working as a team
- Being able to make decisions under own discretion in keeping with policies