



Arkansas Game and Fish Commission Employment Job Posting

AGFC BIOLOGIST SPECIALIST-Feral Hog Coordinator - BIOLOGIST SPECIALIST

POSITION NO: 22096299

POSTING INFORMATION:

Advertisement Opens: Jan. 27, 2020

Advertisement Closes: Feb. 27, 2020

Full Time: Yes

Salary: \$45,274.00 - \$45,274.00 Annually

POSTING REQUIREMENTS:

Minimum Education and/or Experience:

The formal education equivalent of a bachelor's degree in biology, zoology, botany, or a related field; plus two years of experience in wildlife management or a related field. Other job related education and/or experience may be substituted for all or part of these basic requirements, except for certification or licensure requirements, upon approval of the Human Resources Chief.

Preferred Education and/or Experience:

NONE

Knowledge, Abilities, and Skills:

Knowledge of the principles of biology, ecology, and related environmental sciences. Knowledge of game and fish management programs including propagation, cultivation, and harvesting techniques. Knowledge of game and fish management laboratory and field survey equipment, techniques, and procedures. Knowledge of supervisory practices and procedures. Ability to plan, organize, and oversee the work of subordinates. Ability to make public presentations. Ability to plan work unit objectives and operational activities and to assign and direct the work of subordinate supervisors. Ability to conduct scientific game and fish surveys and studies, analyze and evaluate collected data, and prepare written narrative report of findings. Ability to direct, coordinate, and maintain wildlife management programs.

Preferred Knowledge, Abilities, and Skills:

Strong public speaking, presentation and teamwork skills are preferred. Strong computer skills including knowledge of Microsoft Office, GPS, GIS programs including ArcMap and familiarity with current technologies used in whole sounder feral hog trapping techniques are preferred. Knowledge and familiarity with existing system of Wildlife Management Areas, state/federal feral hog control programs and resources. Experience with invasive species management programs and knowledge of state purchasing and contracting policies and implementation are preferred.

POSTING DETAILS:

Position Location:

City: Negotiable

Office: Office location is negotiable but location in central Arkansas is preferred.

Division: Wildlife Management

Job Summary:

The Arkansas Game and Fish Commission (AGFC) Biologist Specialist is responsible for supervising a wildlife management program. This position is governed by state and federal laws and agency policy.

Typical Functions:

Plans and conducts various biological surveys to investigate population, habitat, and ecology of game and fish species and conducts studies of game and fish propagation, cultivation, and harvest. Analyzes and evaluates survey and sampling data and writes reports describing the results of the data and makes recommendations on game and fish populations. Directs the development of various wildlife management areas or fish propagation and cultivation and treatment plans based on district management plans. Assists supervisor with districts' annual budgetary projections, prepares various reports and purchase orders, requisitions for equipment, supplies, and parts, and prepares monthly activity reports. Makes presentations to civic groups, schools and clubs, and conducts public meetings to explain new and/or proposed rules and regulations and/or to hear complaints about wildlife management. Writes articles for news releases on game and fish activities in district. Assists supervisor in the development of game and fish management plans and proposals to expand or improve management areas. Performs other duties as assigned.

Specific Duties and Responsibilities:

Feral Hog Program Coordinator who coordinates with multiple county, state and federal agencies and organizations to promote feral hog control efforts on both public and private lands statewide. Conducts public relations and education activities as assigned to promote feral hog control methods and activities. Provides extensive coordination with AGFC field staff and partners to develop and implement feral hog control measures statewide. Directs and coordinates the internal AGFC feral hog control program on public and private lands to include the purchase and maintenance of equipment. In addition, serves as point of contact in coordination with USDA APHIS for cooperative agreements and aerial gunning operations to control feral hogs. Serves on various county, state and federal committees and state task force representing AGFC to provide pertinent information and input to the public, legislators and other stakeholders. Position will have statewide responsibilities with frequent in-state travel and field work with exposure to inclement weather and potentially dangerous animals

Certificates, Licenses, or Registrations:

Must possess a valid Arkansas driver's license.

Special Job Dimensions:

Frequent in-state travel and field work with exposure to inclement weather is required. Occasional exposure to hunters and dangerous animals may be required.

Other Specific Information:

All applicants are subject to a criminal background check

As an equal opportunity employer, the Commission will make any reasonable accommodations necessary to ensure equal employment opportunities.