

Magic Canoe Contributing Writer

Topic Desks: Salmon, Environment, New Economies, Indigenous Leadership

Position: Contributing Writer

Rate: \$1,000, paid monthly. (6-month contract)

Deliverables: One feature article per month (1,000 - 1,500 words)

Location: Remote (must be located in Salmon Nation: Alaska, British Columbia, northern California, Idaho, western Montana, Oregon, Washington, and the Yukon)

About Magic Canoe

Magic Canoe champions place-based, locally-driven solutions and regenerative ways of living that inspire change throughout Salmon Nation.

Magic Canoe combines solutions journalism and visual storytelling to uplift innovative, solutions-forward ideas led by community leaders, problem solvers, and conservation advocates—determined changemakers actively creating more equitable economies, resilient communities, and a healthier environment in Salmon Nation, the rich bioregion that stretches from Northern California to Alaska.

About the Position

Magic Canoe seeks to establish four (4) leading, trusted voices to cover specific organizations priorities, or “desks”: *Salmon, Environment, New Economies, and Indigenous Leadership*. Each contributing writer will apply for one of the aforementioned topics and, if hired, commit to research, pitch, and write one regular feature per month (1,000 to 1,500 words) for a period of six months, on the most pressing issues, inspiring stories, and surprising innovations in the given category. The contributing writer will work closely with the managing editor to fulfil this cadence of publishing in a timely and consistent manner for the Magic Canoe platform, helping to coordinate visual assets as needed.

Role Responsibilities

- Follow the assigned topic of inquiry and identify/pitch emergent storylines, narratives, and changemakers in the specific field.
- Write one (1) regular feature article while connecting it to the greater bioregional movement.
- Assist the managing editor in acquiring visual assets and art to complement the final layout.

Required Skills and Attributes

- Previous work published about the bioregion
- Ability to deliver timely, clean work on deadline
- Possess a complex understanding of bioregionalism and regenerative movements in Salmon Nation
- Experience writing and editing work using Microsoft Word, Google Docs, and Google Sheets
- Possess an unusually high level of self-starting motivation, as well as intellectual and creative proactivity to find and tell compelling stories
- Ability to hold a high level of professionalism and attention to detail when representing Magic Canoe.

Role Details

- This is a monthly stipend.
- Expectations are to publish at least one feature per month (every 30 days)
- Must live in the Salmon Nation bioregion

How to Apply

To apply, please send a resume (two pages, maximum) and a cover letter (one page, maximum) to Nicholas Triolo, managing editor, at nick@magiccanoe.org that includes, along with your credentials and interest, the following:

1. The topic area “desk” you’re applying for (Salmon, Environment, New Economies, or Indigenous Leadership.)
2. What makes you the right person for the role of contributing writer in this field.
3. Links to previously published work that you feel is relevant.

Deadline: We will be reviewing applications now through April 3, 2026.

We seek motivated, experienced voices with a strong sense of curiosity, cultural sensitivity, and conviction to share stories that matter, of people and collective movements that are meeting this moment of polycrisis head-on with vision and possibility, a systems-level acuity and fierce hope for a regenerative and equitable future. *We look forward to hearing from you.*